Tuskegee State Normal School,
For the Education of Colored Teachers,
B. T. WASHINGTON, Principal.
Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 10, 1882

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Rondout, N.Y. Jan. 10, 1882

O. C. Howard.

Dear Gent,

I read your prompt answer to my letter some time ago. You will pardon me for not writing something definite before—I have mentioned to my intimate friends Earl Dow & your name for a lecture here this winter. Earl Dow’s name has been presented to the Union. They have requested me to arrange with Mr. Dow if his terms are satisfactory. His lecture proves reasonably successful financially as this is one object of the lecture.
to assist the Ladies in their noble effort in Temperance work. I shall then propose your name. Pendue does not support Temperance work enthusiastically so we have to proceed carefully. I will write you again as soon as I see my way clear.

Very respectfully,

John Rogers
Gent O O Harwood
Capt Mil Ac
West Point
Rese Ins

I am informed by his father that
John Mackey has
recently failed in an
examination. I hop
he may be afforded
another chance
if not in violation
by the Rules of the
Academy.
Stead, G. W.

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Washington, D.C.

Jan 10, 1882

Answered by the Geo.

Jan 13/82.
Rockport, Me.
Jan 10, 1882

My dear Brother,

I send you many thanks for bringing Old the very kind letter which he forwarded to me. I was greatly interested in your address on the letter. Helen read it aloud with great interest; without knowing the author. It is fresh in thought & graphic in style. I am not quite sure that it read is not to command too highly what may be called meditations on which there is no self respect. No meditations.-- If is so difficult always to
to find & follow the green
mean! In this case that
mean is between the
things in passing between
"Elkim" on others and
"proximity" between if
Mr. is sure that School
he gets us in the name
of Christ; he cannot be
too hardly held. But if
the object sought comes
to some personal
next, there is a temptation
to unnecessary selfishness
that other people are glad
to observe a name by
ill considered means.
"Agree-let..." it is not
enough to do it. The private
friend for Office must
the intensely disagreeable
to the "reader," to some because
receiving riches to enrich
the one who care.
I do not know this life
well enough to know what
But I shall occupy you

too long. If McDowell is

with us, I had hoped that

Pope might be found in

your interest, but

from nothing of the

famous "pressure." I

enclose this not to inform

you but to let you see

what is said about it.

Well. I am a

little tired with last

weeks. Two meetings - a

day 2 4 funerals. Whatever

may happen, my sympathies

are emptied. My vitality, I

find, as I grow older,

I must reduce as much

as possible, as my head

gets dizzy. My legs heavy,

my eyes sleepless.

Geoff, brother

Ronland
Howard, Rev. R. P.

Rockport, Mass

Jan 10, 1882

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Boston May 17, 1882
Jan 10

Received at
To

Have you read
invitation social
temperance Union
telegraph answer
L. Edwin Dudley
Bostow, Mass
Jan 10. 1882

Answered by Capt. Baker
Jan 10, 1882
Philadelphia, Pa. Jan 10th, 1881

Dear General Howard,

Since you first heard of our plan to publish religious matter in secular papers, 14 years ago, we have issued millions of pages on the Sabbath. This would have cost thousands of dollars to issue & distribute by the old methods, whereas we have spent little. We have issued millions more on the temperance question, & other millions of pages on morality, &c. We have, as a result, ceased to even ask for money to help do it; but by lectures, writing for the press &c, we have earned the means. Of course we needed more, & could have spent it to good advantage.

The Sabbath question, however, seems to demand some more vigorous action. Even line sold has shown a dim, light Christian disregard for God's Day by use of steam & electricity. We have less evidence than our fathers for want of time. We see, as a result, that the Sabbath was breaking. I wish to ask you if there were to be a select meeting on the Sabbath, such as the prayer of the Y.M.C.A. some time when you were in this City.

THE HISTORY OF A LITTLE GIRL'S LEGACY.

A little girl came with her mother, asking to be received into the communion of the Church. She was but seven years old, and the Session were not disposed to receive her on account of her age, though she had answered more satisfactorily the questions asked than many adults. She was asked, "Don't you think you had better wait awhile?" But she said, "The Pastor said last Sabbath the Lord's Supper was for those who love and obey Him, and I am sure I love Him, and am trying to obey." The Pastor asked if she had been coming to Church, to which she replied, "Mamma and I come at night. We are poor, and our clothes are not good enough to come in the daytime." After some deliberation she was received by the Session. This little FANNIE SMITH, of Mervine street, Philadelphia, was a delicate child, and in September of that year, her Pastor, REV. Dr. S. A. MURCHMORE, was sent for and found her dying. After a brief interview and prayer, she asked her mother for her money (all the savings of her short life-time), amounting to $4.91. This she placed in a box in which was the last powder of her medicine, saying, "I shall not want any more medicine;" and then turning to her Pastor with a look of loving confidence, and taking his hand, and thinking, in her childish simplicity, that this money was enough, she said, "I want you to take this money and build a Church with it for poor people like us." "Now," said she, "promise me; so that I shall know, when I am in heaven, that it is done." In the presence of the weeping ones around her the promise was made, and she died trustingly.

The matter was delayed, but at length, a place having been selected, a frame building, holding four hundred persons, was erected, and on the first Sabbath in June, 1879, it was dedicated without debt. The Sabbath-school has increased from forty-five present the first day to over three hundred. Over one hundred persons have united with the Church, and the frame building has been replaced by a large stone Church, to hold over two thousand persons. It is to be a free Church, supported by voluntary contributions.

Would it be agreeable to you to be with us?

Address: P.O. Box 1806, Phila., Pa.

Geo. May Powell
The Collegiate Free Church,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The accompanying "History of a Little Girl’s Legacy" is one of thrilling interest. The promise given to the child has been in a measure fulfilled; but the work is delayed for want of money. It is now the purpose of friends of the Mission to give a series of entertainments to aid in raising the funds needed. Prof. Geo. May Powell will give the first of this series. This will be his well-known "ORIENTAL RECEPTION." It will be given at the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Broad Street between Spruce and Pine, Rev. T. W. J. Wylie, D.D., Pastor, Tuesday evening.

See programme herewith.

We take the liberty of enclosing you a few tickets, presuming it will be a pleasure to you to aid in so worthy an object. A collector will call on you to-morrow.

WM. W. WALLACE,
Treasurer of Committee,
1510 Chestnut Street.

Note.—Do not forget when providing for yourself, to purchase some tickets for your Pastor and such other friends as would enjoy the reception and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

PROGRAMME.

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ADMISSION, FIFTY CENTS.
January 10, 1862.

My dear Sir:

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, with enclosure, in behalf of A. H. Gilmore Esq., which will have due consideration.

Yours, very respectfully,

[Signature]

Secretary.

General O.O. Howard, M.A.
West Point, N.Y.
Eugene, Ore.
June 11, 1882

Answered by this same Jun 30, 1882.

Dear Mr. [Name]

I am very anxious that our son [Name] should become a...
decided Christians. It perhaps would not be wise to mention that I had written to you, but will you not personally labor for his conversions? This is very reticent of his feelings, but I most earnestly desire that he may soon be a good soldier of Christ.

May your subsequent greatly blessed in the important position you occupy.

I met yourself and family on the Steamer in 187[4]. Please remember me kindly to Miss Howard.

Yours truly,

Mrs E. P. Gerry.
War Department,
Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., January 11, 1882

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard
U. S. Army
West Point, N. Y.

General:

I am directed by the Quartermaster General to inform you that, in compliance with instructions from the Honorable Secretary of War, the formal charge of &dollar;60, noted against you on the books of this Office, on account of certain purchases made by Major Dundy of articles not considered proper charges against the appropriations of the War's Dept., has been settled.

Very respectfully,

J. B. Holabird
Ass't Quartermaster.
My Dear General:

Please sign the enclosed Power of Attorney, have it witnessed and return it to me at your early convenience. Your stock has been issued in your [illegible] name, and are in the hands of the Cashier as collateral security for the loan of $1000. But they could not be sold by the bank, if occasion should arise at any future time, without this Power of Attorney, which is always customary to give. I forgot it when you were here.

Yours truly,

E. S. Turner

[Handwritten signatures]
Baltimore, Jan. 12th, 1882.

My dear Sir:

I wrote to PresidentArthur from New York on Tuesday morning most heartily recommending "already" your name for the vacancy in the cadets. I saw Bishop McKinley, in Phila. and he will send $100 - worth of Prayer Books, and enough there besides for the use of the Chapel at his own expense.

I did not notice if there were any book-racks on the shelves of the parlor. If they could be put aside, not only do they suggest the use of the books to the cadets but provide the books from ill-treatment.
Could you have a label printed to be pasted in these books; e.g.
The Property of the Chapel.
W. S. M. A.
West Point.
N. Y.

I spent most of Tuesday looking up maps for my lectures in History with not little success. I want to throw myself into these lectures soon see how a great deal of Scripture truth can be taught through them.

I found your letter and order of leave of absence here. Many thanks.

I see that my work must be one of great fault. Seek frequent continual prayer. Pray for me in your closet and at your family altar. "There is a great door opened unto good effectual, there are many adversaries."

Your brother in Christ.

W. W. Polettiwame.
Vancouver Jan 12th 1882

Dear General,

Your kind letter of Dec 29th received this evening. I received 20 more from Harris to day. Agas does not help him at all in the payments. My reason for wanting the P.M. appointment are as follows. My time is so completely occupied by the V.T. Co. that there is no opportunity to look out for my private interests during the day and I am so tired at night I cannot give intelligent and vigorous attention to anything. It would seem singularly if I should leave Mr. Kamm and take a position on any other steamboat line and even if I did, it would curtail my freedom and make me more of a machine than I am at present. The salary of a Paymaster is seventy-five dollars a month more than any steamboat captain get on this river. The business is not elevating i.e. a man cannot acquire the knowledge that big business without neglecting his business somewhat, particularly
if it be extravagant, I desire to see more of the United States as I never have been south of the 45th parallel of latitude. North of the 49-20, or East of 118° west from Greenwich. Gracie does not like life on the side of the Army as we are situated. I do not think an increase of my salary would have been a favor if I had not made this attempt to better myself.

I often feel that I shall not like Army life and if I thought it would spoil me for any thing else, I would not try to enter.

I have been taking an inventory of my real estate, personal property, etc. and find that I can realize at least $3500 after paying all my debts—exclusion of Gracie’s wedding presents and household goods.

$20 enclosed please find 20—currency—times last payment. Will try to write more Sunday.

Very truly yours,

James Thiry

To Geil. O.O. Howard.

West Point

Jan. 10, 1848

[Stamp: JAN 10 1848]
New York Jan 12th 1882

Gent O. D. Howard

West Point

Dear Sir,

I have collected of Seamen's Saneige Bank $500 on your check to balance amount deposited for you last month in Leavenworth Nat. Bank, and also $3.95 interest due from former Bank, as they wished to square the account. We enclose Cash to cover the sum.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Samuel C. James
So. Braintree, Jan 12, 1862.
The Negatives came safely last night & Stiles saw them as a fine picture. Your note also by mail is received.

Much obliged.
Very truly yours,

J. B. Sewall.
My dear General,

I acknowledge with many thanks your kind compliment with my request and the very complimentary letter for my friend. I feel sure that he will not disappoint me, if he gets an opportunity to render the field he has chosen.

With kind regards to you all

Very sincerely yours,

F.B. Gilman

Capt. O.O. Howard
West Point
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Washington, D. C., Jan. 13, 1882

Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

You must not think we have forgotten you, because those deeds have not come on for you to sign. I have followed Dr. Resbrey up, and think we shall have them in a day or two. Now, Dr. T— has been very slow in the matter, but will get around eventually. My father is still in New York, but expect him back tomorrow.

Very truly,

Frank P. Smith.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Jan. 13. 1882

Answered by the same
Jan. 16/82

Brooklyn, Jan. 13th 82.

Gent. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

The object of this communication is to thank you for the very pleasant response to a previous communication asking your personal presence to an occasion created for the benefit of an institution which has taken your name many years ago.

I am requested to make a statement in behalf of the Asylum on some Friday evening during the subregent.
in Mr. Stone Church
months, and if it was
expected by the Treasurer
of the Church of the Pilgrims
Mr. Knight-Johnson 38
Sydney Place, that we
did make occasional visits
to the Friday night prayer-
meetings. Sometimes when
passing through the city,
he thought of the statement
could be made on some
evening when you could
be present and speak a
word in favor of our good
work that it may be of a
vast benefit to the further
ance of our cause, especially
in a pecuniary point of
view. We are in great need
of and trying hard to create
a fund for a new building
and while aware of your
ardent duties, felt the
liberty to ask, and feel
secure if possible you
would endeavor to do
anything to aid our cause.

Can the general inform
us if there is any Friday eve.
in February when you were
coming to the city and
can get with us at the church
to which attention is made.

Please pardon intimation
upon your business time
and accept for God and
Colored Orphans,
W. T. Johnson

Supt.

Trinity Building No. 21
near Troy Ave. 7
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701, Herkimer St.
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NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Cornwall NY 1/13 1882  
Jan 13

Received at

To: Genl. Howard

WILL NOT BE HOME TILL MORNING

James Howard
Most honored General!

Enclosed letter has just reached me. From Gen's Grant I have no reply as yet.
May God incline his heart to get me away from this miserable and low outfit here.

With expressions of my highest esteem, remain

Your

thankful, devoted servant

Ottovon Frutsch
Hermosillo, Mex
Jan 13, 1882.