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Newburgh, N. Y., Dec. 19th 1882.

Genl. O. C. Howard

My Dear General:

Yours of 16th with enclosed draft for \$400. is at hand. Please sign the two checks, herewith inclosed, and I will collect the Daily Dividends, apply so much as may be necessary to the interest account and remit the balance to you. The Jan^y. dividends will be available about Jan 10th, when I will have them sent to you. Also, please send the shares which you wish transferred to St. Guy Howard to me, first filling and executing the Power of Atty on the back of each certificate, appointing me your Atty for this purpose, and I will effect the transfer.

With sincere regard, I am

Yours truly
E. S. Turner

Chas. H. Smith

Dec 19. 1882

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Dec 19. 1882.

Dear Gen. Howard:

Never perhaps was I more agreeably surprised, than when on last Saturday, I received your letter, for I had really given you up.

I am indeed deeply grateful General, for the photograph (which you term "poor", but I "beautiful"). My fondest wish is at last realized. I am sure I shall ever have occasion to remember your kindness.

And then for the many kind words expressed in your letter, I beg also to thank you.

You will notice that I have changed from the Telegraph Company into the publishing business. Though I had been for over 5 years in the Western Union, I soon saw that with so much capital in front of a young man there was not a great deal of advancement,

and the position of private secretary to Mr Henry Holt and stenographer to this house being offered me, I readily, and with thanks, accepted it. I feel sure I shall do much better here.

In my first letter (that of Sept 11th) to you I enclosed two news paper comments on my collection one from the "N.Y. Tribune", and the other from the "London Daily News", and which I notice you omit to enclose to me. If you can, without much trouble, find these, will you kindly return them to me at a leisure moment? I trouble you about this, for the fact that the two clippings I sent you were the only ones I had, and it is impossible to obtain any more, and I am confident you will therefore appreciate my desires in that behalf.

And now, General, with my best wishes and compliments of the season, and with a renewal of my grateful thanks for your

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munificence,

believe me,

as I shall ever have cause to be,

Your grateful young friend,

Edward W. Bok

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Bok, E. W.

New York
Dec 19. 1882

Received by the
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Something again for other.
I shall spend most of
my vacation with her,
going to Boston for a few
days next week.

My success at Blairsville
has ^{been} very marked, and
Mr Ewing has said a great
deal to Mamma in my
praise, still it is rather
too much of a small
country town to suit me
for any length of time and
I am now, looking forward
to June for my "release from
quarters".

I have heard nothing from
Grace, but I suppose
her domestic duties
require all her time.

My address until
June 10th, 1883.
Blairsville Pa.

Plainfield N.J.
Dec 19th, 1882.

My dear General.

Your very kind
letter of the 12th inst reached
me day before yesterday -
following me from
Blairsville.

I am only sorry
that I had started
on my Christmas vacation
before it reached me, for
nothing would have given

me more pleasure than
to have spent it with you.

But I had already reached
New York and it was too
late to go so far back -
Nothing could have given
me more supreme delight
than going to Omaha.

I am crazy to go West
and could have met
the Boys en route, and
given them a sisterly care
on the journey -

Tell Mrs Howard for
me that I count this
as one of my best opportu-
nities lost, and shall

always regret my inability
to accept her kind offer.

Also that I shall take back
to Blairsville, her tea cups
to paint between now
and June - I had hoped
to have them ready for
a Christmas present, but
School duties have kept
me so exceedingly busy
that I have done very
little outside work.

Mamma is now in
Brooklyn - has accepted
temporarily the position
as Superintendent of the
Training School for Nurses -
She is perfectly well and
quite happy in doing

Much love to Mrs Howard, and Bessie and Bridget
to the Boy. I should
say your sentiments
I suppose.

and attention - Will she
come and visit you
this Summer?

I am having a new riding
habit made in anticipation
of some future ride avec
vous, mon cher Général,
et j'espère que - quoiqu'vous
soyez si loin de moi, que
vous n'oubliez pas votre
petite, amie dévouée

Avec les plus sincères
regrets - et mille remerciements
pour votre bonté

Je reste toujours -
votre
M. Gertrude Smith.

Mon cœur est toujours seulement à vous -

My dear Mother
I have been thinking of writing
to you for some time but have
been so busy that I could not
find time. I am now in the
city and am very well. I hope
to see you soon. I am
very affectionately
yours
John

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Cheyenne Depot
Wyoming Territory
December 19. 1882.

Major General O. O. Howard.

Dear General.

You will please pardon me, for the liberty I take in writing you occasionally in regard to the work committed to my hands. Knowing as I do, what a deep interest you take in the religious welfare of your officers and men, I am the more disposed to venture a few words in this direction. I found my work here, more difficult to prosecute to a satisfactory result, because of the seeming indifference of our excellent Commander, to religious things. He is quite interested in the schools, and this is good, as far as it goes. The first time I preached here at Fort Russell, I had a few officers & their families, and five enlisted men present. A little improvement the day you were here, which was the third service I had held. The Congregation has steadily increased up to this time. Last night we had not enough seats in the Chapel; and after all the chairs

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were brought from the Library room, and other
rooms in the building, many were compelled
to stand up through the services. I shall have
to ask the Quartermaster to furnish us more seats.
For a time, the "hop" commanded the largest
crowd - It is right smart work for a
minister to compete with a horse race, or
a hop, for numbers in attendance. But,
general, I believe we have the best of it now.
Our Sunday School is also increasing in number
and interest. I am troubled to get teachers, but
we will make it go. On Wednesday evenings, I
either have a "Service of Song" for the men,
or deliver a lecture on some popular
subject, to instruct, please and interest
the soldiers. We have about 10 officers children
for a morning school - about 20 children of
Landresses and others about the camp, for an
afternoon school - about 30 enlisted men,
for a school at night. I am trying to do my
whole duty. Most of the officers & their families are
Episcopalians, here at "Camp Carlin" & at the Fort.
As a rule, this "order" are hard slate to make an
impression on. They are content with Ceremony. If you
have an Episcopalian down there, perhaps you could
make a good bargain by "swapping" us in the spring.
Nil desperandum, Christo duce.

With every sentiment of esteem, I am,
Dear Sir, Your most obedient servant. S. W. Merrill. Mrs. A.

Sheridan, Genl. V. H.

Chicago, Ill.
Dec. 20. 1882

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Chgo.
Dec 20th 1882

My dear General.

I have your letter
of Dec 18th. I have no objection
to your forwarding plans
& estimates for the erection
of buildings for the accommodation
of Dept Genl & Quarters at
Omaha. but I since found
that you had disapproved
I am of the opinion
that it is not wise

and it certainly is
not economy for the
Government to do so.

The additional expense
to the Government attending
this plan, adopted
at Fort Snelling, and at
San Antonio has as
little to do with
this question
as to me.

I am my dear friend
yours truly.
P. H. Johnson

Lieut. A. O. Hornsby

March 21st

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OFFICE HOURS:
8 a. m. to 4 p. m.
6 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Philadelphia, Dec 21 1882

Genl O. O. Howard. U. S. A
Commanding Dept of the Platte
Omaha Nebraska.

My dear General

I received from Boston the
copies of your picture for my book, please
accept my thanks for them, am very
much pleased with them.

A few days ago an article appeared in one
of our papers comparing the Charge of our
troops on Mary's Heights at Fredericksburg
with the Charge of Pickett at Gettysburg,
in which no mention was made of your Division
merely stating that French first made the attack
was driven back, and then Hancock charged,
a portion of his Division remaining on the
field holding their position, and then pictured
in glowing terms Humphreys Charge. I
replied to the article stating that it was

H. C. WARD.

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Howards Division that charged after Hancock
was driven from the field and that it was
Curran Brigade that held their position, if
they publish my letter I will send you
copy for you to see how far I am correct
I would like from you one or two points
first, was not Hancock's entire Division
withdrawn before you advanced your
Division in other words did you not really
begin and win the fight with the Charge of
Curran Brigade, no other troops being on the
field that time.

2d. were there two other attempts made to
capture the works after our Brigade gained
their position and before Humphreys charged
if so were they the other two Brigades of
your Division? if not were there two
Brigades engaged there at that time?

If when you have a little leisure you will

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Answer these questions you will greatly
aid me in settling a disputed question.
Such other points that you may feel disposed
to give will be most thankfully received and
used to good advantage in my little volume
and I would like a brief sketch of your
services date of birth, place, &c.

Hoping I am not giving you too much
trouble and that you will consider what
great benefit it will be to me.

I remain my dear General

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. C. Ward
Sept 19th 1881

J. R. C. Ward.

Phila. Dec. 21. 1882.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

382 Lawrence Street,

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 22 1882

May. Gen. O. O. Howard
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir

Next month (January)
is the time for the Anniversary of
our Association. Is there
any prospect of your coming out
this way during that month or even
in February?

Knowing your kindly feeling
towards this work we should be
glad to have an address from you
at the Anniversary and would fix
the date to suit your convenience if
you would consent to deliver one.

Our work has met with much
encouragement during the past year
under the blessing of God.

An Early reply will greatly oblige.

Yrs. Very Respectfully G. C. Huntington Sec'y

Huntington, G.C.

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DENVER, COLO., Dec. 22 1882

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The next meeting of the
B. L. C., occurs at the residence
of Mr. & Mrs. A. Shelton, West
Dodge St.

Mrs. Wm. R. Jarvis
Seath.

For



NOTHING



Gen'l

ard,

City.

Dear Sir, ^{Winston La, Dec 23rd 82}
We send you 2
Papers tonight and
will send you complete
report of the New England
Society soon as we
can get them out
To Genl O. P. Howard send
Andg Dept of the ^{Flat} Omaha sub

will return
monday



NOTHING BUT THE

Gen'l C. J. Ward
Omaha
Neb

Letter a copy of my Book, which I hope
you will accept as a humble New Year
gift, cannot be sure to let me know if
you like it, I sent one to Major Byrne
he was very much pleased with it.

The Railroad
is very near completed, the Manager says
trains will be running in a month.

Does General Wilcox live
near you or his family, I do not know his
wife, he was not married when he boarded
with us, if so will you please give him
my respects, If any of my Boys are with
you, give them Love, they have my Bly-
ing, as well as your self, I hope General you
will forgive me for sending you a letter
so long you had to get a furlough to
read it, May God of his infinite Mercy
bless and keep you Is the Prayer of your
humble friend

Maria L. Stewart

Brookside Highland Falls
Dec 24th 1882

General Honored

Dear Sir

I Enclosed too you today
a grammar to your request, a copy of my Book
hope you will be pleased with it and
let me know how you like it There are
some blunders in it, which you must pardon
I corrected them with a pen,

Last week, my son
had his Father's remains removed to the
new Plot which you so kindly gave me

Dear General may the fear
be very remote for the floor of your
Machpelah shall grate on its hinges

General
I kept my promise I made to you, to take
my Bible Clays to the Library, General
Merritt, sent an order, to Mr Phillips
to give me a suitable place for my Clays

I sent word to Mr. Chubbick, that I would come, he was so delighted seemingly he sent me a letter telling me what he would do, I should have the room in which you held your Bible Class. The next Sabbath I went, & when do you think I found myself & my Boys I will tell you in the Lock-Loft of the Chapel as the Cudts call that part of the building, I never felt so mean in my life, after shewing the letter he sent me, to the Cudts Mr. Chubbick told me that was to Mary Brooks Lyman about, to have the school there, I am not going to stay there if I live, I will not stay there I will give up the work first.

Jan 1st 1883

A Happy New Year family have escaped, bad colds, I hope your too General Howard & his family with Mary going to a new home, will be for God's ¹⁰ General, & the Returns Department made much better for your bearing gone then.

The next Sabbath, being stormy, I did not go up to Sabbath School, Mr. Chubbick

took my Class divided it up, and made two others, with a few he got to come, of Cudts. When I came, there was none for me, I tell you General, it did not take me long to give the Strippling a piece of mind, he took it in high dudgeon, I replied, I had asked God, to remove barriers out of my way and I would do it again, but I have my Boys the best of them, back again I have never heard the Chaplain speak yet, he gave me a very cordial invitation, to take a seat in his Gen.

You will see General my letter how two dates I began last year to write had to finish this year, both of my Daughters have been sick, Minnie is better, my youngest is still with a very severe cold,

I hope General, you and your family have escaped, bad colds, I hope your too General Howard & his family with Mary going to a new home, will be for God's ¹⁰ General, & the Returns Department made much better for your bearing gone then.

Agreeable to your request I send with

THE
CITIZEN'S ♦ SAVINGS ♦ BANK.

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Sedgewick City, Kansas Dec 25 1884.

Dear Cousin

Nothing would
give us greater pleasure than to
be able to accept of your very
kind invitation, but as Gracie's
school commences on the 3^d of Jan'y
we are compelled to forego that
pleasure for a time.

Thanking you
for remembering us so kindly and
trusting we shall have the pleasure
before many months of meeting you
and yours Sincerely

With kind regards and
wishing you all a "Happy New Year"

Your Affectionate Cousin
J. R. Hazard

T. R. Hazard.

Sedgewick Kansas
Dec. 25. 1882.

Nov. 24. 1882.

go into it any deeper than he is now. Land
alongside is selling at \$100. to \$300. & runs \$500.
a lot, & much of the land is taken con-
ditionally. The farmers are only too glad to
accept the opportunity of making \$50,000.00
(as in one case)
& are given whatever price they ask for
their land. Everything is fair and square
about the matter. James was offered the
"opportunity to make something" by a man in
St. John's one day, & refused feeling too
poor to buy ^{the} land offered. Mr. Banks happened
to talk with him the next day & offered to
go into the investment with him, manage all
the business part of it - as for instance, to
divide it into lots & sell to persons wishing
homes near Portland or East Portland
or anyone who would take small lots of land,
from that beginning the affair has grown
more & more, & now promises very well indeed.
Everyone calls it a safe investment just
now to buy land any where. Even here the land
"boom" is very great. We could sell the lots
we bought of Mr. Brown already at a good

Vancouver N.Y.

Dec 25. 1882.

Dear Papa,

I wish you & Mamma,
Guy, Harry and Bessie a Merry
Christmas - and hope you will all
have a very happy New Year.
We think and talk constantly of you
all, and long to see you. It had
been on my mind for some weeks to write
to you particularly, and so, as I did not
find opportunity to do so, I also neglected
my letter writing altogether. & thought I
have so many to write that I must write
fast. A wedding present for Lizzie
Lewis (Mrs. Ford) took all my time &
attention for several weeks, & resulted
in complete exhaustion & enforced
rest. Now I am better & today enjoyed
making the day a pleasant one for our

little girls. We were restricted to buying
very few presents, & as I was unable to
go to town or work much the last few
weeks we did not select any presents
or cards for any of our friends. Next year
we hope to be able to do a great deal,
if we are careful just now: and now
to the point or points. First, Col. Baker
said "You could come out here if you wished"
being Senior Brigadier General. If true, do
you wish to do so? For some reasons it
seems to me it would be a very grand thing.
James is interested in a land speculation
that if it proves successful will bring to
him many thousands - twenty at least &
possibly more. If it fails completely he
will not be in debt - and probably will in
any case double the money invested. He &
three others own land near St. Johns (there
are Mr. Banks (who is enthusiastic) Mr.
and quite successful

Byron Daniels & one other) there there are
several "pools" as they are called, many
men like Midley & Whitney having put their
money together to invest in land adjoining
the first track, until combined the
corporations own about all available
land ~~west~~ of Albion & around St.
Johns. There are plenty of capitalists ready
to take the land now, but the plan is to
sell it altogether. Mr. Banks is a great
man to manage the business and he
is off tomorrow to San Francisco with
Mr. Evans (an architect who has wealthy
relations in S.F.) to interest capitalists
there in "more land". James is at a meeting
down town tonight in connection with this. I
do not write of course as understandingly
as he would but I believe you will get some
idea of how matters stand. Of course James
has had to borrow money to invest, but Mr.
Kammala has loaned him it at "10% if he succeeds
& 8% if he fails" and made him promise not to

believe any of the reports for a long time. But
you may know or be able to explain away
the seeming hypocrisy. As invariably be-
came so intricately ^{occasional} on trips to Portland that
James had to give him a room, & look out for
him. Everyone knew of it finally & most of
the garrison people called him a hypocrite.
Gul. Morrow got him sent off on a trip to see if it
would help him - Now he is at Forest Grove,
where our liquor is allowed to be sold, & I hope
he is going to do well. He looks badly now -
languid, & poor Mrs. Pierce is broken down
by Oliver's sickness. There is no mistake about
his drinking, & he failed ^{evening} ~~one day~~ to get to the
boat (passing the Salmons) so Mrs. Pierce got off
& returned home. This is the dark side. One young
Officer says, if he had come from West Point
to this garrison in the first place as it now
is, he would have been ruined. He may
already have seen you & said as much, ~~at~~
Dymona - A few of the ladies are very nice
Mrs. Taylor - Mrs. Schwalke - Mrs. Patherne
and Mrs. Morrow (of course) are delightful
company & real ladies. I see little of them
however - Mrs. Schwatka came today - asking
if she might call on "Mass day," & Bessie & I

price in advance of what we paid. Now
if this succeeds James will have a
capital to start something, and the
trip growing up could not be in a better
country to make money. It is a different
place now from what it was when they
wanted to go into business. You would be sur-
prised to see the changes & proposed changes.
Albion will rival Portland in size,
and its being the terminus of the N.P.
will bring business there, & furnish em-
ployment for great numbers. Many
clerks, in ^{formerly} Portland now have started in
business in ^{Albion} ~~Portland~~ for themselves. The fact
it is the "new country" again in which for-
tunes are to be "made in a day." Of course
we must not "count chickens before they are
hatched" - but already there is talk of starting
a Bank here in Vancouver, & James has been
asked what he intended to do next year -
as if he were ~~to be~~ one of the few wanted
and trusted in such a business - I am a
sort of "silent partner" but am allowed to
write to you as freely as I choose. James
asks my advice, & often I know nothing of

such questions & wish you were here to
talk with and advise me. Dr. Herzmann
said he might possibly go to Omaha
though his people took him to Kansas
City. He would like to see Fanny Mason.
Olive Pierce has the same trouble, & is
unable to walk. It is very sad! It might
have been our Berrie, & I am very thank-
ful we are so blessed with health &
strength. Dr. Herzmann said it would
be much better for you & Mamma & the
children here than in Omaha, as far as
the climate is concerned. He said the winter
was bad at Omaha. We have had no rain
& amount to anything yet. No snow or
cold another, & flowers are in bloom
everywhere! It was a beautiful day
today, & yesterday also was clear. We
look for colder weather soon as the wind
is east now. All officers & citizens who were
here with you & saw the soldiers wish
for your return. We no doubt a petition
would be universally signed now. "Blessings
brighten as they take their flight." I am stopped
at every corner or store or doorway, by

people with queries, hopes, rumors,
inquiries, from Mrs. Jaffy to "Officers in
authority." Col. Baker is a funny man -
First he behaved pretty well, then nearly
died of drinking, reformed for a few weeks
& is no worse than ever. He is very nice when
sober, & seemed greatly struck by the
whole Gray family, until now James ^{has} had
to tell him plainly "he couldn't stand
any more nonsense from him." He kept
the boat ten minutes, sent Magnin
to say "go ahead" then countermanded his
order. Then appeared in the dock &
called the boat back - then waved it off
again so he changed his mind. The
saloon between his home & the wharf
proved too much for him. The Greene's you
know, ~~Stuart~~ ^{Coff} Patterson, ^{the} Baldwin, ^{the} Williams, Elton
head, Brewster, Stone are all of the same
opinion as regards the disgrace of Col. Baker's
behaviors, but do not hesitate to drink more or
less, & have most of them been seen under the
influence of liquor after a party in town.
One of the saddest things of all is about an
old friend, Captain Pierce. He did not write you or

seems" with day well if at all. I
have been somewhat lonely lately, &
so thinking of you all a good deal.
Genl. & Mrs. Morris, the Whitneys,
Pierces, Blakes, Greens, & many others
especially Bishop Morris who called
last Sunday asked to be remembered
to you. Bishop Morris said "tell your
father I should be glad to see him but
I am whether in an official capacity
or in any other way -" Give my
love to the Gladstones and Mascons.
James gives me in love -

Your loving daughter,
Grace E. H. Gray -

walked home with her. We went in to rest & examine
our faces ^{coll} from the east wind) & saw Mr. Schwalla.
He is a graduate of some medical College, & we
discussed homeopathy. He believes in this
physicians but not in the school, for he says
they do not practice homeopathy at all - I think
he would put up a sign as a homeopathist
but practice "properly" & so make money.
unless he were a noted physician & could
afford to rely on his reputation. What will
be the result if you are only allowed one aide?
Will you ~~little~~ Guy join his Company? &
what is Mr. Wood going to do after his
leave expires? Will he practice law & leave
the Army? I received a pretty plaster cast
from him, ^{a copy} of a baby's laughing face that is
in the Louvre. Miss Couch brought it &
Emma Lewis sent it over to me. Bessie says
when it is near "Bessie don't like the baby".
& Mary laughed & talks to it on the wall. She
is really very cunning - not a year old yet, &
stands alone, & says several words & imitates
Bessie in every sound she makes. She has
a temper of her own, & "screams" loud sometimes.
He walked just now & had to be taken up. I am alone
as I let Maggie go to a party. I have her still.

She will only stay until spring, I believe, as she wishes to remain at home a while then. Bessie is a trial to Maggie's temper often, & is almost too big for her to manage. I have to be near at hand often, to act as oil in the troubled waters. I suppose no other nurse girl would be very ~~young~~ patient, but I cannot get along alone with a Chinaman, ~~and~~ one girl cannot do all the work & washing - so it would not save our two dollars a month to keep only one ^{girl} & put out the washing. I am tired of housekeeping. If I could do everything myself - I suppose I should feel satisfied, but I have yet to find the ideal Chinaman or girl. If you do not come West, probably we can go to visit you next year. I want you to see the babies before they cease to be such. By the gloomy aspect of the war put upon affairs here you will see that your return might be beneficial. The soldiers say - Genl. Miles never looks at any of us he gives his orders to the officers, & doesn't care about us. Genl. Howard did care, & if a fellow was in trouble he would go to Genl. Howard.

James comes in & reading my letter, says "Why do you say that?" & "are you trying to persuade him to come out here?" He seems amused, but I don't care, you will excuse my rambling style & understand that I write as thoughts come into my mind. Does Mamma want "Our Continent" returned to her. Some numbers are missing I thought I would write ^{to the publishers} for them, if she did not care to keep the numbers & have them bound. Was Charney very sick once? & you did not tell me? If so what was the trouble. To be all right now? I had a letter from Yolumnie that was characteristic. I am glad that Charney's upset in the sleigh was not a damaging one - for my love to all. I hope to hear from my son & Mamma always. I owe Bessie & Harry letters & will write to them. Shall I always have more on hand than six women could accomplish? Not very grand work either - only each duty or plan as it suggests itself.

Gen. Gibbon considered himself
fortunate in his station for
he it suits him better than
Texas. If I can do anything
for you while here near
Washington let me know
to this address. I will be here
ten days. Capt. Daniel
said to me at my mother's the
last evening that if it suited
the present efficiencies and
your views he would be glad
to drop temporarily at Omaha
and if so would take his
family with him. He asked
me if I would object to sending
his ~~to~~ ^{desires} ahead of him and
I replied no, but at the time
I spoke of his first joining, there
had been no openings but McKinney
& Thornburgh. This is the general
gist of what he wished and as I
saw no good reason for refusing
but considered you would prefer to
have the matter presented and your
decision settled on before he arrived
I have accordingly written.
Believe me dear General with
kindest regards to your family

Miss Annas Gurneys your Obedient Son
Tell Gung I want to know when he comes east.

Levi Wood
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89 Saxaloga St.
(Baltimore Md)
Dec. 25. 1882

My dear General.
Our thoughts have
been with you this
Christmas day and we
have wished you ~~all~~ ^{all} true
happiness and good cheer.

I am sure you ~~will~~ at
Omaha must have had
a happy Christmas together
and have felt the day a
pleasure even in the thoughts
of the absent ones. For they
are all well.

Mrs Wood and I longed for
our own roof tree, but I
saw today a very impressive
dinner down stairs.

Three tables in two long
rooms. Dr Alan Smith
the only surviving son
presiding. His old mother
at his right hand and
her descendants to the
third generation ranged
down the board - 32 in
number. Erskine is one
of the youngest great-grand
children and came very
far down the line where
with their nurses the
youngsters made Christmas
merry enough. There remains
of blood relations ^{in a} ~~in a~~ way
^{to the older folk} sad, for there has never
been an anniversary without
^{some} ~~the~~ death to mark the lapse
of time.

I was at my mother's
yesterday. It is probably
her last Christmas under

the old roof. She had three
sons left with her today.
One of these goes to California
in Feb. to seek for fortune.
Another to Chicago or further
west in the Spring and the
3^d is balancing between
Balt. Electric light &
Mexican railways. The farm
must be sold. So my
Christmas has made me
shake off a little more
boyishness and feel a little
older. I saw Col. & Mrs.
Rucker on the train day before
yesterday. They were from
St Paul. (Swelling) asked
after you and all of you,
much after Grace, but I had
little to tell them of her I am
sorry to say for I haven't heard
very lately. She knew already
about all the items of information
I had to offer. Col. Rucker says

in a 17 year old boys plume.
Give my love to all the family
to Mrs Howard especially -
Miss Bess for me & wish
every one a happy, bright

P.S.

Sincerely Yours

E. St. J. Erble.

Dec. 26 1882.

Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

To Gen. O. O. Howard.

Com'd'g. Dept. Platte.

Dec. 26. 1882

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My dear General,

Your picture
came in this morning's
mail and I am very
much obliged for it. My
plunder from Washington
has not yet come so you
Charley Grayson & Mrs. Helme
are the only home people
who at present adorn my
quarters. Mr. Treat who
was here on Friday & Saturday
told me about you, Mrs. Howard
& the family. Sometimes
when I'm feeling rich &
can get a leave I hope
to find ^{out} about that family

myself. Leavenworth is
very delightful. This year
I'm not in the Kinder
Garden & have time enough
to know the people & study
just the things I want.
Shorthand & French are
all at present. Clara has
been quite ill, she was
with the Browsers for 4
mos in N. Y. but at present
is with the family in
New Haven. I am delighted
with the change of her quarters
& hope she will be strong
enough to come to me
next Summer. Grandfather
Ebble still remains strong
& active. He writes once
a week when he don't

forget. His last letter
spoke about Uncle Ned, who
still gains health & strength
in Germany & Switzerland.
Pa & I expect to make
the European trip, as soon
as my detail here is over.
It is something very
pleasant to look forward
to, especially going with
Grandfather who has a
mighty good idea of what
to see & how to see it.
Little Fanny Leach has been
so sick that nurses were
with her all the time, I have
not heard how she is now
but am worried about her.
John or Ebble, is a fine
boy of rather a mechanical
turn of mind. He goes to the
University & is interested

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