Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard:

My dear sir, I have come to my knowledge that you are to be next week in Topeka where you are published to speak on Monday evening.

At my suggestion the chairman of our lecture committee wrote to invite you to take a place in our University lecture course on such evening as may be to you convenient. I am sorry we cannot offer to pay you for the lecture but we have no fund at our disposal for that purpose. All expenses, however, travel and entertainment will be provided by us.

I most sincerely hope you may be able to give a favorable reply to this invitation.

I do not know whether you...
will recall a personal acquaintance
with one; but you visited me once
when I was pastor of a church in
Hackensack, N. J.

I send this letter in care of Re-
Dr. McChesney for whose congrega-
tion I understand you are to
speak on Monday evening.

I am, my dear Sir, Sincerely Yo-

J. A. Chalmers

Lawrence, Oct. 8th, 1889.
Dear Cousin

New York Jan 1875

I will begin by wishing you all a happy New Year but all these days are very sad to me rendered still more so now by the death of our dear Aunt Lucinda who passed away last Monday 10 minutes after twelve and was buried yesterday. One by one all of our loved ones are passing over and all of the children were here but Dunella who was sick she was a great sufferer the last three weeks, it did seem very remarkable that they both had the same disease just two years ago Uncle died but Aunt did not suffer as he did thus the loss of the family. Rowland has not returned yet. I hope he will write a little sketch of her life as she was a remarkable woman had her mind till the last and such things looked bright to her. How are you with Laura. The past fortnight everything was done that could be done to aid you. Your Dity
Dear Mr. Homans,

Omaha, Dec.

My dear Gentleman,

I see by our local papers you are to be in this city on the 15th inst. to deliver your lecture "Battle of Gettysburg."

We shall be pleased to receive you as our guest at that time, during your stay in Blair.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. W. Wainwright
Dear Friend,

I am writing to you as you are; and I can add that I think the next promotion in the Army should be yours for the sake of the credit it will be to the country to put the best man where he can do the most good.

I will write something of this kind and hope it will be of service.

With much love to Mr. Howard and a happy New Year. For all, I remain.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

181 Schenckton St.
Brooklyn Jan 2nd

[Signature]

You will forgive George for not answering your telegram because I am too ill. I said I would write and then felt too ill. My illness has been severe and I am in the midst of it. My long time friend, Mrs. Bradley, died recently.
The boys went to Philadephia to attend her funeral. You will remember seeing her at West Point with me. My head is in a state of depression, and I feel that the President might use me. I am improving and will soon be better. I have been over nothing and hence my condition. Your letter in regard to the promotion is received and I think it possible for me to bring this matter to the notice of the President. Miss Cleveland is in a weak and depressed state. I will suggest dignified and proper ways. I will suggest that she present my book to the President and say at the same time that I do it because I want him to know...
(1015)

Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska
And Leased Lines.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER.

Omaha Neb. 1/3 1888
Jan 3

DEAR SIR:

Please find enclosed 2 Annual Passes for
Capt. J. A. Robinson (No. 202) and
S. J. Childs (No. 203)

as requested by yours of 1/2 68

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Genl. O. Howard

Ass'nt Gen'l Manager.
Holdrege 1874 M. R. R. 1874 M. R. R.
Omaha, Neb.,
Jan. 3, 1885.

Answered.
Topeka, Kansas
411. Lincoln Street
Jan 3, 1885
Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother,

I understand you to say when you visited Kansas again you would visit Lincoln Street Cong. of S. School (Colored) at 3 O'clock. So I arranged with Rev. Doubler to have you come to our S. School. Brother E. H. Blake will call for you. Or Mr. Bowmann at Coralnd house about 2 30 O'clock. P.M. our school is at 3 o'clock. P.M. will last until 4 P.M. All want you to come and give us a short talk.
one of The Deacons of our church used to be in your regiment.

yours in Christ

R. F. Markham

Pastor, and in the employ of the S. M. E.

Do not fail to come

Please give an answer to Mrs. M. J. Halfcett

my daughter, who is my assistant a Miss'may

of St. M. E. New York

who bears this letter

R. F. Markham
Sen. C. C. Howard
Omaha Neb.

Dear Sir:

Your old Capl. Nelson Ames
Battery G, First N.Y. (formerly J. O.
Pranks old battery) who was with
you at Fair Oaks, Chancellorsville, etc,
has given me your address.

I wish to secure you for your
Gettysburg lectures at any time
most convenient to you.

Will you please give me date
and terms which I will submit
to our R. M. Thomas Post No. 94 G. A. R.
on whose behalf I write?

Very Respectfully yours

A. F. Haradon
LAW OFFICE,
213 S. 14th Street,
Omaha, Neb., Jan 8th 1885

This will be a meeting of the Directors of the Bible Society.

Yours Truly,
WARREN SWITZLER.
Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Cousin Otis,

I am visiting friends in the city and saw by the papers that you were to be in town today. Papa and Mama very kindly gave me permission to remain until Monday that I might meet you. Will you kindly tell me when and where it will be most convenient to you for me to come with my friends to call on you.

109 Tyler St.

Jan. 3, 1885.

Your affectionate cousin,

Gracie Hazard.
Laha, Nebras.
Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 3, 1885

Sen. O. O. Howard

Omaha.

Sir,

Your valued letter of 31st of last month, allow me to thank you for its kind expressions, and although your Treasurer may have his list filled, allow me to send you out check regularly as there may at times be items of interest to you in it & we shall always be pleased to do anything we can in this way.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Albert A. Judge.
Judge, A.A.
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Jan 3, 1888

[Handwritten text not legible]
I find it very hard to write for I am very busy with my French music and lessons so I will have to ask you to excuse hurried notes for I only have Sundays to myself now so I am going to school and I am very from home but right I have mislaid your letter so I cannot answer all your questions but I do remember one that and that is the message which Mr. Howard sent me— About not going to see you when I was at Harrow I did as I only had been there in America and in that time I had all my packing to do helping to keep up the old home home in Ireland other things and so I was finished I was unable to go to Ever London this fall.
Very quiet & very pleasant one. Aunt Hannel was confined to her room in Paris for two months & although she is better she is very weak & as she is not strong enough to leave her room she spends most of her time in bed. I had the honor of visiting her in her room & on that blessed day she received one gift by the hands of Hannel. And such pretty one! I received, a gold chain from Aunt Hannel, a lace and a lace scarf from Irene. She sent me 20 S. and Hannel 75 S. And my friends have sent me beautiful handkerchiefs, a music box case, cards, and other little gifts. Mrs. Redfield wrote that she could not be able to come soon, but hoped to.

She always speaks of you & wants to know all about you. Helen and I were delighted with the pretty cards which you sent them and I am sure your God-daughter is very glad that you received the photographs. I paid 20 S. for them but I do not want you to send me the money. Tell Irene please take it. And tell everyone also of Jeanie and Madame and Helen. With my love? I was delighted to hear that they and Jeanie had a little daughter.

To congratulate them for me. And tell Jeanie I will try and write to her soon.
Gen. O. O. Howard,

Gracie would like very much to see more of you. If your many engagements will permit you to take tea with us this evening, we will be delighted to have you do so. If otherwise engaged for this evening, can you dine with us tomorrow? Gracie has telegraphed for permission to remain for your Monday evening lecture.

Very truly,

Mrs. J. C. M. Clinton

Jan. 4, 1886
Omaha, Nebraska
Dear General:

Lipold is not seriously in the way in the perfection of the H.U. title. He says he gets substantially no pay from the P.W. Co. and should be paid for any work he does for outside parties. He is like the rest of us trying to make a living out of real estate, and I imagine makes a pretty poor living. If or such a matter is all there is involved in Lipold.

Congress only appropriated enough to buy half the claims, with the understanding however, that the remainder should be appropriated this winter and as the adjustment has been fairly made and the property sold, I presume there will be no doubt on this subject.

Mrs. Smith's mother has gone through her last illness and death since the receipt of your letter, so that we have hardly paid any attention to business.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

F. H. Smith
Gen O O Howard

I became acquainted with you at Savannah Ga shortly after the fall of that City. At that time I was then messing for Col Knight of the 103rd Illinois 2nd Brigade 1st Division 15th Corps and marched with you to Deit of Columbia. I made application to you at your Hd Qtrs at 19th St Washington D.C. for permission to go South, but you considered it unwise and dangerous for me to do so and wanted me to wait on you at your Hd Qtrs. A few days after that time, a riot occurred between the Whites and Colored at Richmond Va and you was sent there to quell it. I awaited your
return till I grew tired and applied to your aid who furnished me the necessary papers to pass me to Wilmington N.C.

At the time I applied to you for a permit I handed you a letter from Col Thagment certifying to my good conduct.

I would like to be informed if Col Thagment is still alive and where can I write him.

I wish you a happy new year. And a prosperous one, and may the Good Lord guide and direct you in all your undertakings and journeys through life.

I have you this in writing because sickness has deprived me of the power to express myself as I desire. Have been sick for three years.

Very Respectfully

J. "Organ"
Dear Mr. Havens,

A happy and prosperous New Year to you and yours and many of them. I have your note of 21st, and greatly regret if you got the impression from anything I wrote you in reference to your point of that I am pressing you for it on the contrary if you will look at my first note you will see that I did not suggest you giving 1000 upon Stock & Cancel the whole matter. But you reply was "I think I can do better for you than that 1,000 face of Stock" or words to that effect. I am sure that in cancelling my obligation and that of your dear friends do not give you any trouble about this.
old matter - You need not send a dollar of it if you don't feel like it - on the other hand if you do feel you can help save any amount of the stock. You think best and whatever that is I feel I will be authorized to return you your cash - Should you send any stock I will see that it is held until it reaches somewhere near the value it will ultimately be worth. I would act let it go for a cure. But would hold it to pay toward the cost of our Gymnasium. So now dear sir do as Bequests go to you - looking first and always in their welfare in the interest of your own family. The can all well be except that Mr. Pratt is somewhat sick for the past day or two. I trust our Lord's health is looking well - Mr. Moody has at last consented to give us a few days so I trust his visit will be a blessing to many - With much love to you and ever praying God's blessing on you. Yrs ever A. Pratt.
Received this day, on account of annual dues to the Army Mutual Aid Association for the current year, the sum of $29.25, which has been placed to your credit.

The remainder of your dues ($29.25) should be paid within thirty days from the first of July proximo.

[Signature]

Secretary and Treasurer.
NOTHING BUT THE AD

General

Coroner

Platte

Omaha, Neb.
Union Pacific Railway Co.

Omaha,

On train to Denver, Jan'y 7th, 1885.

Genl. O.O. Howard.
Dept. of the Platte.
Omaha.

My dear Sir:

Captain J.A. Sladden has applied to me for an annual pass. Mr. Kimball tells me it has been customary to grant such passes for your aids as you desired. The will you kindly advise me if you wish a pass for Mr. Sladden renewed.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Washington, D. C., Jan 8, 1885.

Gen Oliver O. Howard, U.S.A.
Commanding Dept. of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

General:

I take pleasure in enclosing a revised copy of the first number of my new Army & Navy List, which has been received with much favor by those who have seen it. We shall take great pains to keep it accurate, and, I think, shall succeed. I should be glad to know what you think of it, and if you feel
inclined to make any suggestions in regard to it, I shall be most glad to receive them.

Very respectfully yours,

Edward Hudson
Army & Navy Register

Washington
Jan 8. 1885.

Anecdote
Topeka, Jan 8, 1885

To: Mr. Howard

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you 20\% additional, making fifty dollars for your services at Topeka + expenses.

I am sorry I cannot send your mother. I fondly hoped we might realize 100\% out of the lecture, but the weather which we cannot control was against us.

Your visit to Topeka has done us much good, it has emboldened some of our soldiers.
To be more bold in their Confession of Christ. Your experience as a seeker and a happy Christian will linger with us and all who heard you and will do us much good.

I sent you one of my books, "Sabre Stroke," and when you find it convenient to write a brief testimonial, you will much oblige me and possibly help some in the sale of the book. Your name was very favorably mentioned at the Prayer Meeting at the Congregational Church last night. You will be remembered by many in their prayers.

If you find it convenient sometimes to send me some items of your Christian Experience in the Army with Officers and men; for since the war in your travels, you will also oblige me.

With sincere regard,

I am yours, Fraternally,

[Signature]

D.R. Dornblaser
Rachin, Mrs. C.

Omaha

Jan 8/85

[Signature]

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General Hayward

By your order.- During your absence Mr. Eklund told me that- Mr. Chair's year had expired and that they had not been asked to continue their service. As Mr. Bright was not present and had not been seen, I took
for myself, as the
missing member
of the committee to
engage the choir and
organist until the
formal election had
been made by the
music-committee.
I suppose that was
all right, for some
thing had to be done.
Will the comm-
mittee please meet
at our house? If
you wish for Mr.
Bright, I will have
us to be at home
very evening this
week.

Sincerely,

Clara Rubin

1622 Harrison St.

Jan 8, 1885.
North Star, Mich.
Jan 8, 1886.

Dear General,

I am a private in Co. "E" 5th Regt. Mich. Inf., and was discharged from the service because of a wound received at Fair Oaks.

A dear brother who served in the same company with me fell in front of Little Round Top at Gettysburg.

I have always had a high regard for you because of the part you took in that battle.

The enclosed was written by me for our county paper in 1880.

I read with much interest your letters in the Detroit Tribune.
and especially those concerning
Gettysburg and I am pleased
to know that I am correct
in my opinion as to who was
the real hero of that battle.
Calumniators of you and the
11th corps will fail to detract
the honor from where it belongs.
Not knowing your address I
send this through the Tribune
office.

Truly yours,
Elbridge Franklin
North Star
[Address]
draw a supply of teachers for our 8 school from First St. and Washburn College. At that meeting Dr. Strong agreed that the A.M.A. would put in $600 and I was to start a subscription and raise $800. The lots cost $200. That would make a building to cost $1200. I raised near $1200. We built a house costing about $1800.

Miss Sissie Officer had started a 8 school in the First Cong 1870. Some 9 months before this and when I arrived in October 1880 the school amounted about 100. When our church was finished we moved that school to our church April 17 1881. The first

Topeka Kansas
Jan 8 1882
Gen O. O. Howard
Dear Brother
I will give you a few facts concerning the Lincoln Street Cong Church and 8 school Mission. The State Association of Congregationalists asked the A.M.A. in 1880 to send some laborers to Kansas to work among the colored people. I was at work in Georgia at that time (I have been in the work of the A.M.A. for twenty years) I was requested by A.M.A. to make an examination of the condition of the
I visited various places and found about 60,000 colored people in the state, and over 5,000 five thousand of them in Topeka. A city of them about 20,000 twenty thousand. I came to Topeka in October 1880. Selected a location for a Mission in Lincoln Street where there was a neighborhood of all colored people, and no Church or School except a very small Primitive Baptist Church with no S. School. They do not believe in Mission and seldom have any S. Schools in any of their Churches. They have never had any here. Other parts of the city were occupied with 2 M. E. Churches. 2 M. E. Churches on Cumberland Presbyterian Church & Baptist Churches. I went to N.Y. and talk to W. M. E. Strickly what I had done. Dr. Strickly and they came to Topeka, and went over Topeka to see where the best place was to establish a Mission, and then called a meeting of the leading men of the Congregationalist Churches on North and South side and Dr. McVickar of Washburn College. All agreed that Lincoln Street was the best place for us to begin a Mission. As we would not interfere with any other Church or S. School and it is about 200 yards between the first long block and Washburn College and we could...
These two schools drew from town a little while ago. They may find scholars. They have been here for a long time. We have seen smaller schools and have not been to school any where for a long time. We have now enrolled 280 and during the year have had 300. We have averaged for the last two months 120 scholars. We have had efficient help from Washburn College in teaching. Prof. Bliss of W. C. acted as our supervisor. We missed his advice when he went to N. Y. We have seen Mr. Matthews who does good work. He now is to be a student at Washburn. The first large church has been our strong help in earning and teaching. The first large church has been our strong help in earning and teaching. The first large church has also aided us with some and teachers. Mrs. M. S. Halbert was...
Sea colored Congregationalists. We had to raise them up from our S. School. I learned a little over a year after we got into our Church building before I attempted to organize a Church. Some of the scholars were conversion and on the 23rd of June 1883 we organized a little church of (7) seven. Most of the old colored people belong to some of the South, and not Congregationalists, but very few Congregationalists come from the South when our schools in the South teach them virtue and honesty temperance. They are wanted there as laborers as one old Slavish laborer said to me I find that the Niggers who go to poor

Schools make better converts, and at Occasions the men employed to watch the rice on the farms after it was threshed were nearly all members of our Church. The excursions people of Kansas are not from A.M. I. schools but very few. We have had to take the book from the Dury to make congregationalist in Kansas. We have kept up our school and never missed a Sabbath since we came to our church Apr. 17, 1881. We have never had less than 40 in attendance, rain or shine, but usually 175. Sometimes 225 present at a time. Though after we got a large School the A.E. Methodists Moved their School up near us, with in 20 or 30 rods. The Baptist started a Church and S. School but few roots from us.
The number of colored people are constantly increasing in Kansas. There are now in Ixonia 6,250, making about 4 of all the people. The colored people come not in great numbers together, but constantly coming one by one some few days ago & came from Illinois.

A. T. Marshburn

-employed by the A. M. A. as missionary in May, 1883, and still continues her work. We had an interesting time at our Christmas tree 300 present were given out. Our house was crowded though the Methodist and Baptist school just across the way had their Christmas tree at the same time.

In August, 1884, we put on an addition to our church making a hall 6 by 12 and two school rooms 12 by 12 and one room 12 by 20, our building is now 40 feet by 60 feet. Our addition cost us ($450) four hundred and fifty dollars with the stove to heat it, all paid for by Ixonia friends.

We built a parsonage two years ago. That cost ten...
($800) eight hundred and fifty dollars. The A.M.A. aided $400 in the building and bought the lot $400. We now have about 25 members of church. Personage and church worth ($375) three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Mrs. Balbert teaches instrumental music which aids in paying her salary as the parsonage. She has three classes in vocal music and a typing school. In all these classes the Sabbath school is taught. We have also a night school of adults. Some have been taught here to read the Bible who did not know how to read a sentence.

When they came here, then Mrs. Balbert does much Mission work in visiting families and reading the Bible and prayer. There is a female prayer meeting sustained each week. A few months ago the ladies took up a special care for prayer, a young man in Waskowber College, the next week he was converted.

Our work is in a prosperous condition. 4 conventions within the last month and 2 are to be received next Sunday at our communion. I have given you some facts as what you think best it is not put in a place for the first.

R. T. Waskowber

over
THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CHICAGO CONGREGATIONAL CLUB
WILL BE HELD AT
THE PALMER HOUSE,
MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 19, 1885, AT 5.30 O’CLOCK.

Supper will be served promptly at six o’clock.

The business of the evening will be, Reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Election of Officers for 1885.

During the counting of the ballots five-minute addresses will be made by different members, on the following topics:

IS IT ADVISABLE TO INVITE LADIES TO ATTEND MORE MEETINGS OF THE CLUB.

SHALL MORE TIME AT THE MEETINGS
BE DEVOTED TO SOCIAL GREETINGS.

SHOULD MORE TIME OF THE CLUB
BE GIVEN TO EXTEMPORANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Please fill out and return enclosed postal card to the Secretary, on or before Saturday, the 17th, and no seats at the supper can be assured those who fail to do so.

Members will be admitted to the supper room on showing their membership tickets, which are not transferable,

Members can procure extra tickets for friends, at $1.00 each, of the Secretary.

Tickets will be forwarded by mail on request, if order is accompanied by price of same.

Members will be considered responsible for tickets ordered whether used or not.

A. B. MEAD, Secretary,

CHICAGO, January 9, 1885.
Chicago Cong. Club.

Chicago, Ill.

Jan 19, 1885.

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