[April, 1874?]

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Dear Friend

Will you please accept the inclosed as my Contribution to you towards your expenses in your approaching trouble & oblige

Your Friend

J. M. Baker.

Office of Edgar Ketchum,

No. 12 John Street, (near Broadway,)

New York, April 1st 1874

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 sit up, though weak. And I have had here in my office 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 Mrs H. – thanks to her. That testimony of Gen Ballock is very full and is his very picture. I remember very well the requirement of two witnesses to the present living of the pensioner, Why did not Gen. B. require this? He says it was not required. If not, and there was fraud, he must occupy an uncomfortable position. He shows too ~~th~~ 20 or 30 thousand while claimants for bounty money alleged to be unpaid. I tho't your Bureau was to pay col'd claimants only. Mr Judge advocate made an elaborate argument indeed to show that he was prosecutor! And I think it has much weight resting upon his premises. Pray when will you open your defence, and how long will it take, and what way

the conclusion of the Court upon that question submitted to it by the Judge Adv. in answer to which I was heard in that speech of a minute and a quarter? Who is to take the affirmative on the 174 cases, Govt or the accused? Pray inform me on these last inquiries and oblige

Yours affectionately

Edgar McClellan

Respondent, &c.

OFFICE OF THE ADVANCE,

Nos. 151 and 153, Fifth Avenue.

C. H. HOWARD & Co.,
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Chicago, Apr 2d 1874

Dear Bro. We were all glad to get a word from you & the printed report of the Ch. of Inquiry — I just Miles, & Reynolds & Weigs ought naturally to have sympathy for you — Do they not? I dont know Getty — Sherman will try to be impartial doubtless. I just the Court did not relish your being Counsel, did they? I suppose Pope would hardly appreciate the difficulties & might lean a little in and jealousy in a/c of his failure & your success.

Please keep me informed. Did you see your Summer Summary as altered? I see there is H. M. Trustees meeting Apr 8th — Ought I to be there? Do there probably I will have to testify before the Court?

In haste Affectionately

C. H. Howard

In other Information news

Apl. 2. 1874

Honorable C.H.

W. Penn. Clarke,
Attorney at Law and Solicitor of Claims,
No. 525 Thirteenth Street N. W.,

Washington City, D. C. April 3d 1874.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington City.
My Dr. Sir:

A claim for $1572, with interest, against the First Congregational Church of this city, in favor of John W. Rumsey, which has been assigned to Mr. S. A. Benthitt, has been placed in my hands for collection, and as you are the only person connected with the Church, 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 arbitrators, two of whom found the above sum to be due from the Church to the late Mr. Rumsey, 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 that that officer now refuses to execute the same. In view of these facts, I should be pleased if yourself or some member of the Society authorized to act, would call upon me, with a view to arranging the matter amicably, if possible.

Very Truly Yours,
W. Penn. Clarke.

Clarke, W. Penn

Recd.
APR 4 1874

5½ P.M.

Office of Edgar Ketchum,

No. 12 John Street, (near Broadway,)

New York, April 4th 1874

Dear General I thank you heartily for so good a posting up in your case. The article in the Chronicle is excellent. So is one in the Congregationalist Boston. The argument of Col. Dyer is clear and it seems to me conclusive It is very strong and very naturally, it satisfies the J. adv.te himself. I am happy to say that my good wife is better, and to day I expect to find at our house this evening my daughter and with her some of her boys from Connecticut.

I have engagements for Monday & Tuesday which I must fulfil, and if you think it worth while I will come down that night so as to reach in the A.M. But dear General I am convinced you dont really want me at all. I am confident that Col. Dyer can do all that is necessary, and do it <u>well</u>. I wish you could think so. Do write and say "Yes"! <u>Do</u> dear General. But if you say "Come!" I will – my

wife, weak and pale, laid her hand on my shoulder and said "I don't like you to be away but you must help God Howard if he wants you to, and for that I'll spare you. We must try to help God's children" So you see I have the best of license — There only then remain those who I am engaged in — and they shall yield of your command.

Alick & his little one Lizzie mother are all well. May be you saw the Tribune's notice of him last week. 'Twas pretty good for the Tribune that is unfaithful at the removal of P. Hogeboom. The facts the a reporter got from me here at my desk. I had been holding a trial and was much engaged about them & oddly enough said Alick was born in N.J. when in fact he was born in N. Haven. Will write to you ok

Yours faithfully

Edgar Ketchum

Ketchum, E.

University South Carolina.
Columbia, April 5th, 1874.

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 remains 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 moulding of my character, I am proud to class you.

For four of the most pleas-

[illegible] I associated with you as president and student. During that time an influence was thrown around me that must prove lasting as eternity itself. In you I saw one of the rest Christian characters I ever expect to meet in this life. In you I found my rest 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 ~~think~~ 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 you sir and General Howard.

I can never forget the University. Within her classic walls I spent what may prove to have been the happiest four consecutive 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 maliciously stabbed the Institution

[illegible] to have been this alma mater".

Perhaps, that I am now away my many faults are buried, 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. The scientifical advantages here are 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 Pennsylvanian College. Both are able men. Their departments are well supplied with apparatus. I refer to these professors and only these - simply because you desired me to study the sciences before reviewing that of the Law.

which was [illegible]

[illegible] Boards are [illegible]

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 yearly, of course.

Twelve new students were examined for admission last week; — two were rejected. One of our dailies in referring to the matter says; — "Of the ten 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. When objects to (them)

or [illegible] the case. Why? Four 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 you do. 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 there are ten colored students and eight white.

I have not, however, found in our Mathematical Instructor a Prof. Wescott — one whom I admired as a teacher and esteemed as a man.

I shall in my next refer to spiritual matters, which are sadly neglected, — although three of our professors are regular pastors, — two at least. — Believe me, faithfully to you — Your [illegible]

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Chicago
April 6th 74

Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir,
The forthcoming reunion of the representatives of 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 has 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 exercises by an address on the subject of "freedmen" — 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 servt.

Zebina Eastman

Secretary

P. S. The number of those who are expected to be present ~~without~~ to speak will confine the time of each to ~~at least~~ half an hour

Z. E.

Apr. 4. 1874

Eastman. J.

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,
May L. Nichols.

Please Address
Box 1098. Worcester Mass.
Care of Dr. L. B. Nichols.

Sept. 7. 1824

Nichols, Mary M.

Princeton Ills Apr. 7. 1874

Dear Chancey

God gave a minister who lives near me a baby last week. He called him Chancey. Frankie asked me to name all his fourteen cousins in bed the other morning while he counted. He is learning their names tho: he don't see their faces. Grandma came home a week ago Friday. Your cousins Dadie & Olie made an Omnibus out of a box & put it on some plank wheels I gave them. They sold pop-corn on the corner of our sheet and got 18. cents. They have a cent apiece when they go to the P.O.. Dadie puts 5. cents into the church basket every Sunday. A Squirrel large fat. grey. with a big tail came

P.S. Our cat has his kittens under the novelhouse floor. my his loves all - Ever Mat. 1874.

nite on kitchen. The boys have him in a bird cage on the piazza. They bought two doves and gave a boat apiece for them. and put them in a box with lattes nailed on the front. They went one mile to the Lumber yard & bought and hauled home two bundles of lattes. Dadie made a little buggy with his knife. The wheels wont go round. The boys have a week vacation & have company today and some oranges & pastries for dinner. Your Aunt Helen and Dadie snow-balled Alie & me today. It hurt me & made my face & neck cold. I snowballed them. We have no horse or dog. Our cat is fat. The

Squirrels name is "Lip Lop".
Dadie 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
temperence prayer meeting like
those the women have. Uncle
Dellie is sick with neuralgia
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 Frances
and Solomon Sathrop Jr. died
in Leeds. Aunt Laura wrote
me. All the boys and men
and women and girls are
going to sign the temperence
pledge. I preach every
Sabbath. What are you
and Jamie and Henry

and Johnny doing? Give my love to them and to your Papa & Mamma and Bessie. Our men will all go away today. It came Sunday. We tapped two trees and got a pint of sap today. The boys will have a garden, and their Mother some flowers this Summer. A lady sent her some flowers in a bouquet today. How did you like Cape Elizabeth and Leeds? Our boys want 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 oftener.

Your loving Uncle Rowland

A. S. PRATT,
F. W. PRATT.

Lock Box 52.

A. S. PRATT & SON,

401 Ninth Street N. W.

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Washington, D. C., Apl 7 1874

This was work I over

Dear Sir

The second quarterly payment on Twitchell's life Policy $7.55 is due - do you still owe him & shall we pay it & charge to your a/c?

Yours Truly

A S Pratt

Gen. O O Howard

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