Monday Night, 8.30 P.M.
April 1st, 1883

Dear Papa:

I am just getting ready to retire for the night but I thought that I would write a short note to you. I have been reading about the Naval Academy tonight. I picked up a catalogue of the Academy and that is how I happened to be reading about it tonight. Have you received any letters from the Seagull? One from the Pres? I know that you have received letters from them but whether they are definite or not I don't know. Would you advise me to take a regular course of study to prepare myself or not to take the same lessons I have and continue them? What does the Seagull say about me in his letters? Do they encourage me? And the Pres? Does his seem...? I am trying for the holiday which is given every month to those boys who have a rank of 6 or above out of a
perpetuation of men.

Changanka has gone to N.Y. City
to see Dr. Knapp (?I am not sure who)
the oculist the other day he drove my
to W. Point to see Dr. Alexander who told
him not to go to any Dr. but to a
reliable oculist. We went down
this noon and will come back during
some time tomorrow morning. His being
away there was no recitation in Algebra.
Would you advise me to take up Spelling,
English grammar, or Arithmetic?

Phil Peck is taking a special course
preparatory for the Naval Academy. I
could go into his classes if you thought
best but of course it remains with
you to decide. I am studying harder
than ever before but still Changanka says
"you don't study" a favorite expression
of Mr. Cobb. With love I remain your
affectionate son who is trying
to be & do good, Johnnie....

P.S. I received a letter from Mamma and
Changanka's letter from Mamma is here but
C. is in N.Y. City.
Dear Father,

Will you see if the arithmetic which Harry used at Prof. Brandeis (West Point) is at home and if it is in two Vol. 1.8 please send me Vol. I. I have finished my Latin book and am reviewing it.

Love to all, I remain your son John.

[Apr. 1883]
Genl. 0. Howard

Fort Omaha, Nebraska

[Handwritten text]

I just arrived in Washington and had to pack up quickly. Good luck to you. I am well known by you. I will be kind enough to write someday to me to get home. Goodbye. If you see Mrs. Ross and J.A. Walker, it has been 18 years since you and I have seen anyone. Please come down or send my regards to Samuel Smith. I am in place to stay. You need a rest.
Melfort, Saskatchewan, April 2nd 1883

Sir C. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Your terms are higher than I expected and really too high for our small village, but I want to hear you speak and you have a large number of army friends that are bound to any way so we have concluded to get you to come please answer as soon as convenient when it will suit you to come. I would by the arrival of friends August Friday for April 13th if it will suit you. If you have any tickets will you please send them to me by 34th pkg.

Respectfully yours,

P.E. Dismore
Cornwall Heights
Apr. 3rd '83

Gen. O. V. Howard

My dear Sir:

Within 9 returning bills received.
The boy one with us.

Chinny is quite busy with Greek roots.

John always finds some thing to do. This morning he has gone to Newburgh.

With our combined regards,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Mrs. W. Millard

Concerned by the
Seal, April 17th, 1883

Milwaukee, April 4, 1883

Mr. Howard:

My husband has, of late, had but little attention turned to Portland, Oregon, as a place of residence, and we are seeking information concerning it.

I must explain that we are a family of nine people: my husband 52, aged 52, and seven children ranging all the way from 4.
the oldest daughter of 18 yrs. teaching in one of our public schools, down to the babe in arms of five months.

Five sons & two daughters — the three eldest members of the grand Ave. ch. with our selves. What sort of a place is Portland for such a family? My fears are, that we're much rainy creature as they have stood it unhealthy, that there are no eastern people there (we come of good old New England ancestors & find a great many Masseachusetts people here). That we should find such
a great difference in the going
church privileges, schools
so that we should feel home
like discontented
and yet, my husband has
toiled from 6 A.M. to 8 o'clock in the retail gro
up business here 23 years
I laid up nothing, be
have fed & clothed our fam
ily of 4 educated children
for 1 that it all (except
a $3,000.00 life insurance
policy) and if their father
should be disabled his any
crop or taken away, I don't
know what we should do
and be struck competition
is not as great there and there would be a better chance for our five boys.

Still on weigh the matter carefully and all seeking guidance from the Heavenly Father, and if He seems to lead in that direction the path is made plain we shall know that it is best to go and to be contended, chiefly doing our part to sustain the church all good causes. As you have been there a little advice would be most welcome—though really it seems to me like leaving our native land for Japan or Australia to go there.
York, Neb., April 7th, 1883

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Omaha Neb.

We are just in receipt of a dispatch from Comr. Geo. W. Post stating you had accepted our invitation to deliver your thrilling Lecture “The Battle of Gettysburg” in our city under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, April the 13th, 1883 which is very acceptable to us. Let us assure you that we will make an effort to give you a full house of old Comrades. Many of whom fought near and with you in the ever memorable campaign to and around Atlanta and from there to the Sea. Their old scar from Veterans are jubilant over the thought of again meeting their old Comrade, in conclusion
Dear Gent,

Allow us again to assure you, our dear friend, that we shall spare no pains in making your visit a pleasant and happy one. We hope to hear from you soon.

Allow us to subscribe ourselves your

Comrades.

Geo S Newman

John Lett

Let us know if you will meet us from the east or west.
Chicago, April 5, 1873

Chicago

F. O. 

Sheridan, N.Y.

Chicago.

April 5, 1873

My dear Grant howars,

Thank your letter about Captain Chepman's details. I think all appear to General Sherman unless he of no account. I have a specific appeal from him to the House of Representatives. But the Senate is against him, I believe.
The instructions in the case of Capt. Cooney and Capt. McManus at hand must do the Mission a great deal to go also. Need money it would be much harder to get an exception in the case of Capt. Cooney. Please do everything for Capt. Cooney. No remedy.
United States Indian Service,

Sacramento Agency,

Nebraska, April 5th, 1884.

Sir:

Commanding Dept.

Freight, Nebraska.

My Dear Sir:

My telegram through J. W. Raskin of the 3rd inst. was received on the afternoon of the 7th. I would like very much to meet you, as per your request, but find it next to impossible for me to do so at this time. You request an answer, and as I have not been able to reply, I feared that you would delay coming, thinking that I had not received your dispatch. We would not meet you.

Two of my children have been sick, one quite ill, and it would be improper for me to leave home this day. I regret that this should be the case, for it would afford me great pleasure to be able to meet you.

If there should be anything that I can do to assist you it will be done with pleasure.

Very respectfully,

Isaiah Lightner

U. S. Indian Agent.
Dayton, April 6th, 1888

Sir, O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Please send me your autograph on the enclosed cards, and oblige.

Yours respectfully,

John M. Lewis.
Athenia Ks
April 6, 1883

Geor. A. Howard

Sir: "Mr. Mottin"

I have met the Council and found that we could hold a larger conference on one of the following dates 27, 28, or 30 Oct. I think that would be most suitable to both you and them. They will no doubt write you concerning it. I will get a call at C. Bluffs to see the boys and help them to get the matter settled there. Of course if this time will not suit we will have to arrange for another.

R. Weidensall

My address for about a week Lakeville Iow. Enclosure
Weidenball, P.

Atehion, Nas
April 6/83.

[Signature]
Geoward, Neb. Apr 6, 1883.

Please give me the address of your brother Mr. Charles Geoward. And college yrs friends.

Warren Norton.
Torn off content of the card.

Edward
Omaha, Neb.
Shenep, Pawnee Co., Nebraska,  
April 6, 1883.

Gen. O.O. Howard,  
Dear General,

The bonds at Simla,  
after some demurring, accepted  
the draft on N.Y. for four $50.  
He said he would have to send  
it back to Omaha to have his date  
supplied, as that back would be  
sold in N.Y.

There subsists  
the Treasurer of the University barge  
you the proper notice.  
Very truly yours,  
W. F. Bascom.
Pascow, W. F.

[Handwritten text]

Thurford, Ohio
Apr 6, 1883

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Pember:

I had a conversation a couple of days since with Mr. Pember in regard to your subscription to the University. He says you never ought to have made it and that he will insist at the Trustees meeting that it shall be remitted, and will make it a point to be present at the meeting. I have not mentioned the subject to the President because, it seems to me, if they were acting simply as your friends they would naturally consult me; certainly of ten your reference to me in your correspondence. I will however, have a talk with Mr. Balloch, on that Com before the meeting. I do not think he has any influence in the Com, but he will have more with the Trustees. Yours of the 1st Dec.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

J. H. Smith

Washington, D.C., Apr. 7, 1883
Cornwall, N.Y., April 8, 1883.

My dear Father:

I spent this Easter vacation reading about two pages of Greek a day. It was not much harder work than the reading Latin with you last Christmas. I begin to like Latin and Greek more and more as I go on. I am in the regular class reading Virgil's Aeneid (30 lines a day) and tomorrow I begin extra lessons with Mr. Houston in the Georgics. Rainy days and evenings when other work is done, it is not too late I do extra work by myself reading the Bucolics. They are very easy and interesting reading. In Greek I am studying the Grammar and reading the Aenadasi. I have also been taking private lessons in that, but now I
am up with the class. I shall
have to leave home until the summer.
I am all prepared in mathematic
account of my Andover and Portland
High School drill. I shall not
have to bother with that; besides I am
teaching algebra and have been teaching
geometry.
My room is all mapped
out; if I could keep on with out any
drawback I would be a Freshman in
Bowdoin next year. But, there is
one thing, about which every letter
from mother cautions me: that is
health. A doctor by all means ought
to have health. I have health and am
proud of it. School began Thursday.
We have had two days of school. But
I had no sooner begun my night work and
hard study when a "horrible prodigy", as
Virgil says, "mirabile dictu" came upon
me. My eyes began to pain me. I said
nothing, it just thought nothing about it, until Friday evening when people began to ask what was the matter & advise me to go to the Dr. My eyes ached & made my head ache. But I did not let it interfere with my study. I didn't want to go to a doctor because I was afraid that he would make it out to be a more serious affair than it really was. If I am well I would rather know it than be told that my case needs attention." I at last thought that Dr. Alexander in West Point was in the habit of trying to make people think that they were not as sick as they feared. So yesterday, Saturday, the rain cleared up in the P.M. and I drove over to see him. After talking with him for a short time I started back but before reaching the bottom of the hill I found that
it was becoming so foggy & dark that I was afraid it would turn back & accepted Mr. Deutovic's kind hospitality. I left Truty in Mr. Deutovic's stable. They wanted me to stay over night before I started, but the next day would be Sunday & I would have to take charge at school, so I started against their advice. I am glad I went back — a good night's rest for me — and was appreciated. for my choice. Dr. Alexander after looking at my eyes — asking me a few questions said, contrary to my expectations, that it was too serious a matter for him to tamper with or for any to fool with; that I should go immediately to Dr. H. Knapp of New York. He said
that he sent all cadets to live & that he was better than Dr. Aguier, Dr. Rosée (?) or any other; & that his charges are more reasonable. And what he says may be relied upon. If my eyes are only tired or the muscles affected, he will tell me, & how much work I can do without spoiling my sight. Whether I can get any relief from glasses or not, Dr. Almoine also said that if he (advise me) said that I could not study any more I ought to go & 'face it' or 'rash it.' He asked what I was studying for & I told him that after finishing college I intended to study medicine. He was glad to hear that I was going to study medicine but said that I was making a big mistake by going to college first. At my age
(for I told him that I was 25 years old), and with eyes gazing out in the beginning of an eight year course, what would become of me in the end. There are enough withered up, near sighted, consumptive & nervous doctors in the world. A strong healthy doctor is a better advertisement & an example of his preaching & practicing than a man whose mind is filled up with Lat. & Greek & other stuff. As for education, one with as much as (he said) I have would find enough study in the Medical College & in the after work. He talked to me in this way for some time & told me to be sure and tell you that you were “making a mistake” & you “should not insist upon it.” I told him that it was your advice & my choosing; and that I saw many advantages in it, for maybe I would not be able
To practice medicine, then the college education would come into play. He said that it wouldn't come into play much without eye and that I had too good health to destroy. Then came some compliments upon that subject. Mrs. Alexander then said that she had received a compliment. That she had a lady told her a few days ago that she had never seen a person who had changed so little in so long a time for she (the lady) remembered Mrs. Alexander when she was eighteen years old. The Dr. then said that he didn't think it much of a compliment to her girlhood.

Dear Father, no doubt you think that for a long time. I have been longing to stop studying and stop going to college and that is why I am writing all this. But indeed
it is not so. My work preparing for college is work that I like. I shall be very sorry if I have to give it up. I do not want to give it up now. I do not think that I shall have to, but one thing I know is that I cannot waste time in my preparation. That I cannot go on with with red, aching eyes that I ought to see the oculist. If I wait for an answer from you there will be so much time gone that I cannot spare.

Day after to-morrow, Tuesday, April 10th. is the only day I shall have off for two weeks. I think that you will have no objections to my improving the opportunity. I shall immediately on my return write you what he says.

When I wake in the morning
I often find my eyes or one of them so hermetically sealed that it seems as if the eye-winkers would come out if I should try to open them. Dr. A. thinks that there may be an abscess on one eye, but he wasn't sure. I then told him that the oculist in Osaka thought he saw a spot or defect when he examined them. Colonel Merritt (2) has had the house painted light green + the conservatory bright red. Wooden steps have been made over the stone ones. Carriages are not allowed to drive on the road in front of the officer houses. No “extensive” + very few “lopes”. Mrs. Alexander thinks
he is too military. Dr. A. thinks he has too many "musters" one a month. He said that he didn't go to a single muster until the Gen. ordered him out, & the only thing that saved him that day was that it rained.

The Dr. admired Fancy and wants me to leave her with him if I can't get a good price for her.

Before I sell her I would like to get her picture taken, but want your permission first. She is improving slowly but I do not have much time to exercise her as I should. Johnnie does most of that now.

From an affectionate son,

C. T. Howard.
Je rejoin et le changement m'a fait du bien et je vais retourner avec mes forces renouvelées pour finir ma première année comme maîtresse dans mon pensionnat.

Ma bonne Maman se trouve très bien, elle est si contente qu'elle est si heureuse de me faire venir à l'hiver prochain, mais moi je ne sais pas plus tard j'irai probablement après l'été.

Chary est venue me rendre pour me faire une visite. Il me semblait très content. Comme maître, il ne me manquait pas même rentier chez lui cette été, mais espère qu'il viendra toute même. J'espère qu'il viendra toute même.

Amour, mon Papa Général.

Avec toute fierté, si je travaillais comme je veux, je ne ferais pas demi-tour. Je consens de tout mon cœur. Là-bas sera grand plaisir je compte les jours jusqu'au 13 juin quand je serai libre.

Blainville Pa.
le 1er Avril 1883

Mon cher Général.

Je vous demande mille pardons pour mon silence. Jusqu'à la dernière lettre de mon frère il y a déjà un mois mais j'ai si pression que le temps me manquait.

Votre bonne lettre française est arrivée quelques jours avant la vacance mais elle m'a trouvée en mauvaise santé je me bats trop. Et quatre jours avant la vacance je me trouvais un peu souffrant et je ne suis pas tout de suite descendue pour New York.
from New York, and that after my long experience in travelling I could accomplish it without harm. So like the good little Mamma, she is, she set to work to dress me and help me get ready for the Summer.

I think it is very kind of you and Mrs. Howard to want me to come. I am afraid when you got so far away still I should not be much more of a use -- but still it will be just the much charming end to a very long and dreary Winter. I have worked hard and faithfully - Have created an Art department, where the ground had never been ploughed since, and I leave with truly one disciple.
Give very much love to Mrs. Howard and Benne.

and with thePlus amours, pour

mon cher General

Je reste toujours ceh amie

Yvonne Smith.

Chirnside
April 8, 1883

Seconded by...

Eel July 1883