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Brunswick Nov. 11, 1871

Dear Brother Otis

Now it is all over. I will tell you some things that you & Lizzie may like to hear about my dear wifes last scenes on earth:

As I wrote you she seemed to revive a little about the time of Charlie's visit. But by Friday she had lost more than any apparent gain. On Saturday I was absent more than usual, having a funeral to attend & a Church meeting preparatory to the Communion: Her mind wandered a good deal, her waking dreams seeming like realities, and yet she had a clear perception about realities. was watchful about her medicine

and other things necessary & never made a mistake and never seemed to lose her recollection. Sat. Evening at 6. O'clock. She sat in my lap a little while, as usual while her bed was made. She seemed peaceful & contented, leaning her head on my shoulder, and, when I sang "Dangers & Sorrows Stand Round us on Everyhand
Heaven is our father land
Heaven is our home"
She joined in a sweet, low, fervent voice in the last line:
Mary Cook, daughter of our deacon "nathiel". I lay down about 10. P.M. & slept a little & then went into her room and tried to soothe her increasing restlessness.
Miss C. called me at 2. P.M.

again & I found the strange and distracting nervousness increasing. Her breath was more laborious. She panted, perspired & trembled. I said fear not. "perfect love casteth out fear". She said, I have no fear. I long to go. After a while she said in a pitiful tone, "I dont see Jesus". "O dear Jesus let me see you". repeating the prayer for some time & then she cried out joyfully "O I see Him"! O Jesus I love you! love love you! A change took place in her countenance. her mind seemed to clear up and we all felt that she was going (I had called Mary Ann (the Pattens girl who came with her) and Lizzie. but allowed the children to sleep. I sat by her, holding one of

hands & placing my other arm around her at times. I gave her some quieting medicine as long as she could take it. Her articulation grew difficult & all her words were very slow & measured, but were emphasized in an unmistakable manner. She said "Good Bye. don't forget me." The last sentence was this "I - see - Jesus - Glory! Glory! Glory" Her utterance failed, and with many & prolonged paroxisms, she sank away and died at 3.45 P.M. on the Lords day of Rest. I knelt down & offered a prayer of thanksgiving for her & for help for ourselves which God immediately answered. I sent for a neighbor and gave the necessary directions unagitated. The little boys went to S.S. school as usual, but I could not get to the meet & solemn

communion which my people held, in deep sympathy with me. I wrote a note to a neighboring minister to come over next morn: at 9, & told him a little about Ella. (He incorporated a part of it in his discourse, which I enclose) Sunday P.M. friends called & proffered every needed service & abundant sympathy. We placed her in a metallic burial case with glass top, about 5 P.M. She had flowers in her hand & looked as if asleep, but for the deadly pallor. Her brown hair were life-like. Her lips retained their color. Her pon: cheek was sunken of course, but her eye retained its fullness. She wore her black dress with a white neck-

tie. & looked just as we thought the women have approved - At Qn O'clock we repaired to our church which was soon completely filled with an audience which, gathered at that early hour, gave evidence of their thoughtfulness & presence of deep sympathy - The Choir sang lovingly & tenderly - "I heard a voice from Heaven &c" & "Why should we start and fear to die" - & as the people passed out to view the lost look in the vestibule.

"Heaven is my home" - My three little boys sat between Lizzie & me & Frankie often prattled & kissed my cheek - Many of the church accompanied us to the depot & gave us a parting blessing.

I did not see Charles in

Chicago for some unexplained reason. but the whole family with the dear sons of one departed, embarked safely & arrived in Brunswick at six & a half P.M. Wednesday= I attended personally, as some one must, at the changes at Chicago. Detroit. Niagara. Albany Springfield Boston & Portland= Frank met & kindly assisted us in Boston. Horace & Mr Rogers met us at Brunswick. We placed the coffin in the parlor. Mr Patten was soothed by our presence and His, whose is better. and also by the unchanged & peaceful look of the dear face- Mother was here. At 10. A.M. Thursday Mr Fiske & other friends came from Bath- We had sweet singing

heart-rending, and fervent
prayer together. Then our
family took two carriages and
& followed the hearse to Bowen
where we placed her beside
her dear father about 1 P.M. Your
Mother went back to Hallowell
today. Frankie will stay with
Aunt Lizzie in Portland. Olivet &
probably with his Grandmother
Patten. Sadie & mother now
go back with me in about this
three weeks. We may go via
Washington & spend one night
as we want to see much
if you & Lizzie will both be
away we had better not go & we
can not spend more ge
than a day or so. You will be
next week at Oberlin & Chase
plans for a brief campaign in
Mimi & said Lizzie was going
to see Guy soon. You will see
my friend & brother Dr. Converse
of Princeton at Oberlin — as del.
from our Asso.n =

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Nell, Rowland how do you
feel? At times inexpressibly
sad & lonely. There will re-
B remembered scenes where Ella
lived I paper the play-day of
your love touch me tenderly.
My heart turns to tell her
some new thought, to point
out some beauty of this
landscape - to contrast it with
your prairie - & finds her not:
This house is stranger & so not
so sad as the old home
would have been, but here
everything speaks of the departed
& every trifle has a language
of love & sorrow. But my
prevailing mood has been
one of thanksgiving - Ella found
Christ sufficient about six
weeks ago & entered on a
fullness of faith such as
she had never before reached.
In this she continued to the

end. That presence so gracious manifested to her, sometimes stole into my own heart by reflection. and I think my calmness, recollection & ability to comfort others, is from God. The world is not desolate. It seems more beautiful than ever: my dear children! I can only pray for them. Frankie sleeps with me. Olie & Dadie took a long & cheerful walk with me over the river & along its bank by this picturesque waterfall today. I must go to Farmington where every face & every spire of grass will remind me of my darling, & so of how much I have to love, serve, & praise God for in her dear life of ten years there! And then

I go back to Princeton where I am to be greatly comforted and blessed, occupied, & trust, in leading sinners & half saints to Christ & Heaven. But my home, is home no longer. Its taste, order, elegance and a thousand gentle inspiring, regulating & restraining influences have slipped away with darling Ella. Dadie will sleep with Grandma in "over room" & I will sleep near my study & try to marry my work anew. She was my refiner, counsellor, confident. She was glad to hear from me what no other will hereafter care to. I must learn to talk more with myself and Jesus. She was my conscience in little things. How can I honor the ministry without her as with her? But grace

is sufficient. Dear Gracie will seem nearer to me now that she has been seen when she was passing from earth. Give my love to her & Lizzie & a kiss to each of the little flock of immortals. Mrs Patten seems terribly afflicted but well supported & finds relief in great kindness for us all. Horace seems to do well in College. Mother is quite well. I will see Lewis Ensign & other friends before my return.

You must excuse the length & hastiness of this letter. It is a peculiar occasion. You & Charles seem nearer to me now than ever. Pray that Christ may continue to be so too. Your loving & afflicted brother

Rowland

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Elm City N.C.
Nov. 11th 1871

To all to whom it may concern

We the undersigned are well acquainted with the bearer John T. Pool. who is a young man of good character, moral and temperate habits.
We know him to be a well behaved and worthy man - and entitled to the confidence of all good people -
He seems to be a young man of fair education and very fair understanding
He taught school last year & during the present year in Camden County N.C.

C. W. Grandy Jr.
C. C. Pool
Rev Wm. H. Pitt
T. A. Lyke

John T. Pool

Nov. 11th 1891.

Sykes T. S.

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Philadelphia
Nov. 11th 1871.

My dear General Howard:

If there is no prospect of my appointment to the vacant U. S. Marshalship, may I ask of you to favor the claims of our old comrade Genl H. Tyndale. We ought to have a good soldier in that position, and one who will see that the rights of our colored voters be respected. The politicians here are urging a politician for the place, but Gen. Grant, who will undoubtedly be our Candidate in 1872, ought to have in Phila as Marshal, an honest, determined soldier, who will protect his (Grant's) interests to the fullest extent.

Truly Yours,
Geo. W. Mindil

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JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
No. 21 South Fifth Street.

Philadelphia, Nov 11th 1871

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Dear Genl.

I hear that my name has been mentioned to the President in connection with the vacancy occasioned by the lamented death of our mutual friend Gen. Gregory. The office is pre-eminently an executive one, and should be filled by a soldier. If no better soldier is presented, and you are at all disposed to interest yourself in this important matter, would you object to stating to his Excellency what you know of me, as a soldier.

Very truly Yours
Joshua T. Owen

Major Genl
O. O. Howard

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R. H. Gilmore,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

Practice in all the State and Federal Courts,

Office, No. 31 Iowa Avenue,

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Nov 11, 1871

My dear Brother:

Yours of the 31st ult inclosing $12. came duly to hand & I should have answered promptly but the letter was put in "pidgeon hole" and getting covered up was overlooked. We had a very pleasant visit from Gracie & hope she may soon come to see us again. The sad news of Ella's death reached us the very day after her sad but joyful entry into the better land. What a triumph! Truly it may be said that "She has added one more to the attractions of heaven". How lonely & sad it must be for brother Rowland, especially as with his family all scattered. I was sorry that it was thought necessary for the two little ones also to be taken away from him. — Love to Lizzie & Gracie & the boys. I am writing this at my office at [illegible] o'clock at night. I am [illegible] home home at evenings.

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Phila Nov 11. 1871

Genl. Howard

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you in behalf of Christ Presby. Church 22d & Mt. Vernon Sts about a week since. To know if you could deliver a lecture at the Church and what your charge would be — to fix your own time &c, but have rec'd no reply —

Have the goodness to let us know if we may expect you. and oblige

Yours

S. C. Chance

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Fort Harker, Nov 12th/1871

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Mr. Howard

Dear, Sir,

I wish you would do me the kindness to send me the following mentioned books.

A small bible, an english grammar written arithmetic and a common school geography. also a small Webster Dictionary, if it will not put you to too much trouble.

I have enclosed five dollars in payment for the books if that isent sufficient to pay for them and the expence in geting of them to me and you for your trouble. Send a bill with the full amount when you send the books and I will return the balance to you. Yours Truly

E. F. Prescott

P.S. for address see on next page

E. F. Prescott.
Company, C. 6th Cavalry
Fort. Hooker, Kansas.

West Virginia Hospital for the Insane,

Weston, Nov 13th 1871

B. F. Harrison
Dr Sir,

Your letter was handed me by Mr Harrison to answer, There is at present no provision made to receive colored insane in this Hospital,

Yours &c

T. B. Camden Supt

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JOHN WILEY & SON
IMPORTERS
& PUBLISHERS
2 CLINTON HALL
ASTOR PLACE
NEW YORK

New York Nov 14 1871

Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir

I have your favor of 13th Inst — The set of Ruskin was intended for the Library of Howard University — but your own Connection with the Institution prompted the gift & was in a small way expressive of my sympathy in the noble work you are doing

Very Respy

John Wiley

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November 14th 1871

Gen Howard.

Sir

To whom ought a young lady eligible for a position in the clerk department at Washington. I have been governess in a gentleman's family for the past four years, but the children have been placed in a convent for further instruction. My efforts to secure a situation as teacher have been fruitless, and I have been advised to try for a clerkship. If I am not asking too much would you kindly use your influence in my behalf. Do I dare hope you have forgotten me

but I am a niece of
Mr. Edwin Grebble's of
Philadelphia at whose
house I have met you
several times. I am entirely
alone now, having lost my
mother and sister in less
than a week. I am obliged
in part to depend on my
own exertions for a maintenance
and would be very glad
to get a situation as a clerk
Hoping that I have not
troubled you by thus writing
I am most
respectfully
Louise Grebble

Please address
Miss Louise Grebble
[illegible] Donald
[illegible]

MAYOR,
Harvey G. Eastman.

CHAMBERLAIN.
Wm. Morgan Lee.

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Robert C. Tripp, John Powers,
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Nelson Seaman, John J. Brooks,
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CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE,

STATE OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Nov. 15 1871.

Dear:

It began to rain after I left you & continued raining harder & harder till after the election: Haden & I lunched together at the Ashland House - visited Mr McBurney at the G.H. Co. rooms, where Haden's heart was lightened by a friendly hand: I jumped aboard the 4th Ave. Street cars & kept on up to the new depot & cut started for Poughkeepsie promptly at 2 - was met by a party of sad gentlemen sad on account of the rain - I had prayed to cheerful & to say "not my will but thine be done": Rest later to Mayor's house - warm reception - wife like you, three little ones - all daughters - name Eastman - reception of people among friends & others before & after election: I did not speak very well - feeling not well

arranged for me - little music stand for my book (manuscript) and a very large nice hall, but only about 200 people. very few Cadets - raining, pouring - but I did the best I could under the circumstances & seem, judging by the morning papers to have succeeded well - Give much love to Guy and my continued earnest hope that he will do well = Mr Rankin & I had a long talk walking to N. Y. yesterday. C.A. bundling about Grace, uniting with the church = At communion I couldn't help praying that as Guy was the oldest, he might be led to come first but I also tried to say not my will but thine be done = I like the city, people & all = Mr Vassar came to see me. Gen Perry's sister is the principal of the College. I am going now to visit it. The rain was hard for you - hope Lassy & the baby (Bessie) did not take cold - Much love to him & all

Affectionately your husband
Otis

[Ca. Nov. 15, 1871]

Genl O. O. Howard

Sir

I called to see you twice at your office before I left Washington & I failed to see you I felt it my duty to thank you for your kind favor to me while I was in Washington I now thank you for your kindness to me & will for ever here after & I hope that I will be able to do you a favor some day in return for the past

Very truly your friend

Thos. W. Malony

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H. W. BEADLE & Co.,

Solicitors of American & Foreign Patents,

ROOMS 19 & 20 FEDERAL BLOCK,

P. O. Box No. 259.

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Washington, D. C. Nov. 16th 1871.

C. C. Howard Esq.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find check for 5.00 subscription to Y. M. C. A.

Yours &c

H. W. Beadle.

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Buffalo
Nov 16th 1871

Friend =

After writing you in the morning I visited a military College: also the celebrated "Vassar" where are 400 young ladies from all parts of the Union. It is a magnificent College. They take room under fifteen = My only criticism is that they have not yet got in operation an industrial division wherein to teach young ladies the fine art of embroidery. Knitting - bookmaking & such-like = They have established a State Insane Asylum there which is in part done to accommodate perhaps a thousand patients. In the evening I addressed the Y.M.C.A. at their rooms & slept nicely from 11 PM.

during the day and an evening but a union meeting of all the churches = Spoke after Charles for about an hour and evidently to the acceptance of the people for they gave a good collection after I wrote you Charles & I went to the house of Mr Oliver Shaw to stay over night = A young man: married the sister of Com^r E.A. Rollins & first Rollins of our church - Her maiden sister Ca is with her - She has just buried her baby, little boy, and she & her husband grieve over it = One beautiful little girl just the age of Chaney, much interested to hear about Chaney - The two young men Mr Shaw & Mr Harlan Page are christian workers = They have led the way to a good school, a good Cong. church, and a healthful christian sentiment in new community. Last night as my lectures did not come I consented to describe the battles of Fairoaks, & Gettys

a ad of Chattanooga = Walter Howard Chase
s = whom you know is now here at Fairbault
hose came up on the train with us yes-
e terday: says his wife went home still con-
ion tinue - even in this dry cold Minnesota ..
to Springfield we have a free meeting
day on which Chas. E.P. & myself
ni present his Brighton work of this A.M.A.
ttin I generally speak for a little broader help
Ca than denominational. I felt not a little
hei homesick last night. My thirsts are all and
and least one but: have sent out my bundle
n gi for washing this am.: I hope you do not sit
hea up after 11. I think of you at morning prayer:
the Lord is a Christian now: you & she must
istia one of you pray them into his children &
a not forget to pray for me. I need it
ca so much. And let us plead for Guy: I
in am so very happy that Mrs Selmes has this
er a right feeling about her children.
ad Life is very short & Eternity is very
ethy long: we want to project this one into this

to this city: I am at the Hon.
C. A. Davis here - I hope you
get on well to N. St. Thomas -
write me a line as soon as
you get this to Chicago - Care
Chas - Tell me how long I
to dear baby stand the storm &
about you - over dear self & the
rest of our little flock: If
you cannot write - telegraph
how Francis - Love to all
Lovingly yr. husband

Otis

I may go to Mrs Gen. Lewis's sisters
to take tea - but shall go on
tonight at 12

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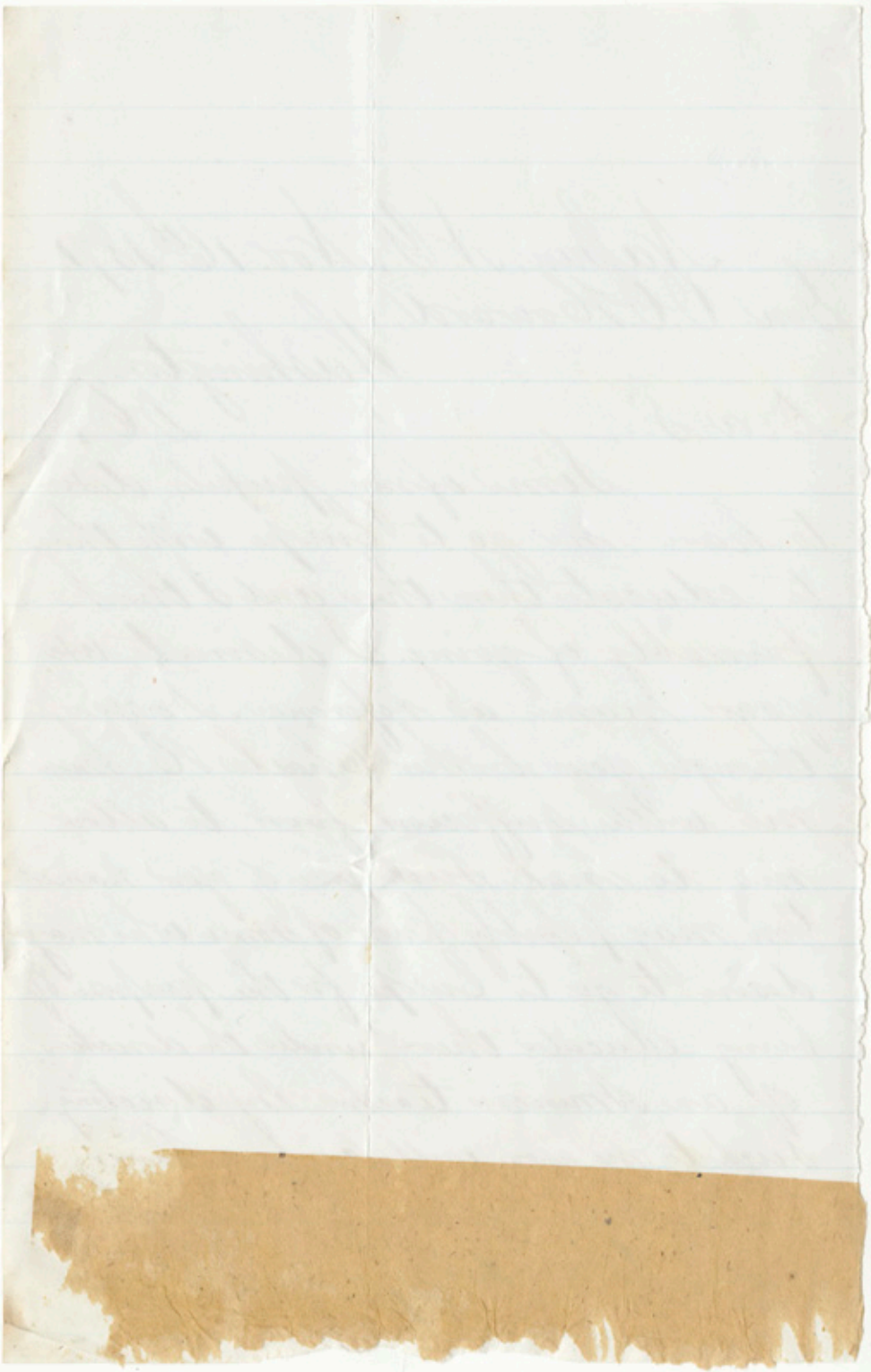
Nassau, N. G., Nov. 16th 1871.

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

Dear Sir,

Some of my pupils desire to have me go to Europe with them to educate them there and I think favorably of going. I desire to use your name as reference. Do you, through your brother Charles H., know me with sufficient favor, to allow me to make such use of your name? You may possibly know of some who may desire to go to Europe for the purpose of being educated there under the direction of an American teacher. By directing such to me you will confer a favor. Please give me the address of your brother Charles.

Yours Truly
A. B. Wiggin



LOWELL INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS,

Lowell, Nov. 16 1871

Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.
General

Your favor of ——— is received.

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Enc. is dft. on Boston to yr. order for $93.40 to pay for Services rendered by Edwards Hospital to Nat. Asylum. D.V.S.

Please ack. receipt of same to.

Very Respectfully
Geo. J. Carver
Finan. agt.