

Mrs M. L. van B. Thompson

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Unit-Vale -

May 10th 1883.

My very dear friend,

I have had in
in my thoughts so many
times to write you - but
my hands have been so busy
most of the time that aside
from letters to the family
I have written very little.

Your kind letter about
Channah's visit - was
greatly enjoyed, and I hope
you will forgive me for the
long delay of my expression
of appreciation & thanks for

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The sweet Kindness you and
Mrs Harvard showed my precious
little Mother, I wrote you
a letter some - that time
- did you receive it - ? Indeed
I have been watching the paper
as carefully as I could to see if
you were in your way out-
then as you proposed. But - I
durst not that you would ever
come and visit - let me know -
I could not - forgive it - if
ever you present one to, and
I want you to know my heart
too. He is not - very well and
in a nervous state so that busi-
ness worries him, and it all
makes me anxious - I keep
trusting it - will all come
out - right - before long. If

possible he will get away from
San Francisco - A change of cli-
mate would do him much good
if it could be accomplished - but
we have no plans yet. I have
Mrs Dickinson nurse & little
boy with me at present, and
as my girl left me suddenly
& we are to be in the house till
winter time, I am trying very
hard at cooking - With the
help of the nurse & my husband
when he is home I am getting
on admirably - for beyond what
I expected. I have even made
good bread to feel it - a great
triumph! Four weeks ago I could
not cook at all so I am sure
I must be advancing rapidly!

Mother wrote last from Corn-
wall & mentioned Annie -

I am glad you liked my cousin
Annie. She is a very nice girl but
very undeveloped we thought for a
girl nearly twenty - But time

will improve all that. She is
quite ill with cold after she
reached home, but - is not well
hear. How I should enjoy a
sight of your kind face!

Again with you assured but
you did not like me any the less
because I changed my name!

My dear friend I never thought
you did - I trust we always
will be just the same true
friends, and it is always a source
of greatest pleasure to me to read
that one so in advance of my year
of - values & cherishes my friendship -

I would I could in some way repay
such kindness, but - all I can do
is to thank you & try and deserve
such a mark of confidence -

Believe me always your faithful
and loving little friend -

With kindest regards to Mrs Howard
& sincere affection,

Phillie C. Van B. Thompson
409 Main Street, St. J. N.

Mme de Gasparin

May 11. 1883

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Monsieur le Général,
j'ai passé hier une heure
ou deux, avec votre brave,
jeune, charmant fils.

J'ai vu en lui, et j'en ai
bénédicté Dieu, les résultats de
la saine éducation évangélique

et virile, qui fait en Amérique
— et ailleurs — des hommes et
des chrétiens. — Je crois, Monsieur
le Général, que votre cher fils
donnera de la joie à son
père, à sa mère, qu'il
vous continuera dignement,
qu'il servira bien son Dieu
et son pays.

Que le Seigneur vous le
garde; qu'il vous conserve
à lui.

Nous avons beaucoup parlé de la
bible, de son autorité. Je vous
adresse, Monsieur le Général, le
livre de mon unique sur ce sujet.
Je trouve son argumentation puissante,
Elle pose sur cette déclaration
du Seigneur: "Il est écrit."

rien que ce qui est écrit,
Ce qui est écrit, tout ce
qui est écrit : là est notre
force et notre sécurité.

Veuillez recevoir, Monsieur
le Général, en faire agréer
à Madame Howard, l'assurance
de mes sentiments les
plus distingués et les meilleurs.

C^{te}. Agénor de Jasparrin.
Le Rivage près Genève, 11 Mai
1883.

E. S. Turner—Insurance & Real Estate.

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Newburgh, N. Y., May 11th 1883.

My Dear General:

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst. On the same day I sent you the proceeds of the Massachusetts Street, which I suppose you have received by this time. If you think best I will see the other, also, though some small gain would probably result from waiting. Please advise me as to your wishes.

My family are all well and frequently refer to you and yours with pleasant remembrance of their brief acquaintance.

C. W. O. O. Howard

Yours Very Truly
E. S. Turner

Turner, E. V.

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Newburgh
May 11-1883

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May 11

Gecumseh, Neb., May 11 1883

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Gen O. C. Howard

My Sir—

Could you be
with us. Sunday June 10th
and take part with us in
observance of "Childrens Day"
and give us a lecture in
the Evening on some phase of
Sunday School or Educational
work. —= What compensation—
etc —=

Sincerely
J. J. Watkins
Supt. M. E. S. S.

Watkins. F. J.

Tecumseh, Neb.
May 11. 1883

Answered by the
Genl. May 14/83

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Headquarters Mil. Div. of the Missouri,

Chicago, Ill., May 11th 1883.

General O O Howard.

Commanding the Dept of the Platte
Omaha Nebraska.

General.

I have the honor to acknowl-
edge the receipt of your letter of the
9th Inst and having submitted it to
the Division Commander he desires
me to say that he has never heard
and knows nothing of the guard for
the National Park, to which you
refer. He instructs me further to say
Confidentially that as the President
has expressed a desire to visit
the Park with several Senators
and that as you should be not do

So the Directors will certainly go
he wishes the three past trains
in your Department and especially
for this purpose, to be in readiness
whenever he may call for them

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

A. Williams

Asst. Supt. Genl

Brunswick, Me., May 11 1883

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M Gen C. C. Howard

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AND CAPS, BOOTS & SHOES, TRUNKS & VALISES.

SPRINGFIELD, NEB.,

May 11th 1883

General A. O. Howard

Dear sir

your letter was received but
could not come up to day
when I came to town again
I will call and see you in
the forenoon Folks all
Well Very Respectfully
J. D. Spearman

Spearman, J. O.

Springfield, Me.
May 11. 1883

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P. J. Montgomery, M.D.,

HOMEOPATHIC

Physician and Surgeon,

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Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 12 1883.

Gen O. O. Howard,

My very Dear Sir

Please find

inclosed a ck for \$16.00 we would
have been glad to have made it
twenty but it would not count
that way. we don't mind better than
I feared.

The Lecture gave good satisfaction
and did us all good

Very truly Yours

P. J. Montgomery Pres. Y. M. C. A.

Montgomery, J. 12

Council Bluffs
May 12. 1883.

answered by the
Genl. May 14. 1883

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CALENDAR.

Spring Term, 13½ weeks, begins March 13, 1883.
COMMENCEMENT, JUNE 13.
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Winter " 13 " " November 27, 1883.

Tabor, Iowa, May 12, 1883

Dear Mr. Howson

Dear Bro -

Will you give

an address before the Trustees of Tabor College Commencement week at Tabor June 12th. If you could not on the 12th could you do so the 11th or 13th. If on neither of those dates could you spend Sabbath June 10th with us and speak before Y. M. C. & A. Sabbath evening. I send you catalogue & history of Tabor College that you may know something of the work here. You have many friends here - If you can come on what terms will you come we shall not of course at Commencement time have any ~~attendance~~ admittance & a lecture

Very Cordially

W. M. Brooks

Genève, Suisse, le 12 mai 1853
mon Père bien aimé,

Quoiqu'il n'y ait pas beaucoup à
écrire je vous écrirai en français
pour vous donner le peu de nouvelles
qu'il y a et pour m'exercer en
français. Votre lettre du 18 avril
écrite en anglais, fut reçue, il y a
huit jours. La lettre m'a rendu
triste et au même temps elle m'a fait
plaisir. J'ai envoyé la lettre de
recommandation à madame
de Gasparin avec ma carte y jointe.

Le jour suivant son valet est venu
m'apporter une lettre d'elle qui me
demandait de venir la voir le ~~soir~~ dix
cinq à quatre heures et demi de
l'après-midi, car elle devait m'
elle ne pouvait refuser. Le fils de
celui qui a si bien rendu de bons
ou langues les pensées et la vie de
son bien-aimé. Elle m'a demandé
si je pouvais parler français, car
quoiqu'elle lise et écrive l'anglais
elle ne le parle plus; et de venir
sans dire à personne où j'allais.
Je suis allé avant hier dans une
voiture fermée et je fus reçu à la
porte par le valet qui m'attendait.

D'abord il m'a montré le buste
en marbre du comte de Gasparin au

salon, et ensuite m'a fait monter
au petit salon au premier où j'ai
attendu un moment. Madame de
Gasparin est entrée et m'a touché
la main en me faisant bon
accueil. Elle est un peu plus grande
que ma mère et porte une robe noire
très simple, et sa tête est ~~enveloppée~~
enveloppée dans une espèce de fron-
teuse d'un tissu blanc qui couvre
le front, la tête et les épaules. Elle
ne portait pas de lunettes et
sa voix est claire et distincte. Toute
sa figure est arrondie et sa santé
m'a semblé bonne. Nous nous
sommes assis vis à vis l'un de
l'autre près d'une table. A ma
droite était la fenêtre donnant
sur le lac. Un petit jardin est
entre la maison et le lac. Nous
avons fait la conversation de
quatre heures et demie à six
heures et demie. J'ai bien pen-
sé de ne pas la fatiguer en
restant trop long temps, mais elle
ne voulait pas que je partasse
sans une longue conversation.
Nous avons parlé de tous les
sujets possibles et surtout de
ce qui est religieux. Elle m'a
demandé bien des questions
sur vous et sur la famille et sur

vos persécutions ne rap. pourtant
aux neiges; et il lui a raconté
comme les personnes, de qui
l'estime est plus à rechercher
que celle du monde, vous ont
présenté une si magnifique
pièce avec le tapis brodé du
verset de la bible qui dit "Heureux
serez-vous, lorsqu'on vous outragera,
qu'on vous persécutera et
qu'on dira faussement de vous
toute sorte de mal à cause de
moi.....". Nous avons parlé
du dimanche en Europe, des
jeunes gens, etc. Elle m'a
demandé ce que j'étudie et
ce que je veux faire. Je n'oubli-
erai jamais cette après-midi,
passée avec elle. Elle m'a donné
en partant un de ses derniers
livres qui s'appelle "Les Horizons
Célestes" et m'a dit de lui écrire
pour qu'elle puisse m'envoyer
un jour pour me recevoir encore
une fois avant que je parte de
Genève. Elle a insisté qu'il
ne faut pas partir de l'Europe
sans y avoir voyagé et surtout
en Italie. Vendredi passé elle
m'a envoyé encore deux livres:
"L'avis de Frédéric Douglass" par

lui-même, traduite en français
par elle; et « L'année (soi-
disant) du salut », une brochure
contre les méthodes suivies par
cette "année".

J'ai commencé cette lettre-ci hier
et je la finirai au jour d'hui, dis-
-je un che, l'après-midi. Ce
matin je suis allé au temple
où j'ai entendu prêcher un jeune
pasteur qui était si enthousiaste
que je ne pouvais bien com-
prendre son sermon.

J'ai une leçon en français chaque
matin de sept heures et demie
à huit heures et demie et une
autre de deux à trois heures l'a-
près-midi. Mademoiselle
Jeanne Bérard me les donne.
C'est une demoiselle de vingt
ans environ qui sait très bien
le français et qui a fait des
études assez étendues. Elle est
la fille de la maîtresse de la
pension où je suis. Elle me fait
faire une dictée et une lecture d'un
demi-heure chaque le matin
et l'après-midi je lis et recite
d'autres leçons - toutes en fran-
çais naturellement. De neuf
heures à midi j'étudie dans
ma chambre et l'après-midi

de même on se lis un livre fran-
çais quelconque. De Temps en II
Temps je me promène avec un
nouveau (Abel, de Lyon (France))
qui est dans la même pension
avec moi. A quatre heures de
Bagnères-les-Bains je prend une tasse
de lait avec la famille qui
prend au même temps du thé.
Je dessine un peu tous les jours
car c'est là que je suis le moins
fort pour un examen à Colum-
bia collège. Le soir je vais
parfois chez quelques connaissances
dont j'ai plusieurs dans des
familles de la meilleure société
de Bagnères, grâce à plusieurs
lettres de recommandation que
j'avais à mon arrivée ici.
Je peux toujours comprendre
le français et je peux m'ex-
primer, mais naturellement
je ne peux pas le comprendre
et parler comme un français
car pour y arriver il me fau-
drait de trois à cinq années de
résidence en France. Lorsque
je serai en Allemagne je continu-
erai à étudier et lire le français

Comme j'ai déjà écrit, je mis
autour les mains d'un médecin.
Il y a six ou sept semaines que
je me suis mis sur l'urne et
voyant que je ^{ne} guérissais pas,
je mis aller voir docteur Daloz,
(il y a une semaine) qui est spé-
cialiste pour les maux de la
gorge et de la poitrine. Il m'a
bien examiné et m'a ordonné
de "l'eau bonne" (une eau sulfureuse
naturelle) tous les matins une
demi-heure avant déjeuner
dans du lait chaud. En me
levant je dois prendre un bon
bain d'éponge et des frictions et
un verre d'eau froide. Le soir
je dois me frictionner la poi-
trine avec de la térébenthine
avant de me coucher. L'espèce
qu'au bout de six semaines
je serai débarrassé non
pas seulement de mon
rhume mais du catarrhe
aussi. Une semaine a été
passée et je me sens déjà mille
fois mieux. Je propose de con-
tinuer le traitement avec grande

régularité et avec beaucoup de
soin. Si vous étiez millionnaire
je vous demanderais la per-
mission (avec de l'argent
certainement) d'acheter une
bonne montre ici dans ce pays
de montres; mais je préfère
employer l'argent que j'ai pour
des choses qui me seront
plus profitables. Je ne puis
pas dire quand je partirai
de Genève mais on enverra
mes lettres ici jusqu'à ce que
j'écrive de changer l'adresse.

J'espère que vous pourrez
déchiffrer cette lettre écrite
si rapidement et si mal.

Faites mes amitiés à
maman et à mes frères et
sœurs qui se trouvent chez
vous. Peut-être Grace est
à Quakwaka à présent car
elle est partie des mois de
juin.

Je reste, mon cher père
votre fils vraiment dévoué.
Jas. Waite Howard.

P.S. Au commencement de la
lettre j'ai dit que votre lettre
m'a rendu triste: C'est cette
affaire du "Vote of H.U.". Vous
me dites qu'il écherra au bout
de vingt ans. Or, quand est-
ce que ces vingt ans seront
passés - quelle date, et à quel
intérêt? N'y a-t-il pas moyen
~~de~~ de bien ^{faire} ~~se servir~~ ^{convenir} au con-
seil d'administration ("board of
trustees") que vous n'êtes point
du tout en état de payer une
telle somme, et que vous n'
avez pas aucune idée comme
faire pour l'obtenir, dans vingt
années même. Je ferai mon
possible de ne pas dépenser
un sou - même de plus qu'il
me faut. Peut-être quand mes
études seront finies, je pourrai
vous aider à amortir cette somme
si mes projets marchent
bien et si Dieu me garde
en bonne santé.

Sincèrement fidèle

J.W.H.

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The American Sunday-School Union,

No. 1122 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, May 14 1883

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the
American Sunday-School Union, held at the Society's
House, on the 10th day of May
you were elected one of the

VICE-PRESIDENTS

of the Board. An acknowledgment of this notice, at
your convenience, will much oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

Samuel Ashbush

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To
Genl. O. O. Howard

"American Sunday
School Union"

Philadelphia

May 14. 1883

Answered by the
Genl. June 2/83

ms
Howard University.

Washington, D. C., May 15 - 1883.

Gen O O Howard
Omaha Neb-

Dear Sir:

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Howard University will be held in the President's Room, in the University Building, on Tuesday, May 29, 1883, at 3 o'clock P. M. To prevent the necessity of an adjournment before the business is completed, refreshments will be served during the meeting.

Very respectfully,

J B Johnson
Secretary.

Howard University

J. R. Johnson
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Washington, D.C.

May 15. 1883

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Colorado River ³⁸
Eldorado Canyon

May 15 1883

1883

Dear Brother

It seems a long time since
I had a letter from you. I enjoyed
hearing about Lizzy's visit at Denver.
What a good time Nina must have had
with Bessie. We often spoke of it - Kitty &
I - Guy will know better where I
am, possibly, than you. Capt. Mel
now on R. Steamer. Melrose spoke
of knowing Guy. I have found him
a good kind of a man, full of character
a "jarris" or we would say of an old sea
captain. He seemed to like Guy's story
he read with much interest an article on
Indians which Guy wrote for the Over-
land Monthly - I think that was the Magazine.
I would like to see it sometime if Guy
has a copy. Kitty & I have I left be-
hind near Los Angeles at Pasadena.
I hope they would come on by the new
R. R. to Fort Mohave (18 miles above the
Crossing) and so we could go East

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P.S. No. 2
I met on this morning Mr. McLaughlin was a telegraph
operator up at Wallula & had a letter from
you 4
is the
clerk
a pretty
fellow

together by the Atlantic & Pacific. This
R.R. is now built to within 15 miles
of the head of the bay & will be within
six miles by the time it gets back
to Fort McHenry.

But I got a telegram from Mr. R. with whom Kitty is stopping, the day
I left Fort Union saying she was not
able to travel & asking me to return
that evening. So I feel a good deal of
anxiety. The boat had a ill turn (P.S.
entering) & could not go to San Francisco
with me. I fear she will be some days
when I get back to the R.R. if it
& we have not arrived I shall tele-
graph & ascertain the facts. I am look-
ing after the Mohaves & the Pat. Utes. We
remain here two days when the boat will
go back to within 25 miles of the Fort &
I will take a small boat from there down
Cable River is in commission. He takes
more than the usual interest in Indians. He is
a fast friend of the Mohaves. Indeed

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He would like to have a school & is
something in the Indian Service. He
has made some application for the
place of Principal of the Nebraska
Indian School. But I do not know
he is not certain whether the bill
passed Congress making provision for
that school. Can you tell me? Capt.
Heiner has a wife & three children - a
very pleasant family & has been
particularly hospitable to me - Accom-
panying me on horseback in visiting
the farms & houses of the Moaves -
supplying me a good horse &c. &c.

I will be back there by the 20th
I hope soon thereafter to get off for
the East & homeward - if Lill, shall
be able to travel. I wonder if they
have ever visited the Grand Canyon. I
may see the Black Canyon 10 or 15 ms. from
here but cannot go to the Grand Canyon
this time. The Indians on this river are generally
self-sufficing. They have some 30 employed

Howard, Ent. C.R.

Colorado River
May 15th 1883

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Brooklyn May 15th 1883 29

My dear friend

I wrote you on the 18th of April, and on the 21st received your kind letter of the 19th - thus our letters crossed each other, and as in that I communicated the condition of my family, and especially the state of my own health, I could say nothing new on that subject, and was hardly prepared to say anything on the one relating to your subscription to the Howard University, nor can I say anything now that will be of any value to you. Moreover I have not been quite as well of late and my eye will hardly permit me to write.

The Gent. of whom I spoke who gave largely to the "Am. Bible Society", "Seamen's Friend Society" &c on their agreeing to pay him or his wife during the life of either six p^{er} cent p^{er} annum on the Am^t donated, I have not seen for more than a year, and am ^{not} sufficiently intimate with him to suggest his making a similar donation to any other Institution, and moreover such a gift would not relieve you, and might be an embarrassment to the Institution, as they would have to pay him or his wife the 6th yearly.

And then again he probably does not sufficiently

Know the financial Standing of the "Howard University"
to take its obligation for the payment of \$600. Annually
which he and his family require as part of their
support. Now with regard to your life Insurance
for \$10,000. effected as I understand it for the sole
benefit of Mrs Howard, I cannot conceive of
any way in which any Creditor of Yours could
touch a cent of it on your death, the very object
of the Ins^r as I understand it in such case is to
secure most sacredly to the Widow or (if so ex-
pressed in the Policy) to the children of the deceased
parent the sum insured for their use only.

I am informed on good Authority, that in this, as
well as ~~other~~, & probably all the States including the
District of Columbia this is the Law, and it certainly
is the Gospel, which says expressly you know that
"he who provides not for his own household, hath
denied the faith and is worse than an Infidel"

Permit me, as one whom you know loves you and
your dear good Wife, to say (if it is not already so
arranged) to say to you lose no time in securing to
her absolutely, beyond all peradventure this policy
of Ins^r on your life, so that no substitution or Creditor
of any sort can touch it after your death. -
"Our duties grow out of our relations in life" is a truism. -

I am not acquainted with Dr Patten or any of the
Trustees of the Howard University. If I were, I would
write them plainly that since I made this subscription
my circumstances had widely changed, that I was not
able in justice to my family to meet either the
principal or the interest, that I had done all I
could for the "Howard University" pecuniarily, and
that I wished the Trustees to release me from this
obligation. Excuse me for giving such plain and
I think wholesome advice, it is from love to you
and yours that I write thus.

Perhaps if they feel
that it would be "a breach of trust" as they say,
on this point to give up this obligation of yours
you had better remain quiet about it for the present
perhaps they will feel differently by & by.

Mrs Buck & Miss Spofford & Emmie send their
love to you & Wife & the Children, Mrs B. is some better
than she was when I last wrote and I am no worse,
we hope to leave early for Bucksport, say by the
20th of June if practicable. What terrible winds
you have in Kansas & Nebraska! hope you & yours
were unharmed by the cyclone of yesterday.

My love to Mrs Howard & the Children & accept
a large share for yourself from your
affectionate friend

R. P. Buck

Brooklyn, N. Y.
May 15, 1883

File

Wm. B. Smith

St. Phillips Chapel,
North, Nineteenth + Cummins Sts.,

Omaha, Neb.

May 16th, 1883,

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Commanding Dept. Flatter,

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, Members
of "The St. Phillips Literary Society" (Colored)
do most respectfully ask you to address
them on the Subject of the Conduct, as
Soldiers, of the Colored Men, in the War,

We most respectfully tender
you an invitation, if convenient, on Fri-
day Evening May the 18th, inst., at 8 o'clock,

Very respectfully yours

H. Overall,

W. H. Butler,

Messrs Duclon, Reckles, Parker, Cummins,
Cinchabel, Miller, Washington, C. Butler,
Bell, and Cummins, et al.

By Order of

W. A. Gamble

Pres. St. P. Lit. Soc.,

Sec. Mary Williams,

P.S.

Address,

St. Phillips Lit. Soc.,
c/o, J. K. L. Cole,

815-19th St. North,

St. Phillips Lit. Soc.

W. A. Gamble

Omaha

May 16. 1883.

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Beths Mil. Academy,
Stamford, Conn.
May 18th, 1883.

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Dear Genl:-

Pardon me for again asking you for the powerful aid of your name as one of my references. I have been here since last Sept., and shall in all probability remain here some years, as the pay is excellent & there are many advantages, but the field of work is extremely limited, and I feel myself competent to fill something higher up, so I have registered in Schermerhorn's Teacher's Agency - to see what chance there will be for bettering

myself. His plan is to find out
from my references, independently
of me, all that he wants to know
about me, - and I have taken
the liberty (on the strength of yr
kind letter given me last year) to
put you down as one of my refer-
ences as to Educational quali-
fications &c. My unfortunate
mishap at the Point will always,
I am afraid - debar me from enter-
ing the lists for positions which
w'd be given only to a graduate
of the Pt., - although I might know
myself to be fully qualified to
fill them. The strange paralysis of
all my efforts in higher Math. which
I used to suffer from has disap-
peared totally, - I have taught with
great success this year some of the
very things which were so hard to
me, - and I w't undertake now
with no trepidation or fear of

failure, Even the Professorship of
Math. in an ordinary College, and
c'd easily fill any lower position.
My great desire is to obtain a
position similar to those filled
by West Point men detailed
as Comdt. of Cadets, - & Prof. of
Math. &c. I believe that there
are a good many openings of that
kind - & if you, Sir, know of any,
I w'd be extremely grateful to
you for information thereon. Of
course I am well up on Tactics,
and c'd fill that mes as easily as
a graduate. I want to get into
larger work. Then I c'd teach
French (as now) & Drawing, - Rhet-
oric & English generally. Acting
advisedly, - I have not stated to
Schermerhorn that I was found in
Math., he not asking the question &
at all, - but I may think best to do so.
My own impulse & practice is to come
out frankly in the first place, - &

tell all concerned that I was unable
to get through, but propose to
prove & have proved that I was
not to be put down by that even
in that. I shall be more than
ever grateful to you if you can
find time to grant my request,
to wit. — that you will endorse
me to him. and if in your judg-
ment it is best to say that I
was found — well & good. My kindest
regards to Mrs. H. &

with great respect,
S. will write you soon, — } I remain Sir —
in all probability. } Henry B. Cooke

Gen. Q. O. Howard,
Omaha, Neb.

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Shepherd, Ransom Co. Dak.
May 8. 1883.

Gen. O.O. Howard,

Dear General,

Your registered
letter of the 7th inst., inclosing
\$50, came duly to hand on the
18th inst., for which please accept
my thanks. Notice is to-day
sent to Washington, to give you
credit there for the amount.

Very Truly Yours.

W. F. Ransom,

Barcom, W. F.



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May 18. 1883

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