Dear Friend

Will you please accept the enclosed as my contribution to you towards your expenses in your approaching trouble and oblige

Your friend

J.W. Baker
Dear General,

For the last two days or the most part of them my good wife has been quite ill—taken with a fever Monday evening, but feeling relieved from it this morning and able to get up, though weak. And I have had here in my rooms to-day, three cases pending, on trial at the same time, and have to begin again tomorrow morning. I have received all the printed matter and was very glad to get your good letter with the slip from the newspaper cut out by Mr. H., thanks to her. That testimony of Geo. Balboe is very full and is his own witness, I remember very well the requirement of two witnesses to the present living of the deceased. Why did not Geo. B. prove this? He says it was not required. If not, and there was fraud, he must occupy an uncomfortable position. He owes too the 20 or 50 thousand white claims, and for bounty money alleged to be unpaid. I think your Bureau was to pay col. claimants only. Mr. Jolly's advocate made an elaborate argument indeed to them that he was preventer! And I think it has much weight resting upon his premises. Pray when will you open your defense, and how long will it take, and what was
the conclusion of the Court upon that question submitted. Is the Judge act, in answer to which I was bound to this speech of a minute and a quarter? Who is to take the affirmative on the 174 case, 9002, or the accused? Pray inform me on these last ingenues and others.

[Signature]

[Address: Oklahoma, 8]
Office of The Advance,
Nos. 151 and 153, Fifth Avenue.
Chicago, Apr 20, 1874

Dear Bro. — We were all glad to get a word from you & the limited report to the Inquiring. I find Miles & Reynolds always bought naturally. Where sympathy for you — Do they not? I don't know. Betty — Sherman will try to be impartial. I don't think the Court did not relish your long Counsel, did they? I suppose Pope would kindly appreciate the difficulty. It might have been a little unwise to say so. I feel for your success, please keep me informed. Did you see your Sherman summary as advertised? I see them in H. D. New York. Are the $8,000? I to be there? If there probably I will have to testify before the Court? I hasten. Affectionately,
C. H. Howard.
W. Penn. Clarke,
Attorney at Law and Solicitor of Claims,
No. 525 Thirteenth Street N. W.,
Washington City, D. C. April 3rd 1874.

General O. O. Howard,
Washington City,
My Dear Sir:

A claim for $1572, with interest, against the Trust Company of this City, in favor of John H. Burnside, which has been assigned to Henry A. Bartlett, has been placed in my hands for collection, and as you are the only person connected with the Company, with whom I have any acquaintance, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the subject. It seems that the claim was submitted to arbitration, two of whom found the above sum due from the Company to the late Mr. Burnside, and I am advised by my client that sometime since the Treasurer was authorized to give the obligation of the Society for the sum due and stated that prices was refused to execute the same. In view of these facts, I should be pleased if you would call upon some member of the Society authorized to act, and call upon some with a view to arranging the matter amicably, if possible.

Very Truly Yours,

W. Penn. Clarke.
Office of Edgar Ketchum,
No. 12 John Street, (near Broadway.)

New York, April 4, 1874

Dear General, I thank you heartily for so good a letter up in your case. The article in the Clarivate is excellent. So is one in the Congregational Boston. The argument of Col. Dyer is clear and it seems to me conclusive. It is very strong and very naturally it satisfies me. I ask him himself. I am happy to say that my good wife is better, and today I expect to find all our brave this evening. My daughter arrived with some of her boys from Connecticut.

I have engagements for Monday & Tuesday while I cannot help it, and if you think it would please I will come down that night & on to reach in the A.M. Both dear General I am convinced you don't really want me at all. I am confident that Col. Dyer can do all that is necessary, and do it well. I wish you could think so. Do write and say "Yes!" Do dear General. And if you say "Come!" I will. Very
wife, weak and pale, laid her hand on
my shoulders and said. "I don't like you to be away
but you must help yourself if he wishes you
to, and for that I'll believe you. We must try to
help God's children." So you see I have
the best of license — There only then remain
them who I am engaged in — and they that
hold of you command.

Alek a little one like another are
all well. May be your saw the Tribune's notice
of their last week. I was pretty good in the Tribune
that is worthless at the command of P. Nagleman.
The facts at a reporter got from me here at
my desk. I had been holding a trial and was
much angry about them. I oddly enough said
Alek was born in N.Y. when in fact he was born
in N. Haven. Our love to you a

Yours faithfully,

Edgar Ketchum
University South Carolina
Columbia, April 5th, 1876

Dear General:—

I hardly know how to begin to write to you. It was my intention to have written long before this time, but, because of circumstances, I was unable to do so.

Several months since, I parted from many highly esteemed friends, few of whom imparted to me anything which remained in my mind to-day. Among the few persons who have made a lasting impression upon my heart, who have had to do with the making of my character, I am proud to class you.

For yours of the most plac
myself. I associated with Jews as president and students. During that time an influence was thrown around me that must prove lasting as eternity itself. In you I saw the real Christian character I was expected to meet in this life. In you I found my real white friend.

Do not think, General, that I am putting together a few thoughtless expressions, a few unmeaning words; suffer not yourself to believe that I am attempting to flatter you. No, General, no. If I have not the ability to fully and clearly express my feelings, I have not on the other hand any disposition to freely and deliberately write what I do not mean.

And, yet, I would not thinking of expressing in this con
said of you, since it has been my high privilege to know you, and especially since I have been South.

Not long since I said to Prof. Mitchell, "In looking back upon my career at Washington, I see no two men to whom I owe as much as I do to yourself and General Howard.

I can never forget this university. Within her classic walls I spent what may prove to have been the happiest four consecu-
tive years of my life. I have never publicly sought to injure the College. I want this to be distinctly understood and remembered. Much can be said about "the rebellious student", but no honest, truthful man can say that he ever mali-
ciously established the Institution.
perhaps, that I am now away my many faults are dying, and only "the Stewart of former days is remembered. So far as I am concerned, I know that in Cherishing my alma mater, I shall not forget her who was to have given me birth.

I am, as you by this time know, continuing my college course. This scientific advantage here is very good. The Chair of Physics is occupied by a graduate of Brown University—Class '42; the Chair of Chemistry is filled by a graduate of a Pennsylvania College. Both are able men. Their departments are well supplied with apparatus. I refer to these professors simply because you desired me to study the Sciences before minoring than of the Law.
ing rapidly. Both races are represented. In the Professional and College Departments there are more white students than colored.

The State has established certain scholarships—two hundred dollars each—which a worthy young man, prepared for College, can enjoy for four years—two hundred years, of course.

Indeed new students were examined for admission last week; two were rejected. One of our dailies in referring to this matter says: “Of the two new students admitted, five are white and five colored. The white students are from Democratic counties, the colored from Republican. Democrats have no objection to (associating with colored persons) in the Legislature, on the Bench, in the University. Why object to (these)”
or in the arts. Why? Two of our professors are Southern men.

Our course of study is similar to yours. This University, however, gives more of metaphysics, more of the sciences and modern languages than yours. The Latin and Greek are elective after the Sophomore year. There is here a scientific course—the college course without its Latin and Greek—which most of our new students intend to take. The Preparatory Department, however, is preparing many for the classical course. In our middle class third and few colored students and eight white.

I have not, however, found our Mathematical Instructor a Prof. Prescott—on whom I admire as a teacher and esteem as a man.

I shall in my next refer to spiritual matters, which are sadly neglected, although three of our professors and regular pastors, two at least.
Chicago
April 6, 1874

Gen. C. C. Howard
Dear Sir,

The forthcoming reassembled representation of the Anti-Slavery Reform in this country, to which the enclosed circular is an invitation, will undoubtedly enlist your warmest sympathies. Your own labors in the cause of suffering humanity have long placed you conspicuously in the work. The committee has requested me to extend to you, not only...
an invitation to be present, but also to assist in the exercise by an address on the subject of "freedom" or if you prefer any other subject, to make your own selection. An early response stating your acceptance and choice of subject will greatly oblige. Your obedient servant, Zebina Eastman, Secretary.

P.S. The number of those who are expected to be present will not be able to keep the time of each to address half an hour.
Apr. 4, 1871

Gashwaic. 5.
April 7, 1874.

Dear Sir,

I am a young miss of about fourteen years and am collecting the autographs of my distinguished countrymen. If it will not be too much trouble will you be so kind as to send me two of yours? One for myself and one for a friend who is collecting the same.

Very Respectfully,

Please Address: May L. Nichole.

Box 1098, Worcester Mass. or care of Dr. L. B. Nichole.
Princeton Ills Apr. 7, 1874

dear Chance,

God gave a minis

It was seen near me a baby

last week. He called Min Chance

Frankie asked me to name one of

his fourteen cousins in bed the

other morning while he cried

He is learning their names, this:

he don't see their faces. Grandma

came home a week ago Tues-

day. Your cousins Sadie & Azie

made an Omnibus out of

a box & put it on some plank

wheels I gave them. They sold

hop-cake on the corner of our

shirt and got 15 cents. They

have a cent apiece when they

go to the A.M. Sadie puts

5 cents into the church basket

every Sunday. A Squirrel large

for, with a big tail came
in the kitchen. The boys have him in a bird cage on the verandah. They brought two doves and gave a boat a piece for them and put them in a box with clothes nailed on the front. They went one mile to the butcher yard to buy and homed home two bunches of clothes. Sadies made a little buggy with his knife. The wheels won't go around. The boys here a week's vacation and some range parties for dinner. Your Aunt Helen and Sadies have boiled Alea in a tub for today. It hurt me so much my face and neck cold. I snowballed them. We have no horse or dog. Our cat is hot.
Squirrels name is "tip tip."
Daddy will put a mouse to pull his buggy if he can catch one. We have a bag.
Prayer meeting. All who go pray. Next Thursday it is a
Temperance Prayer meeting. The women have. Uncle
Delia is sick with measles in his eye. Uncle Charles
with a lame back. I am
all well now. Grandma
has rheumatism in her knees.
A Dr. is curing her. Mary James
and Solomon Smith Jr. died
in Leeds. Aunt Laura wrote
me. All the boys and men
and women and girls are
going to sign the Temperance
Pledge. I preach every
Sabbath. What are you
and Jamie and Roxy
and Johnny doing? Give
my love to them and to
your Papa & Mamma and
Pessie. Our train will all
go away today. It came
Sunday. We bought two trees
and got a pint of sap
today! The boys will have
a garden. and their mother
from Maine this summer.
I had some for a bouquet today. How
did you like Cape Elizabeth
and Leeds? Our boys must
to go to Maine. We pray
for your Papa and all
of you. every day. I am
sorry you are all so far
off. We can't love you
quite as well as we could
if we could see you or
even hear from you. Please
write. Love to Uncle Kim
and Miss Alice.
A. S. Pratt & Son,
401 Ninth Street N. W.

Washington, D. C., April 7, 1874

Dear Sir,

The second quarterly payment on Mr. Mitchell's life policy is due. Do you still owe him, and shall we pay it or change it for you at present?

Yours truly,

A. Pratt

Gen. D. D. Howard

[Additional handwritten note: A. H.]
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Wilkinson
not like
November
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