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BOSTON LYCEUM BUREAU,

No. 20 Bromfield St.

JAMES REDPATH. GEORGE L. FALL.

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Boston, February 1, 1870.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:—

THE BOSTON LYCEUM BUREAU was established last Spring. During the year, it made engagements for the lecturers on its list with almost every Lyceum in New England, and with the leading Lyceums in the Middle States. We did not intend at first to extend its operations beyond the New-England States, but were forced to do so by the frequency of applications from every part of the country, and by the urgent requests of star Lecturers who desire us this year to manage their entire business. Henceforward, therefore, we shall work in the Middle and Western States as well as in the East and the British North-American Provinces.

We can confidently refer to all the Committees and Secretaries with whom we have made engagements, as witnesses that we have promptly, courteously, and in a satisfactory manner conducted our correspondence with them. Even without the addition of a single new name to our list of Lecturers, or of a single Lyceum to our list of correspondents, we know that our business during the coming year would be largely in excess of our transactions since last Spring.

That we have been equally fortunate in satisfying the Lecturers for whom we have acted, is shown by the fact that *no name that was given to us has been voluntarily withdrawn from our list.*

Our experience has taught us some lessons which we shall apply in our future business.

First, we shall not retain on our list the names of any Lecturers who, having had favorable opportunities, have failed to satisfy the just expectations of Lyceum audiences.

Second, We shall not insert on our list the name of any Lecturer unless we have the absolute and sole control of his engagements, either (1) for all of New England and the Provinces; or, (2) for all New England, the Provinces, and the Middle States; or, (3) for the entire country. By the Middle States we mean New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

It is impossible to fix engagements and answer correspondence promptly, when we have first to write to lecturers to find out their dates. It does not pay us, it does not pay the Lecturer, and it does bother both. For, during the engagement season, the applications, both by mail and in person, are so numerous and importunate that we are necessarily compelled in most cases to supply the best Lecturer whose whole time we control, because we have neither the leisure nor opportunity, even if we had the inclination, to open negotiations with others whose names would have been equally or even more satisfactory. No lecturer who put his *entire* time in our hands has any desire now to resume his own business, and we have assurances from large numbers of Lyceums that they will make up their entire courses from our list next year.

Our commission is ten per cent of the fee received by the Lecturer,—neither more nor less. We have refused, and shall refuse, all offers to accept either a larger commission, or bounty, as an inducement to push aspiring candidates, or a smaller commission in order to secure the more desirable names.

Our commission is paid by the Lecturer, and not the Lyceum. The entire business of collecting the fees remains in the hands of the Lecturer.

If you desire to add your name to our list for the coming year, we shall be happy to hear from you at an early date, as we shall begin at once to open correspondence, for the coming season, with all the Lyceums in the country.

Address—

REDPATH & FALL,
BOSTON LYCEUM BUREAU,
BOSTON, MASS.

BOSTON LYCEUM BUREAU,
No. 20 Bromfield St.

JAMES REDPATH. GEORGE L. FALL.

Boston, Feb 1 1870.

Dear Sir—
Your attention is respectfully directed to the accompanying circular
Yours truly
Redpath & Fall

[Feb 1870]

Washington City D.C.

Gen O O Howard

Dear Sir

As President of the Young Mens Christian Ass I take the liberty of asking of you some information I would like to know whether the association is in debt to Mrs Thos. M Plowman & co for the Building at the cor of 9th & D sts. I furnished the Brick for that building and I now hold three notes to the amt of $2400 – Two Doll. which are now over due I would like to know of you whether you can suggest any plan by which I can get

these notes settled - would
you purchase these note
at a liberal discoun
I have already taken
thousand Dolls of the
stock in part payment fo
Locks furnished - Hop
that you can accommo
me in this matter

I am
Very Truly Yo

George H Ward

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GENERAL AGENCY

OF THE

New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.

OF BOSTON, MASS.

OFFICE ~~470~~ 517 Seventh Street, Second Floor,

Washington, D. C., Feby 1870

Dear Sir:

The renewal Premium on Policy No. 20485 *on the life of* Geul D O Howard *will be due on the* 1 *day of* March 1872, *and unless paid, the Policy will expire on that day.*

Amount due,

Loan Note	110	*Total Premium*	274 10
Semi-annual Note	82 10	*Dividend*	36 85
Premium Cash	164 90		
Interest Cash	19 12		
Total Cash	183 22	*Total Cash*	

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Very respectfully,

J. B. Clark

General Agent.

110 – note
36.85 – note

☞ PRESENT POLICY FOR ENDORSEMENT.

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Washington, D.C.
Tuesday, Feby 1st 1870.

Gen O. O. Howard.
Present.

Dear Sir:

I am glad that you found my Old and New article in the main satisfactory. My comments were on the recommendation in your annual report. At the time I wrote I had neither seen nor heard of this letter to the Secretary of War — in which, if you will allow me to say so, the ideas advanced are far different from those put forward in the report of a month previous.

Very truly yours,

Sidney Andrews.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Branch of Claim Division,

Address Box 599, P.O. Baltimore, Md.

OFFICE IN COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING,

Corner of Saratoga and Courtland Streets.

Baltimore, Md., Feby. 1st, 1870.

Bvt. Major Genl. O. O. Howard. U. S. A.

Washington. D. C.

General.

I have the honor to present you with accompanying autographic portrait of (now) Lieut. Gen. P. H. Sheridan. U. S. A., and hope you will please accept the same as a slight evidence of my great respect for you, and appreciation on my part of the many acts of kindness I have received from you.

If the acceptance thereof will give you as much pleasure as it does me in presenting, I shall feel truly contented.

I have the honor to be, General,

Your obedient servant.

B. H. Collins,

Note keep

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BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABAND. LANDS,

State of Texas.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Personal

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1870.

Brevet Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Commissioner.

Dear General

I am under the necessity of relinquishing the work in Texas and returning North. Family duties that are imperative call for my presence at home, and I recommend that Mr E. W. Stevenson be appointed my successor. I will be in Washington about 4th March, and call at Headquarters, and request that the acceptance of my resignation be retained until my arrival.

Very truly

Jos. Welch

Headquarters First Military District,

STATE OF VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Va., Feby 2nd, 1870

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

General. Will you do me a favor, in lending your aid, in my behalf, at the War Department, in getting me assigned to duty in some position I care not what or where, so that I am on duty. If the recruiting service is not full I would like a detail there, as I am acquainted with such duties, but would prefer serving with Gen Howard if any place could be found for me in the Bureau of Education.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your obedt Svt
Paul R Hambrick
1st Lt U.S.A.

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Washington D. C.
Feb. 3. 1870

Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir — Mr. Pool, my colleague, has received the enclosed letter. If the case comes within the operations of your Bureau please communicate with the writer. If not please return the letter to me.

Very Respectfully
Joseph C. Abbott

Boston Feby 3d 1870

Genl O. O. Howard
Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I was agreeably surprised with your letter of commendation received to-day. What I did toward capturing and bringing to justice - "Isaac C. Cooper" - was in the line of duty, but the thanks of the Commissioner in an autograph letter are none the less welcome.

I thank you Sir for your kind remembrance.

With assurance of great regard

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

D. K. Cross

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Office of The Evening Star.

Washington Feb 3 1870

Gen O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

I regret that your corrections of the report in the morning papers of your speech did not reach me in season to be used to-day. I endeavored to have them used but found it impracticable without delaying the paper beyond its usual time of publication.

Yours very respectfully

Crosby S. Noyes

Editor Star

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Joint Stock Company of the Young Men's Christian Association,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING.

No. 3, First Floor, Corner of Ninth and D Streets.

"LINCOLN HALL," in this building, is the most elegant and commodious in the city; it is furnished with the "Booth Opera Chair," and will seat about 1,400; it may be rented on moderate terms for concerts, lectures, readings, public meetings, &c.

Washington, D. C., Feby 3rd 1870

Genl. O. O. Howard

Sir

I have one of the Subscription books which we are in obtaining money for our building & Maj. Brown last Evening & gave it to you; it contains about what Mr Romey wants to know, in a printed form. I have sent Mr T's letter and the first No of our Y M C A Paper which also contains valuable information.

Respectfully

A S Platt

Capitol Feb 2nd 1870

Feb. 3

Dear General

The subject you want me to talk to the young men of the college about is a serious one, & should be presented in a way that will make a lasting impression, It is impossible for me to present it as it should be on so short a notice, if it possible I would prefer the consideration of it be postponed until to morrow

Yours truly

C. R. Davis

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Batavia New York
Feb. 3d. 1870

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c.
General

I have the honor to enquire if there is an opening in your Dept. you can give me. Anything.

Last September Gen Cox. upon your recommendation promised me the first Vacancy in his Dept. have waited daily expecting to hear from him, am now convinced my case has been overlooked. Will you be kind enough to mention it to him, one word would be sufficient.

I have thus presumed

because my last three years service was with you in Texas.

Have been driven to ask this favor, as I have been unable to find employment since I was discharged Jan 1st 1864, at Marshall Texas.

Previous to entering the Army April 1861, I was a printer, but at Gaines Mill June 1862, was disabled by a gun shot causing resection of the head of the humerous and six inches of the bone of my right arm, unfitting me for printing.

Have an aged mother depending upon me, and if you will grant the favor asked, will be doubly grateful

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am very respectfully
your Obt. Svt.
Charles F. Round
Late Bvt. Capt. U.S.R.C.
& Mus. Ass. Com.

division. – From 100 public stands I denounced the repeal of the Missouri Compromise – the wicked attempt to force slavery on the people of Kan=sas against their wishes – and the Dred Scott decision of the Supreme Court, which I always ~~denied~~ regarded as against law, precedent & right. I paid the penalty of my devotion to the Union & was abused and reviled as an "abolitionist" by the extreme & violent men of the South. – After Mr. Lincoln's elec=tion, I still opposed secession & counselled submission. 'Tis true I succumbed temporarily, to the moral pestilence – that mid fever that swept over the South in the Spring of 1861. – Like thousands of other the best union men in the land, I was swept along by a mysterious current that we could not resist. I indulged

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Feby. 3d 1870. –

Major Genl.
O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

I appeal to the generosity of your heart and beg your pardon for the liberty I take in asking an act of kindness at your hands. –

At the ~~[illegible]~~ beginning of the war I was worth $300.000. I am, by the results of the war reduced to poverty. In 1867, I got together the odds & ends of what I had left – & left North Car=olina & came out to the South west, to try to recuperate my fortunes by raising cotton. It turned out that 1867, was the most disastrous to the Cotton-growing interest that ever was known. Floods in the Spring, unprece=dented drought in the Summer & the Caterpillars in the Fall destroyed the crop, & for what little cotton I made I got only 12 cents a pound. I lost

all. And now at my time of life with ruined fortune, broken health, & a crushed heart, I am thrown on my own resources, to take care of a dependent family. To go back to the practice of the law, presents a gloomy prospect at my time of life, & in a comparatively strange land.-

I have concluded to ask of Gov. J. A. Alcorn the governor elect of Mississippi, the appointment of Judge of the Circuit Court.- It is necessary to my success, that I should be strengthened & sustained in my application, by the recommendation of some few prominent men of an enlarged national reputation who know something of me and of my antecedents.- I know of no one whose kind interposition in my behalf would go further than your own.- And therefore it is, I say to you, that if you can, consistently with your views & feelings, give me a kind letter

to Gov. Alcorn such as you may feel disposed to write. I and mine will ever regard it as an act of kindness, for which we will be grateful - and more than grateful.-

I am the victim of misfortune general. I have ever been a strictly sober man. I never gambled & really don't know how to gamble. I have never been an extravagant man, & have not wasted my substance in riotous living.- I have tried to conform to the precepts of that Christian faith, at whose altar I have, for years, received the holy communion.- I have the consciousness consolation, of never having knowingly wronged any man, to the extent of a dollar. Nothing but my faith in the mercy & promises of Almighty goodness, has sustained me under the heavy load of affliction, that weighs me down.-

As to my political status (and it is right I should allude to it) for 20 years I fought the battles of the Union, against secession &

the hope, till it was too late, that public opinion, in both sections, would enforce an amicable solution of the difficulty. –

I foresaw & predicted the result, if our people persisted in the war. But reason was dethroned – a reign of terror prevailed – and all I could do was, with a sad & heavy heart, to await the dread consequences, of the folly & madness of the southern people. – I have taken no active part in politics since the war. I have not concurred in the persistent and organized resistance of the southern people to the government & its administrative policy. They should not have expected, to be allowed to quietly & easily glide back into their original status in the Union without paying the penalty of their misdeeds. – Revolutions must run their course & bear their legitimate fruits. Such has been the history of the past – such it will ever be. Most trying

scenes, has our country passed through — since that day, when you graduated at West Point — when I was called on to admonish you of the duties which awaited you. — You were then a youth — I was in the flush of manhood. I then had fortune & position — you had your fortune to make. — You have reached fame & honor — I in the decline of life have lost fortune — and also my country scourged with fire and sword. — Thank God, my integrity and my honor are left me. I ask the kind favor of such an endorsement at your hands, as will enable me to obtain subsistence for my wife & children. —

I think the prospect of the South is brightening slowly. Gov. Alcorn is an able man, of patriotic and national views. The new constitution is not proscriptive, & is in the main unobjectionable. — Such letter as you may feel willing to write to Gov. J. A. Alcorn in my behalf, you will please enclose to me at "Nesbitts Station — Desoto Co. — Mississippi." I know Gov. Alcorn, & I know that he

is kindly disposed to me — but in these times, the appointing power prefers to be sustained by the endorsement of those possessing commanding influence & reputation. —

Will you be so kind, General, as to address the enclosed letter to Major Gen. Schofield #, & have it forwarded to him. — I would not trouble you with it, but I do not know his present location. —

I hope you will pardon me for requesting your aid, as I have done in this letter. It is painful to me to do so — but necessity drives me to it. —

Yours most respectfully

K. Rayner

Possibly Gen. Schofield may be in Washington. If so, please have the letter ~~you~~ delivered to him

Wilmington N.C.
3d Feby 1870

Gen Howard

Dear Sir

On the 10th of January I transmitted vouchers to the Chief Disb Officer amounting to $675.— I wrote you on the 19th requesting as early payment as possible for reasons stated. In reply I was notified that the vouchers refused to were paid on the 17th.— the date of notice 25th Jany. I immediately notified you officially of the non-reception of the check & misdirected to some other Supt. it seems as though sufficient time had elapsed to have the check returned. This money was for payment of teachers for months of Nov & Dec. last and I am in receipt of letters

almost daily making the inquiry how soon will payment be made. I presume that many are of the opinion that the fault lies in my office. The Misses Harris in charge of the school at Fayetteville who have rendered valuable assistance in organizing schools state to me that some six schools were suspended near them during the month of January, the rentals being in arrears. The order separating the District of No. Ca. did not reach me until the 15th of November & found it difficult to make the teachers understand the change and cause the reports to be made. Atherton had returned and forwarded vouchers for both months at the same time. Can you not if the check is not found when this is received provide the amount of it ($675.—) that I may make immediate payment to teachers. When found the funds can be returned. I hope you will do it if possible. Thankfully

L E Rice