West Point N.Y.
Oct. 26, 1870
10 o'clock.

Honest, I went to Mr. Broklyn.
11 oclock. Dined last night,
Mr. Emma Back threw me
in every. I got them when
Mr. Grafton was about half
Through. He gave Davenport
Sporting, after him own Mr.
Dodge Jr. with a collection
money there. I spoke
last. My purpose is add
influence privileges to their
other work for the benefit of
Mr. Brown of both sexes. Teaching
in classes. I shall go to Mr.
Bucki tonight. Would you not
come up Monday to Mr. Bucki!
This would be most happy to see.
you. Mrs. Mrs. B. This
woman is expecting for you
this Whiting very kindly.

If you can come
telegraph me R. S. Back
South Street New York
and I will meet you at
the corner (Jerry)

I shall be most happy
to hear you come. If you
can come.

Yours ever.

Aff. H. W. H. Otte
Washington Oct. 26, 70

Dear General,

Your report is copied, and enclosed herewith for your correction and signature. I have not time to read it as it is just completed and must go at once.

I have no news of importance to communicate. All well,

Yours truly,

E. Meade
Atlanta, Ga  
Oct 26th 1870

Major Gen U.C. Howard

Dear Sir

I must again take the liberty to recommend to your favourable notice the bearer of this Louis J. Smith he is a young man who has been employed as assistant messenger to the House of Representatives and so far as I know, is a very deserving youth. I have always found him honest, sober, and industrious, and his desire of entering your University; we will come to you endorsed by the Hon. Mr. Sims of Savannah, and also by the Hon. J. Porter from the same town. Any service you may do him will be appreciated and considered by me as a personal favor to

Yours respectfully,

Albert J. Ketchum
Industrious Home School
Georgetown, D.C., Oct. 26, 1870.

Gen’l O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a letter asking for an endorsement some two weeks since, but have since learned that you had left town. The managers of the Industrious Home School have offered me the position of General SUPERINTENDENT, the offer was unaccepted by me. I have entered temporarily upon the duties of the position.

More funds will have to be raised and the institution enlarged. I am seeing some of our prominent citizens and endeavoring to get them.
to attend a meeting on next Monday evening at the lecture room of the Young Men's Christian Association building if you are in the city the managers would very much like to have you attend the meeting. It will help the matter. In general if you will write us a good letter if you cannot be present and the managers are petitioned to me, you would write me a letter of endorsing me it will help. This is a good work, and as I am in want of employment will suit me in every way and give me an opportunity to show that I do not lack energy. If you write the letters please send them to A.M. Youngmayer, Vice Pres., Indus.
VERY SAD.—R. E. Pattison, D. D., sends us this question: "What must be the piety of those colored churches whose preachers never read and cannot read to them a chapter in the Bible?" I heard one such preach a few Sabbaths since who did not even open the Bible.

American Baptist Home Mission Society,
Room 12,
No. 39 Park Row, New York, Oct. 26, 1870

For Freedmen's Education and Southern Work, Address,
Rev. James B. Simmons, Cor. Sec'y.

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

My dear Sir: I heard you with delight last night. Your speech strengthened her. My wife said it seemed to her that the speeches grew better & better to the end.

I did not deem it proper to speak to you at the close about the enclosed from Gen. Balloch under date of Nov. 20th.

If it is indeed so, I am in trouble. There surely must be some mistake. There are due from the Duncan to our schools sums as follows:

(1) For New Orleans (Island Home) $25,000 minus perhaps $5,000
(2) For Augusta, Ga. 5,000
(3) For Raleigh, N. C. 3,000

All these sums you have as—
The Half-Million Freedman's Fund.

God makes us to hear the pleading voices of four millions in the South, and of the uncounted millions of Africa beyond, who need, above all things, a well-trained ministry of their own race to guide them heavenward. Hence the Home Mission Society determined at its late Anniversary:

First, to attempt the founding and endowing of one first-class training school for preachers and pious teachers in each Southern State.

Second, to enter upon the raising of a permanent fund of $500,000 for the purpose, to be expended in grounds, buildings, endowments of teacherships and scholarships, and in the purchase of libraries and apparatus—the endowment fund to be kept separate from the money raised for the ordinary running expenses of the schools, and carefully invested, the interest only to be used.

Third, to employ all proper means to attach the hearts of the colored people to these schools as rapidly as possible—assuring them in each State that the school is theirs, that they should assist in its management, send to it their pious youth and adults who desire to preach or teach, and contribute to its support.

At least $100,000 of the $500,000 named are already secured and invested in valuable school properties in the Southern States.

Another denomination, that, before the war, had scarce a church among the colored people of the South, is asking for half a million for this freedmen’s work in one year! How modest then is our request.

Fifty dollars supplies plain food for one colored student for one year. If we had 5,000 fifties, we could easily have five thousand students. The interest of $1,000 supports one student perpetually. A Church, a Sabbath School, a Bible Class, or an individual can easily raise $50. Let alms and prayers go together. Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these, ye do it unto Jesus. You would not deny Jesus were He here.

Drafts should be made payable simply to the order of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

James B. Simmons, Cor. Secretary,
Room 12, No. 39 Park Row, New York City.

Be sure to write “For Freedman's Fund.” If not, it goes to the general work of the Society.

Form of Bequest.

If you would help these poor friends of Christ after you reach heaven, say in your will:

"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society ______ dollars for the Freedman's Fund of said Society."

Three witnesses should state: "We witness to this instrument, consisting of one sheet [or two], as the last will and testament of ________ by his [or her] request, in his [or her] presence, and in presence of each other."

(Over.)
Sure we are should have. At all these points we have raised & actually expended, corresponding sums much larger than the above named amounts.

We expected to have to wait a little for the remaining $3000. for Raleigh. But we are sure, that we have not one scrap from you to indicate that we could not go right on with our work at N. Orleans & Augusta, and send in our vouchers.

We lack a building at both those points. We have not even a roof at either point. We have teachers under appointment at both places. At N. Orleans we paid in Cash, as papers in your office will show $25,000. for the grounds & at Augusta $5,600. for grounds. Please write me.

Yours faithfully, James H. Simmons.
Washington, D.C., Oct 20th, 1879

James B. Simmons

Dear Sir,

The vouchers for $3,000 from Raleigh have been received, and will be paid as you direct.

Nothing more can be paid on any account unless Congress makes an appropriation, as by combination of circumstances beyond our control, we suddenly find ourselves out of money.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Balloch
Brig. Gen. (Ret.)
Mansfield, O., Oct 28 1870

F. D. O. T. H.
Washington C. E.

Dear Sir,

If you will write your name in all enclosed cards and remit same I will endear name to me. I have 1st place in the order of the Marti.

Very truly,

[Signature]

Washington C. E.
Missouri

Oct. 28th, 1870,

Berea College, Ky.

Gen. O.O. Howard.

Dear Bro,

Please give us your private ear a moment. In anticipation of receiving money from the Bureau, for our Radis Hall, and with the understanding from you that we could receive installments from time to time, as the work went on, we made contracts for material to the amount of over $2,000, which materials are already delivered. Five weeks ago we forwarded vouchers to Gen. Cummcke, in due form, furnished him, for about $2,000, and by dint of much borrowing, have succeeded in satisfying our creditors thus far, hoping every day for three weeks to receive the money.

Yesterday we received from Gen.
Pringle, a confidential note stating, that owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Board subscription to Benav College cannot be paid before the last of December, and stating that any publicity of the matter might work a foreboding of the whole subscription.

Now, if you can, without danger, will you not tell us, or me, what the trouble is, and whether we may, with certainty rely upon the subscription of $1,000; and whether nothing can be done to relieve our present embarrassment.

We are collecting some on other subscriptions; but our plans embrace these collections, as well as the $2,000 expected from the Board. The truth is, we are seriously embarrassed, and it is very difficult to borrow.

I am sorry to press our want upon your overburdened mind.

But perhaps a word from you would relieve us.

Please let us hear from you very soon. The school is prospering.

Yours truly,

E.H. Fairchild.

P.S. We are not able to treat our creditors with our usual frankness, if we are obliged to conceal the reason why we need to borrow money.
Yool Hospital for the Insane
St. Elizabeth, D.C. Oct. 29, 10.

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Board of Visitors will be held at the Hospital at 2 P.M. on Tuesday next, November 1st, 1870.

A carriage to convey you to the Institution will call at the Howard University at 1 P.M. on that day.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Capt. Maj. Gen. O.C. Howard
Visitor, Yool Hospital for the Insane
I utterly different from meeting
than at the Anniversary
at Lawrence.

I shall expect to make
a small speech and
one of the principal
clergyman of the city
will probably assist.

The meeting will be
get up under the
auspices of the Soldier
Memorial Society of
this city—the reporting
will be present.

Parker House
Boston Mass
Oct. 31 1870

My dear Gen. Howard:

As you are to be
in Lawrence on Wednesday
the 9 I can you send
a note for service
by way of making a
brief address to a
dinner gathering on
Thursday or Friday the
10th or 11th (10th or 11th) we call May Day

Isn't that 8 P.M. in one of the public squares of Boston? On that occasion

the audience will be

very select—will continue

be invited especially if you meet you—will be of

rich & generous ladies

and gentlemen whose

interest in your own

University as well as

in the University

Institute which is but an outgrowth of the University, will be

well worth seeing.

People here are making up. Our institutions

after all depend on the

general interest of the

public in further, and

By speaking, I am

sure you will read a class
Take notes for publication in the City papers.
The speeches must not be long but short.
And singing.
Your expense will be borne by the Soldiers Memorial Society.
Do come and
keep us. I am making very great efforts to get
money for the Hampton
School so we can live
through the year, and
a few weeks for you
travel to a great help,
at the same time
bring you on cause
up clearly—I don't
see how strongly you

Talk up your University
at the meeting.
Please telegraph
at my address
Parker House
Boston Mass whether
you can be present on
the afternoon of Thursday
the 10th or Friday, the 11th.

Yours very Truly

S. C. Smith
May 14, 1870

Mrs. A. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: I am instructed by our "Young Men's Christian Association" of this place to invite you to come and speak to us at our Anniversary Exercises to be held in the First Presbyterian Church Thursday Evening Nov. 17th next. Our exercises will consist of a brief report of our work for the past year, and address calculated to stir up our people to the importance of active Christian work. We need help very much from out of town, and our absence would be very glad if you could find it convenient to be here. We could not offer you a very large compensation, but would
At least pay your expenses both ways.

We have a population of 35,000, and need an active association here. We organized one year ago, and have worked since without help from the city. Clergymen. We hope to get them all interested with us. I hope to have the pleasure of hearing favorably from you.

Very truly,

H. Sternbeigh

Rich. Y.M. C.A.
Brooklyn N. Y.
Oct. 21, 1890

My dear

I have just written you for a few days from'{t}e lack of a favorable
place to write—hoping to gain
sympathy and feel as well as do good
in sending this. I made Sunday a very
easy day. Before church I went to
Miss Leonard's Mission School
on the West side, where, principally from
the German and addressed them as the
class of their session. Mrs. I had the
great pleasure of listening to Rev. Mr.
Bushnell where I have long waited
to hear in the morning on 'The Throne of
God & His Lamb', and in the evening
on 'death comes to all' after death. The
preacher I must not forget to tell you
about this odd man & his discourses
when I get home. After dinner I went
with George. Someone was sent to the
Bethel where the Bell is suspended
and among the children a fine large
school where a person had said He
while they were going on with their
exercise, we helped Bellows to found
a large class of ours & made a
meeting of our people.
A letter from a soldier to his teacher:

"Teachers and women sitting separately - a talk on current politics was Mr. Teachers. He jumped up to speak but immediately he lost his voice at Willingburg. I am now safe - after a few weeks with these people - I went with my good brother down to his own school. Perhaps a thousand children in Mrs. Babbitt's lecture room - now I was called upon suddenly to offer by prayer - and afterwards to say something as "Stand up for Jesus" which I did. The Babbitts' carriage stood at the door & his son for dinner broke up to his church where after a morning in which he introduced me to him - the people. I spoke by a previous appointment - this house was quite full - later on his family were present. After service I went to the house with him - I had called at his house before - they wished me to dinner with them yesterday. This I did. A nice house - he has, two fine children, his mother seems to be a constant influence. I must tell you more about them (the family) when I get home. Storm is not yet much."

[Signature]

"Mrs. Danish, husband"