[Dec. 1885]

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Genl: O. O. Howard

dear Bro.

I am on the go now, nearly all the while - Revival work on every hand. Never saw the like. I have written one letter as you advised, for your friend Ezra. Oh I pray that God will open his heart. Your visit was a benediction. Our young people will not forget it. It was a rich treat to us all. It brought us in a good income. "We must hear him again" is heard on every hand.

Wife wishes to be remembered.

Yrs

C. F. Hamson

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Fort McKinney Wyo. Dec 1, 1885

Lieutenant Colonel H. G. Burnham,
Deputy Judge Advocate General, U.S.A.
Omaha, Neb.

Colonel,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication in regard to Private Simon P. Williams, Troop B, 9th Cavalry.

There is no question of his stealing the harness and finally of his disposition of them, which led to his arrest.

Prior to this his company had lost many things, usually money, by some adroit thief, and Williams had been suspected.

Since his arrest there have been no thefts from the men.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF THE PLATTE.

Platte Dept. of the
Dec. 8th 1885.

Judge Advocate

Furnishes official copy of letter to Q. M. Fort McKinney, Wyo. Dec. 1, 85, relative to charges against Private S. P. Williams, Troop B, 9th Cavy, in connection with enclosed letter from Pvt. Williams' mother applying to have him discharged recent home.

(Encl.)

Seek Clemence
Release Tuck
write Lieut Hammond
& receive his decision
before action
Elliott

There is no question of his being a thief and probably an old one

There is no evidence of his being insane

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Edward Hatch,
Colonel 9th Cavalry,
Commanding

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information of the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, in connection with enclosed letter from Private Williams' mother.

H. B. Burnham
Lieutenant Colonel,
Deputy Judge Advocate General,
USA

JAGO DEW 8.85

of you and yours from time to time, I have longed for news from headquarters.

No, dear General, you are neither out, nor neglected, at heart, for I have your picture on my stand in a leather case opposite Mr Crawford's, and if I have not written you every day, I have looked upon your picture and given you many a pleasant thought, as I go about my daily tasks. I say, tasks, but I really have very few - few can boast of a life so free from care, as I - and few seem so

Raymond St. cor De Kalb Ave.

Brooklyn Dec 1st 1885

My dear General.

You cannot imagine the pleasure your letter gave me this morning, and you came very near receiving at the same time one from me, for I have sat down at this desk several times within the past month, intending to write you, when something would call me away - and so the months have slipped away, and tho' I have heard

I shall try and not let such a long time elapse again, before letting you hear from me. I am not married and yet may be some time, when I get married I will be coming you will be coming to see me

contented and happy in their lot as I, tho I have always been that, and do not wish for a change in that respect.

Your imagination has gone ahead with me altogether too fast. For we are neither in our own house, or am I married, and not even ill. Mr Crawford is just as constant and truer than ever, but his brother is to be married in two weeks, who has been engaged for three years, and we think one wedding in the family a year, plenty, besides we have not been engaged a year yet, and, it has proved such a short, happy eleven months, that we are neither of us in a hurry to step off the bridge into the stream just yet. But before next Autumn has passed I expect we shall finish this chapter, and have opened a new one. I am very happy General, Mamma is even more so, and Mr Crawford grows more so even than she every day, so the trio is just as full of joy as is possible in this world.

Mamma and I still remain here, as our house is rented until the first of May, and we think it larger than we can manage at first, so we shall try to find something in New York, near the Stor. I have been wondering, when you

off in May? Unless you come and see me now, I am afraid our chances of seeing one another will be few, for I can't run away any more unless Mr Crawford can leave business and his vacation each year is short. But "where there's a will there's a way" I say and I am anxious to show the West to the young man; in fact I think the Yellow Stone Park would be a fine wedding trip don't you? and I suggest this or Popocatepetl as my choice — at which the young man shakes his head, looks as if he would

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are coming East next time, I would be the proudest body around, if it could possibly be arranged for you to come on with Mrs Howard for the wedding, which will be as simple and pretty as it can be made in the little church which my father helped build and where we all there have still our membership. It seems most fitting that the ceremony should be there, as I have no home and the new home is to be so small —.

But of course I am looking far ahead, but do you suppose you could come on if the ceremony should come

like to gratify my only desire and gently rub his pocket - But I shall not give up hoping just yet. I followed you last Summer and was at Marblehead when the news of John's accident reached me - I intended to have written you there, but the newspaper reports were very meagre and I did not know what to say, but I am glad he is up again and that the rest of you all keep well -

We heard, via Washington that Mr Howard was going to Germany this Winter, and I had half expected to see her here before sailing - but you still have her with you it seems -

We have a very good friend near us, who is very strong in his admiration for you, indeed he reminds me constantly of you, by his kind, genial good will for all men, and especially the negro - I mean Mr Freeborn Garrison Smith - whose piano you use - And he says - if you ever come East again, he wants to put your piano in thorough repair - in fact he thought of coming up to West Point to see you, but feared to intrude - It is a great pleasure to me to meet such ~~men~~ broad,

him, and people who think a great deal of me, consider us an exceedingly ill matched pair, that this gentleman is good enough for me!! He is too good, I think and I spend a great deal of time trying to puzzle out the reason why I should have been his choice, from so many very desirable parties, but all to no purpose and he will never tell me. It is a long time since I have heard anything from Grace, how is her health now, and what about the little ones?

I am busy in a quiet way, have two pupils in painting

wholesomed men who knew, loved, and appreciated my Father - Mr Smith did not know you as well as my Father, but he knew of your work and of you, as do hosts of others.

I often think General, when one loses a few dear friends, and takes so much pleasure in their society, that it is a great pity to be separated, wasting time with this one and that, who are really nothing to one, It must be a happy union, that, which brings us all together once more - I often wish my Father might have lived to enjoy Mr Crawford - Everyone seems to like

and am trying to study Spanish, but there are a great many interruptions, and progress is slow. A great effort is being made by the churches for a revival this Winter, and extra meetings are being held every night in some of the churches - and what is quite unusual the Episcopal church quite leads off in its Missions -

We heard Canon Farrar lecture on the "Talmud" and saw the opera of Carmen last week, and so the time goes on, bringing to me its round of pleasures and making the world seem a very happy place to dwell in, and I hope dear General that in your little corner it is even as bright, as it is here - I can picture you, there evenings in your parlor - and wish I might drop in and see you all - but it is, I can only send my love to all and each, hoping that at no very distant day I may be able to greet you all in my own little home, which we hope to have full of sunshine, if nothing else -

Do write and tell me if I may count upon your coming to the wedding with Mrs Howard

With a great deal of love to all ~~the~~ children and Mrs Howard - believe me Your most devoted and constant little Sunshine
M. E. Smith.

of have a Husband sentenced
to that dreadfull place it seems
worse then death to me. Dearly
as I love my Husband I
would rather hear the hard
ground fall on his coffin then
to hear that He were
sentenced to Leavenworth and
have my children pointed at
saying that their Father were
a Felon. Dear Sir I beg You
in Gods Holy Name be
merciyfull. Remember there is
a God above who heare my
prayer who hear me plea to
You. Should we not always look
to God and take him for our
example did He not forgive
them that nailed them to the

826 Larimer St. Denver Col.
Dec. 1. 1885

General Howard

Dear Sir

Award Dec 5. 1885

You will please
excuse my seeming boldness
in addressing You. But I wished
to beg You to have mercy on
my poor Husband It was my
fault that He deserted. I would
rather You take and Inprision
me then him. then he could
at least work for his children
Here I am trying to earn my
living by taking in wasing
& takeing care of my little
ones at the same time. And
they have both been sick I
have not had sufficiant
beding to keep them warm
a warm cloths. I had to carry
the little and hold the other

by the hand while I went
from Door to Door looking for
work One Ladie would tell me
we have our girl to do our
washing the other would say we
have our washwomen the
other would ask how can You
work with 2 small Children
I must make my liveing in
some way and if I do have to
sit up allmost all night. I
am willing to work hard
for my little ones but I could
not stand it vary long for
my strength is giveing way.
You can have no Idea
what I have had to suffer
within the last few weeks I
was told to my face that I
was trying to make my liveing
in a vile low life way. But
let the worst come I would
never degrade myself in
that way. Dear Sir if it
is in Your power to free my
Husband. I humbly beg You
for the sake of his Children
have mercy. Dear Sir if You
have a Wife and Children of
Your own think how hard it
would be if You should be
taken suddenly from them
left without a pennie in the
wond without a roof over their
Heads wandering around on
the streets till dark with
one little ~~one~~ clinging to my
dress crying with cold the
other on my arms and I
scarcely knew where I was
going to lay my head that
night. Sir You can reallyze
what poverty is. But it is not
as hard to bare as the diegrace

sound frightens me. Again
I will humbly You spare my
Husband and may God repay
You double fold for Your kindness
Please let Your Wife read this
And let her plead for me.
Your vary humble servent
Mrs. D. C. Pettit

P. S. I forgot to mention
that my Husband is in
Cheyenne Wyoming.

cross. Did He not say Father
forgive them for they know
not what they do excuse me
Sir but my heart is full I
could beg You on my bended
knee to spare my Husband.
Now Sir if He is sentenced
to Leavenworth let me and the
children go with him. For I
should not be able to face any
one again I should not wish
to see any one of mine or His
People again. But I trust
God will Will all things for
the best. Or as I told my
Husband perhaps God is useing
this means of bringing us back
to his fold for I have indeed been
more thaughtfull more thankfull

for the blessings that we daily
receive. Sir if You will free my
Husband I will work for You. I
will rather then loose my Husband
or have him sentenced give up
my children for 2 years and my
Husband also and I would
work so hard and give You
every cent of my earnings
for 2 years and that would only
be a short time but to be
sentenced it would be worse
then death for I am sure I
should not survive the disgrace
I would go mad. And Dear Sir
if it is in your power to free
him You have my life right
in Your hands spare me Sir
Oh spare my little ones..
Now Sir I must beg You to
excuse me for writing so but
I would do allmost any thing
to save my poor erring
Husband we are all more
or less prone to wrong then right
Please Sir Consider well before
You judge Him My Husband
My Lover The Father of Our
2 innocent little boys Sir he
says He is dieing to see his
little Family He has always
been so good to us. He has
never given me a mean word
You can have no Idea how
my heart yearn for my poor
Darling I never knew how
much I loved him untill
now we have never been
parted this long before. but
this is midnight and I keep
looking up thinking I here
some one at my door I am
afraid to be alone at night
I am so nervious that every

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New York Dec 1st 1885

Dear Sirs:

May we ask as a great favor that you will look over the enclosed specimen pages of a new help in the Sabbath-School lesson prepared by Rev & Mrs. Milbur F. Kraft which in several points is unlike any other now before the public

It aims to give special encouragement to memorizing Scripture, daily Bible reading, Home study of the lesson, also the study of doctrines and the study of the Bible as a whole by supplemental lessons. It furnishes not only a commentary or exposition on each lesson, but it shows as well how to teach that lesson.

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Respectfully Yours

Funk & Wagnalls

Funk

New York
Dec 1. 1885.

Answered by the
Genl. Dec 28/85

Dear General:-

If you are not pressed for time, I would like to meet you for a few moments after the lecture. If agreeable to you I will remain in the hall after the audience has passed out. Please advise me.

Yours Truly,

J. H. Stout,
Arizona.

Dec. 1st, '85.

Stout, J. H.

Arizona
Dec 1. 1885.

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to many here, admitting of course a visit now & then, whenever that were convenient & possible.

As to over work here, there is none of it about. The school has no rules, even obliging attendance at recitation. When one is away he receives 0. of course. But no conduct rules. Consequently some students get behind from laziness & neglect of study for pleasures. Hence when they try to catch up - it is as hard as if a student at West point had the same task & at the same time pursuing the ~~regular~~ regular studies of a higher class. Some ~~students~~ come here too young, or older, but too inexperienced & go astray. Then learn almost too late to be men, & then they must work

DEC 11 1885

711 Fulton St.,
Troy, N.Y.,

My dear Father;

I have here three letters from you - unanswered. I have written mother & hence, you seeing the letters, I have put off answering your letter to me. But this evening I shall write a few moments, laying aside my studies for a while.

First comes your letter of Nov. 14. You speak of my health. I put myself to a task which was all I could bear, but by carefully watching myself. I did not over work. I have a walk of six blocks to my meals, six going & six coming - 3 times per day. Also I walk to the recitations several times per day.

The long hard pull of drawing the work of the year I skipped is now all done. I am not obliged to work so late nights, or to rise so early mornings. I now rise at a little before eight and retire at about twelve. Adelheid writes grandmother good letters it seems, and grandmother enjoys them. I am glad she does write for Grandmother loves letters.

Next comes your letter of Nov 23 (dictated). I do not care for the National Tribune any more. You can keep all that come if you wish, or throw them away. It must be discontinued when the year is up, which is soon.

As for Johnny — Time seems the best thing for his needs, and if we wait patiently and pray believingly & earnestly. I know all will come out well. Of course we must not pray & sit wholly still ourselves always, But we must do so when we do not know how to work. I am glad John is reading the Chatauqua course. If that course be well learned, it is equal to the culture & education which some colleges now seem to give. If I had time I would take it up also.

If, in March, you leave Omaha, I know that if John were to also go away, it would be the real test, with proper care of the whole connection with the chases, If he loves her earnestly & for her real final good, he would not mind a separation, until the fitting time

the result. I have no time for papers, hence trust to my friends here to show me when anything important takes place.

Mrs. Green wife of the Director of the Institute, invited me to her house last evening & went with me to present me to a cultured christian wealthy family named Veil near her house. It was kind of her. I regret that I am so closely confined, but later I shall enjoy going there at proper intervals. Adelbert writes me good womanly & christian letters. God has given me a lady of true christian character surely, and one who promises well to be a fit companion for me in my life's work & service to Him here on earth. For surely, the mission of christian belief does much to sustain God's altar in a home. Will love to all Jennie

hard indeed might go day for many months.

The College Bread of the Y.M.C.A. here is strong. It sustains the christian zeal much of its members, and now & then comes a fellow student. But I spoke of in the meeting to-night (our weekly prayer meeting of ½ hr) was the necessity of having "outsiders" feel that the meeting was for them too — perhaps especially — & to make them also happy lightheartedness while christian men.

I am striving steadily with an Mr. Smith, of Buffalo. He should profess Christ & I must make him. He would now like to, but he dreads the "shock" of the re-encounter with his old acquaintances & friends among the wilder & more careless students.

I shall stick to this young man for a long time - he is his heart wishes me to do so, & has said so. If at last he comes out all right, I shall turn him upon the other members of the small "fraternity" to which he belongs here & in which he is one of the two most powerful leaders.

Now I turn to your letter of Dec 5. The check for $50. came safely. I have now found the bankers here where I shall deposit & draw. I do so for several reasons. Especially because it is often very convenient not to have any money in one pocket, especially if when, a student, who should not have it, comes to borrow money. & there are such here.

The students here have had a hard reputation. & many are even still surprised to hear that a Y M C A exists among them & has lasted two & one half years - It will last two. 1/4 of the students are either active or associate members.

My bankers here are
Neher & Carpenter, Bankers
No. 5, First st., Troy, N.Y.

I shall immediately send the money to Rev. things which I borrowed, also pay my board room for Dec.

I have used an invitation from Guy & Jeanie for Xmas, but am not yet decided what I shall do then, for we have but 1 week free & it hardly pays to go so far.

I notice the Mormon Pangle and am waiting to see

OFFICE OF

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Weeping Water, Neb., Dec 1 1881

Mr Genl O. O. Howard -

Dear Sir -

You are billed for Friday evening Dec 4th and shall have a good house -

Yours truly
F. Bellows,

Come on Lecture Course

E. L. R.

Bellows, J.

Weeping Water
Dec 1. 1885.

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[Dec 1, 1885?]

San Francisco, Cal.

Gen Otis Howard.

Dear Sir-

I am collecting autographs of eminent men and deeming it incomplete without yours, I take the liberty of asking for it on the enclosed card. Hoping not to take too much of your valuable time, I remain

Respectfully yours,
Walter L Smith

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Smith, W. H.

San Francisco
Dec 1. 1885.

Answd by Med Genl

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Office of the
Commissioners of Accounts,
~~1 New Court House,~~
Room 115 Stewart Building
New York, Dec 1st 1885

Dear General,

Your favor of the 26th Nov with enclosed check reached me yesterday, for which I am exceedingly obliged, "a half loaf is better than no head" and the amount loaned will help me tide over the situation. I enclose herewith my note for the amt with int added. $25.40 @ 8 mos.

With kindest remembrances to Mrs Howard I remain your obliged friend,

Geo. T. Balch

General O. O. Howard USA
Omaha
Neb:

My first visit to Omaha was in 1855, when it had about 250 inhabitants, my next was in Dec 1883, when it had 60,000. The change wrought by 28 years was marvellous.

Paleli, G. T.

New York
Dec 1. 1885

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Omaha, Neb. Dec 1/84.
[1885]

General Howard.

Dear Sir,

Knowing that you have an extended knowledge of all matters pertaining to the Government. I have ventured to ask your advice, and influence if you will kindly grant it toward obtaining positions for my two daughters as teachers at the "reservasion", or Government Indian Schools in the Indian Territory. I am a victim of rheumatism and am ordered to a milder climate. which I cannot do unless I can obtain positions that are certain for my daughters. before going, as they must be my support.

and I know there is verry
little else for young ladies
to do in that country.
I would be so gratefull if you
would kindly interest yourself
in my behalf. and shall anx-
iously wait your reply.

Verry Respectfully.
Mrs Mary Winants.
Omaha. Neb.

Vinault, Mrs. M.

Omaha, Neb.
Dec 1. 1885.

Answd by the Genl
Dec 7. 1885

Harrod, J. B.

Oakland, Iowa.
Dec. 2. 1885.

Answered by the Genl
Decr 7. 1885

Oakland
Pottawattamie Co Iowa
Dec 2nd 1885

Gen. O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb

Dear Sir

I have the honor to ask if it will be convenient for you to address Wm Layton Post No 358 G. A. R at an early date on the incidents of the late Rebellion? if so please name a time that might be convenient to you and amount of money you would expect - Post meeting Saturday of this week. would like to submit to the Post at that time

We have a Membership of about 50 - and I think you would be well pleased to meet with us

Very Respt. Yours
J. B. Harrod
D. M.

First Congregational Church of Omaha,

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Genl O O Howard

OMAHA, Dec. 2, 1885.

DEAR SIR:

The balance of pew rent due from you for the year 1885 is $ 12. The Trustees of the Church and the Treasurer will esteem it a favor if you will pay this amount promptly by depositing it in the collection envelope next Sunday or by paying it direct to the Treasurer at the Omaha Savings Bank. You are urgently requested to do this in order that the Treasurer may be able to complete his report for the annual meeting which is to be held shortly.

JOHN E. WILBUR, Treasurer.

Pd

Wilbur, J. E.

Omaha, Neb.

Dec 2. 1885.

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Twinsburgh, Summit Co, O.
December 2nd 1885

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard:
Omaha, Nebraska.

My Dear Genl:

I have an application for a Chaplaincy in the U. S. Army, on file in the War Department.
Along with others it bears the endorsement of Gen. W. T. Sherman and the late Genl U. S. Grant, under whom I had the honor to serve as a soldier in the late war.
Having been a soldier I am endeavoring to secure recommendations from Army Officers.
Will you be so kind as to write to the Secretary of War in my behalf
I am a minister of the M. E. Church, am under 40 yrs of age, and have good health.
As we are strangers enclosed you will find duplicate letters from

Hons J. E. Campbell M.C. and
Martin A. Foran M.C. of Ohio.
Hoping it may be your pleasure
to assist an old soldier
in the direction of his desires
I am, my Dear Genl,
Very respectfully Your &c.
Wm. H. Pearson,
Irwinsburgh, O.

Genl. O. O. Howard
Omaha, Neb.

House of Representatives
Washington D.C.
Nov 27 1885

Hon. W. C. Endicott,
Sec of War
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Rev. M. N. Pearson of Ohio is an applicant for Chaplain in the U.S. Army.
No better appointment could be made. He is in all respects worthy.
He was a good soldier in the late war, and is regarded by all who know him to be a good citizen and an honorable, upright man.

Yours &c
M. A. Foran M.C.

Duplicate letter
of recommendation
from Hon. M. A. Foran
Washington D.C.

Hamilton, O.,
June 29, 1885.

Hon W. C. Endicott
Sec'y of War,
Washington D. C.,

My Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in commending to your notice Rev. Wm. W. Pearson, of Youngsburgh Ohio who is an applicant for an Army Chaplaincy

Doctor Pearson is eminently well qualified for the position and his appointment would please his many friends

Yours truly
James E. Campbell M.C.

Pearson, N. H.

Dunsburgh, O.
Dec 2. 1885.

answered by Dr. Clark

Duplicate letter
Recommendation
from Mrs J. Campbell
Steubenville, O.

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To Genl O O Howard

Franklin

All well nothing new

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Breck, Genl S.

Omaha

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Shiras, Mrs R.E.

Ottawa, Kans
Dec 3. 1885.

Answd by Ord Genl
Dec 17. 1885

Dec 3. [1885]

Gen Howard.

Yesterday we looking over the Kansas City paper I saw that you were to lecture there last Tuesday night. If I had seen of it we little would certainly have gone down to have heard you. How about coming to Ottawa this winter. I am very much interested in the City Library & would like to have you come & deliver your lecture on Gen Grant for our benefit. Will

be most happy to have you for our guest while here. Now if you will be so kind as to inform me in regard to trains & at what time it would be most convenient for you to come. Then if they are within our means for me as a very prosperous lady I will be delighted to make arrangements for your coming. With love to Miss Bessie, Mr Shiers & the children, give me in kind regards to yourself. Hoping to hear from you soon. Very respectfully

Mrs H. G. Stein
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Hardeman Co
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To Genl O O Howard

Confidential dispatch
from Washington Neb
you had better come here
by the first train
Baisek a a Genl

Breck, Genl S.

Omaha
Dec 4. 1885

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Paterson. N.J. Dec 4
[1885]

Dear Sir,

I am collecting autograph and should be happy to receive yours if it is convenient for you to render me such a pleasure

Yours truly
Harry J. Harder
120 Washington St
Paterson. N.J.

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Harder, H. J.

Patterson, W. J.
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