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The Dalles, Feb. 11th 1879.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

The Ladies of "The Working Society" of the Baptist Church of this place, desire to have a course of lectures for the benefit of the Church.

I am instructed to ascertain whether you will deliver one of the lectures, and if so, upon what terms, and at what time.

We wish to begin the series on or about the 5th of March, and would like to place you first on the list, if convenient for you.

Should you come, I know that my husband, now absent, will join me in hoping that you will consent to become our guest, while here.

Very Respectfully, Julia Chandler Hill.

Ans'd, Feb. 14, 1879 by Howard

Rec'd Feb. 14, 1879.

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Seattle, W. T.,
Feb 13, 1879.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Bro. & Friend:

Mr. Charles M. Anderson – oldest son of Pres. A. J. Anderson, formerly of Portland, Or., now of Seattle, W. T. – desires an appointment as Cadet. Our Member of Congress is already pledged to some one else. And on account of age Mr. Anderson will not be eligible after this year.

His only hope now is through appointment by the President. And he wishes to know if without breach of military or official etiquette you can and will recommend him to President Hayes either directly or through some influential

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Recd. Feb. 13, 1879. O.O.H.

friend of yours.

To you I may state that Mr. Anderson is Principal of the Commercial Dept. of the Territorial University which position he fills creditably. From personal knowledge I can say that he is likewise efficient as Military Instructor for the University.

He is also a worthy and ~~an~~ active member of our Church here.

Truly and respectfully,

J. T. Ellis,
Pastor Cong'l Church.

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Seattle, Feb 13, 1879.

Dear Gen Howard -

Our baby Cora Maude was one year old the 24th of last month. We want you to see her picture taken on that day - she is so sweet and loving. We c'd only get a few and must ask the return of this one after you & Mrs H - see it.

Capt Ayres is fixed all right. He does "carry his recommendation in his skill"; but nobody will help a stranger to money on that acct. But he has secured a printing office on terms suitable to his circumstances.

The Lord be good to you and guide you ever.

Faithfully,

J. F. Ellis.

Answ by Gen.
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Sir: I have the honor to enclose a letter from Rev. J. F. Ellis, also one from Ven. T. S. Brents.

I much desire the appointment to a cadetship at West Point. You will see from the enclosed, that there is no hope from our Delegate. Hence I wish one at large from President Hayes. If you can aid me in any way I shall be very much obliged to you.

Very respectfully yours,

C. M. Anderson

To Gen. O. O. Howard

Commanding Dep. of Columbia.

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Washington, D. C., July 12th 1879
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Dear General

It is likely you are kept posted with the current events of our City by some of the many friends which you left behind you. and yet I wanted to be remembered by you and for that reason as I have a few leasure moments thought perhaps I might say something which would be of interest to you,

Knowing you have a very warm place in your heart for our Y.M.C.A I will speak of that first, You may be aware that we have as our Gen Secy. Rev. O.C. Morse a young man. and Bro. of a Mr Morse of N.Y. Secy to the Executive Com. of that City and as our Bro. Geo. A Hall said about him when at our Welcome Meeting last Fall so it has proved, and that is there was no let up to him, for it has been the liveliest place

in all Washington during the past winter and we hope we are on a more permanent foundation financially than ever before as we have secured about three hundred names who have pledged to give $1.00 per month and it looks as though other business than that of finances could occasionally be considered at our Board Meetings. The Meetings are quite well attended although as yet not so much positive results can be seen as have been obtained by us in the past. but it is the Head Quarters for a large number of our young men and the results will be seen no doubt in time.

Our Church is still ours and not another denomination, and we have a very fine house every Sabbath. While there are a few that are pulling back, and would like to see some one else than Dr Rankin in the pulpit I think it makes many more of us love him all the better because of our fear that he might be spirited away as some Baltimore Presbyterian Church tried to. We still have a church debt, although it is in such a shape that it has not

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worried anybody that I know of out side of the trustees. It is being worked to be wiped out by weekly contributions and could be if our people did not separate every summer. It is about $24,000 $1100. of the principal was paid in this way last year with no extra effort and I suppose that amount will be cancelled this year.

At our last annual church meeting in Jany. L. Dean was elected as one of the Deacons.

A few weeks since a gentleman came to our house for a room, and we were able to accommodate him. We were happily surprised to find that you have such a knowledge of him as it was Major Bell and he has now gone to New Orleans. He gave us a brief account of your Indian Campaign and said among other things that you were the same Christian man in the field

as when in the presence of your own immediate family all of which I was prepared to believe, and singularly enough the very evening that he told me this I had charge of our young peoples meeting which a stranger came in and spoke a few words saying that he had been a Soldier under your command and your kind Christian help and counsel when he was seeking Christ led him into the light and as he was passing through the City he wanted to say a word in the Church which he knew you had been largely identified with. I thanked him for coming in amongst us, but as he had to leave us before the meeting concluded I didnt learn anything more about him.

I am still in the employ of the Steamship Co. and keep the Books of the Metropolitan Railroad Co. as well. and the Lord has prospered me in every particular save perhaps giving me a family, but of that I well not complain my wife thinks she is baby enough.

We have a Mission School almost three miles outside of the City. Out of which a Methodist Church has since been formed. The School is upon our hearts. Please remember me to each of your family Yours Alfred Wood

LEE & SHEPARD,

PUBLISHERS AND BOOKSELLERS,

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41-45 FRANKLIN AND 78 HAWLEY STREET.

New York Office,
678 Broadway.

BOSTON, February 14th 1878.

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

We enclose herewith Agreement relative to "Donald's School Days" made out & signed by us in duplicate & if you find them to be satisfactory, please add your signature to one & return one copy to us, retaining the other for your own protection.

Taking into consideration the dullness of general business & the slight demand there has been of late for juvenile books, your work has made a good start & met with a good reception; we printed 1500 copies for the first edition & judging from present appearances, we shall have sold all of these by the 1st. of July next, the time for us to render you our first account.

As we presume you are interested in reading what the press has to say of your book, we also enclose you another batch of notices that have come to us since the last lot we sent you, & we will ask you to preserve them all carefully & return them to us at your convenience, retaining however, any you may wish.

Yours very truly

Lee & Shepard

P. S. If there are any persons connected with the press, whom you would like to have receive a copy of your book, if you will send us a list, giving their address, we shall take pleasure in supplying them, if we have not already done so.

Boston Mass Feb 15/79

Gen Howard

Dear Sir & Br

A few days since I sent you a copy of a paper containing a Monday Morning Lecture of Rev J. Cook on Alaska. As my book made some statements new to me, I thought you might be able to send me copy of reports corroborating his positions. But this I have always said I know of no Indians among whom Christian men & women can do a better work than those to Alaska. Their very avarice can be used to elevate them

I am here sick. A terrible jar, I got at Antietam threaten to develope in a spinal disease. At first, I thought the injury trifling, but now it is serious. Yet God's will be done. I hope for the best

Mrs Collins is quite well.

Your great kindness to me while in your department will ever be remembered & my residence at Vancouver is one of the bright spots in my life

Kind regards to your family both midday & domestic.

Yours

H Collins

16 Bromfield st

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Seattle, Wash Ter.
Febr. 18th 1879.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 13th inst., and am very much pleased with the information of your soon visiting Seattle. If you will accept the hospitality of one of your old Bureau officers, during your sojourn here it will afford him much pleasure. I have the best rooms and one to spare in Seattle. With Dr Weed formerly Mayor of this City. Mrs. Weed is a very active member of our mutual friend Rev. Ellis' church. I have to go to Port Townsend myself soon. It has been so long since I have seen any soldering '68 that I should love to see some of them. I have just received my letter of dismissal from Park St. Cong Church, Boston, and its recommendation of me to fellowship to Ellis.

I was not a christian when in the Army. The G. A. R.s are very much disappointed over your

declining to address them. They have a large post at this place Rev. Ellis is their Chaplain. I have never joined the society from the fact that everywhere East, that I have seen them, their Camp Fires are nothing but a "Big Drunk," or a re=hash of bawdy stories of war camps and picket reserves.

Here I'm informed it is far different, but I cannot see how it should be otherwise, for of all the ungodly places I have ever seen this is almost the worst.

I lived in Wisconsin in its infancy '46, and was raised in the Pineries, where the worst of lawlessness could be ventured, still I never saw rum=holes and billiards open upon the Sabbath as here. They tell me of the utter, total depravity of the Si=wash, but I fail to see any moral example set before them by the old settlers.

Very respectfully
and most sincerely yours
Henry K. W. Ayres.

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Genl O. O. Howard USA
Vancouver W.T.

Dear Sir,

I perhaps owe you an apology for not informing you sooner that you had been selected to deliver an address at the Anniversary of the Oregon Bible Society. It is proposed to hold two meetings - One at the Congregational the other at the Presbyterian church in this city. Sabbath evening March 2nd prox. Yourself & Dr Lindsley at the Pres., and Revs Cruzan & Acton at the Cong.

Will say in explanation of my delay in notifying you that I have had Diptheria in my family. and lost

two of my Children. I hope you will find it convenient to be present at the Anniversary.

Respctfly,

S. P. Lee

Secty O. B. Soc'ty

Eastern Office of "THE ADVANCE,"

ROOM 60, BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

REV. R. B. HOWARD, *Editor*. C. H. HOWARD & Co., *Publishers*.

New York, Feb. 20 1879

Dear Brother

I am sorry to say that the Editor of Harper's Monthly whom I saw personally about "Chores" declined it. I do not feel very confident of getting that or Cochise into any place that way. I have both MS subject to your suggestion.

There is matter (i.e. facts & sentences, characterizations &c) enough in these & your articles in the Advance to make a readable book or Country Rainy Day. But the necessary

Can't you get a furlough & come & Harper's & explain in person

Wind Northern Mexico & Sonora & Notes from your Mexican letters

Collecting, correcting &
making a continuous
narrative would be a
formidable job - & I
professional would charge
more for it than you
could afford to pay.
Funk, Hurd & Houghton
publish subscription books,
& I asked them today to
think of the matter - All
well - We leave here at
2. Orange Apr. 15. Helen
will go to Farmington for
the summer & I will
not settle till fall - The pros-
pect - even of going abroad
alone - is homesick to me -
Love to Lizzie & children.
I wrote Jamie briefly Monday -
God bless you & yours
Rowland

In bed
Sick At Home
1802 - M St NW.

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JOHN H. COOK,

Attorney-at-Law,

Le Droit Building, 520 Eighth Street,

Washington, D. C., Feby 21st 1879

Dear General:

Your last, very kind, letter found me in the midst of a frightful hemorrhage. Still I hope.

In response to your telegram, I prepared two deeds of transfer - one from myself to Capt Sladen and one from him to Mr Smith and sent them to Mr S. to be forwarded to you. This course was adopted because there is no power in the deed from you to myself to convey in trust in my opinion. It avoids all doubt and will save delay and expense hereafter.

With regard to the Fowler note, you are not in my opinion responsible for it. Unless you promise in writing hereafter to pay it you can not be harmed. So be careful what you write hereafter. The Hall note was endorsed to the bank before maturity. You are therefore responsible for it, even though you received no consideration for it. Do not let the Commissioners frighten you with a suit on the Fowler note. If ever able to get out again, I will aid Mr S. in any way that I can

Sincerely

J. H. Cook

March 12, 1879.

Dear General,

I forward to you a letter written by him during his illness. I send also two papers containing notices of his death. I want to thank you for your kindness to him during his life. John was very grateful to you himself. I wish also to tell you many pleasant things connected with his last sickness, but I cannot write to-day.

Sincerely

Belle M. Cook

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Headquarters Department of Columbia,

Wallula
~~Fort Vancouver~~, W. T., Feb. 22 1879.

General O. O. Howard
Albany
Vancouver W.T.
Sir.

Having been your special messenger through this upper country since Nov. 23d. I have the honor to report as follows.

I am of opinion there will be trouble. My reasons are that Moses during the Council at Mr Wilburs concealed something in his mind. I had nothing to do but to study his countenance and am convinced that he was keeping something back that meant no good. He was willing to make any promise whatever

that would procure him his liberty, rejecting all opposing reasons, saying his danger from the whites was the least of his troubles. He insisted on his rifles and ammunition being returned to him and was anxious about it. I am satisfied furthermore that an Indians mind cannot be made to comprehend why an Indian agent should have more to say about anything than a General, such as you. It is my candid opinion that Moses has not been acting altogether in good faith. I wish also to inform you that the large majority of the whites in this Country are determined not to live peaceably with the Indians, therefore in my opinion the situation is a critical one

I desire for the best interests of the government that this communication be kept as private and confidential as seems best to you.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Ned Ekambreau

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Vancouver W.T.
Feb 24, 1879.

Dear Gen, Howard,

I see by the Oregonian that the "Amateur" performances have been discontinued, and I thought I would like to help begin a christian work among the soldiers, Perhaps Friday Evening will be unoccupied for the present, Could we have services for the Soldiers, and as many others as would come in, on Friday Evenings? Would you help? I will ask Rev Mason & others to help.

You will pardon me but I feel anxious. There are perhaps over two hundred men there that never go to church. I would like to help work with them.

I know Gen. Sully would be willing (he is the commander of the post I believe) I got his consent when I first came to Vancouver.

As far as any opposition to Methodism is concerned, I think by earnest work I could overcome that. Many of the families there that have shown a prejudice perhaps do not consider attend us. But please consider the matter prayerfully will you.

I am ever
Your Humble Servt
M Judy,

Monday

Fort Walla Walla T. T.
February 24th 1879.

My dear Gen. Howard.

I wish to request you to do me the kindness, in case any prisoners are to be sent down to Alcatraz - to authorize Lieut. Hunter the Adjt. of the 1st Corps - to go down in charge of them -

I make this request on account of the sickness of Lieut. Hunter's son, who, according to the Post-Surgeon's wording of his case, is threatened with hip hinth, and advises that the little boy be taken on to his Fork, and placed under the charge of Doctor Sayre, who makes a specialty of diseases of this character -

Mrs. Hunter has just recovered from an attack of Malarial fever, and is still quite weak. So that Lieut. Hunter fears to have her attempt to make the trip to San Francisco by herself. As one or two of the men tried here, by the G.C.M. last month were sentenced to be confined at hard labor away from this post. I thought that you might possibly order them down to Alcatraz Island, and in that event, Lieut. Hunter could just as well as not take them down.

I remain Gen'l.
Your obt. Svt.
James B. Forsyth.

To/
Gen'l. O. O. Howard.
Comdg. Dept. of the Columbia.
Vancouver W.T.

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Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.—

I trust you will pardon the liberty I take in addressing you: but I have no acquaintance in Vancouver: excepting my Brother Samuel S. Bowman, who is in the Printing Department of your Headquarters, and as we have had no communication from him since last November, in reply to four letters which we have addressed to him

Answ. by Clerk
Bowman
Rec'd. Bowman. 14.1879.

since that time. My Father and Mother, as well as myself, feel very anxious in regard to him. If he is ill or if any accident has happened to him, or whatever may be the cause of his silence will you be kind enough to let us know: by so doing you will confer the greatest favour on us all: for which we will most earnestly thank you. —

Most Respectfully —
Sadie L. Bowman.

Feb. 25th 1879
267 Columbus Ave.

P.S.

As Brother is a very sensitive temperament I think possibly it will be as well if you should not speak to him in regard to this note.

Very Truly —
S. L. B.

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Vancover 25th Feb 1879

General Howard Esq

Dr sir I went to se Mr Cosop yesteday and I gew him that Mot but he had noteng for me to do at present.

Dear General is my condesen is very poor is I haw no one to tack kar of my Cheldren that I so moch low I well tack the prevelledge to ask yaw an other favour. If it wod be posebel to tack up a Kolacksion Emongs your men so that it wod help my Cheldren back East to my Sesters. for I haw no one in this Contry ther Cars for ~~Cos~~ thame

I trust the Jeneral well not
fel afendet at me for askeng
this fawcor it is not wed
plasur that I ask this
it is Sorckomstances that
forces me to tho this.

Your Sorvent
F. M. Kyles

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Portland Dec 26 1879

Dear General

A friend of mine named Clem, an Engineer by profession. asked me about a boat that is building at "Albino", (across the river from here) & he says it is building or being built by Government to be used on the Upper Columbia as a surveying boat. I Know nothing about it, but told him I would write to you, and ascertain if you Know anything about it. He would like to obtain a place as Engineer on the boat. Please let me Know about it.

We are all well. Baby is growing finely. If he

grow up loving God.

With the kindest regards for your Wife and yourself I remain

Yours Respectfully
Albert E. Williams

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Office of F. H. SMITH,

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Corner of Eighth and F Sts.

Washington, D. C. July 26 1879

Dear Genl

In regard to the Fowler note, the security seems to have been sold out sometime since and the amount claimed against you is for the balance above what the property sold for. Hall does not pay any body — is now living in Baltimore and Genl Bulloch who endorsed the note seems used up long ago. He says the entire proceeds of his business for the last year has not reached $300. He is now trying to get a $1200 clerkship with very poor success — seems quite discouraged. I saw Cresswell & Leipold yesterday and said to them that until the times improved so that something

Could be realized from Equities you might have you could not meet all the obligations that came. — that I was giving you the best information I could as to where the moral obligation lay heaviest in your Eastern liabilities and that aside from those being held by the Freedmens Bank, these claims were not among the strongest one having had abundant security which has been sacrificed and the other having had no quid pro quo for it — to you.

Leopold said that made no difference in your legal obligations, and that they would have to bring suit; to which I replied that what I wanted to know was what you could do about it — that of course they could not sue you until the War Dept would order you East for that purpose. — It seemed to me that such steps you can

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do now is to do nothing. If there should be any general sale of the personal property, I will bid on these as you suggest.

Poor Cook is too sick to attend to any matter of business - it seems to me cannot hold out many weeks, if he does days.

I have not seen Simms again. This Congress will probably before adj. make a provision for the payment of all back taxes, remitting all penalties and adding only 6% interest. The amount of accrued taxes on all your property here is pretty heavy, going back two or three years. It would be a good plan if possible

to avail ourselves of this permission to pay up on such pieces as are certainly worth saving. Two or three months time Congress will probably begin, so that this may be for future consideration. I will not draw on you for anything if I can help it.

The Buffalo Collector has raked up another bill ~~worth~~ of $12. over, with a long explanation of how he came to miss it - and I have sent him a check.

Please remember us with kind much love to all in your personal family and official so far as I know them.

Yours

Dwell Mar 21 1879

F. H. Smith

Recd Mch 1. 1879.

LEE & SHEPARD,

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New York Office,
678 Broadway.

BOSTON, February 27th, 1879.

General O. O. Howard
Fort Vancouver - W. T.

Dear Sir

In reply to your esteemed favor of the 4th. inst. we would say that we shall be pleased to publish your new book "Joseph versus Howard" on the same terms as "Donald's School Days" contract papers for which, we sent you through Mr Gilman, under date of the 14th. inst. enclosing you at the same time another lot of press notices which we thought would be of interest to you.

Very truly yours

A. Lee Shepard

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Recd March 17, 1879.