Gent: O. G. Howard

Dear Sir,

I am on the no. 405, many calls the while. Revivals work on every hand, never saw the like. I have written one letter as you advised, for your kind care. Oh I pray that God will fill 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. You must hunt him again is heard on every hand.

Wife wishes to be

Uncle "Bar.

Yrs. C. S. Hanson
Mr. R. Howard,

I was interested to hear from you again. I understand that you are working on a new project that may be of interest to our company. I would be happy to discuss this further with you at your convenience.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,
[Name]
J. W. Kennard
December 1885

Lieutenant Colonel E. I. Burkhart
Deputy Judge Advocate General, U.S.A.

Omaha, Neb.

Col.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication in

regard to Private Allen, A. Williams, Fort

Booth Company

There is no question of his stealing the

barnes & 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 camp.
There is no question of this being a thief and probably an old one.
There is no evidence of this being a crime.

Yours respectfully,

Edward S. Stelch

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 Sheriff Williams

W.O. Bonner

Lieutenant Colonel

Deputy Judge Advocate General

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

No, dear General, you are neither cut, nor neglected, at least, for I have your picture on my stand in a leather case opposite Mr. Crawford, 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 back off a life so free from care, as I and you seem to
contented and happy in their lot as I, too. 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 home, or am I married, and not even ill. Mr. Crawford is just as constant and true as ever, but his brother is to be married in two weeks, who has been engaged for three years, and we think our maid must have a family a year, plenty; besides we have not been engaged a year yet, and it has proved such a shock. 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 we shall finish this chapter, and have opened a new one. I am very happy General, Mamma is enormously and ever since she Mr. Crawford grows more every day, so the two as 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 Chinatown. I have been wondering, then you
off by May 4. 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 miles. Mr. Crawford can't leave business and his vacation each year is short. But where there's a will there's a way, I say, and I am planning to start the week to the young man; in fact, I think the Yellowstone Park would be a fine wedding trip and you, and I suggest this or Popocatépetl as my choice—at which the young man shook his head, like as if he could.

I am coming East next time. I wish the proudest body around, if it could possibly be arranged, for you to come with Mr. 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 take place, as I have no home and the new home is to be as small as possible. 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 follow you last summer and was at Marblehead when the news of this accident reached me. I intended to have written you then, 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, for 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 I will feel it seem.

We have a very good friend near me, who is very strong in his admiration for him, indeed he reminds me constantly of you by his kind, genial good will for all men, and especially the negro. I mean Mr Freedom Garrison Smith, whose plans you use. And he says if you ever come East again, he wants to put your plans as through 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, Brad,
lame, and people who think a great deal of me, consider as an exceedingly ill matched pair, that little gentleman is good enough for me!!

He is too good, I think, and spend a great deal of time trying to puzzle out the reason why I should have been his chance, from so many more 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, nor is her health now, and what about the little ones? Saw bury in a quiet way, have two pupils in painting.

Whole cloth men who know, love, and appreciated my Father. Mr. Smith did not know you as well as my Father, but he knew of your work and if you, ashost of others.

I often think General, when one love a few dear friends, and takes so much pleasure in their Society, but it is a great pity to be separated, waiting 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 the Crawford. Everyone seems to like
and am trying to study Spanish, but there are so 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 influence.

We heard Canon Farrar lecture on the Psalms, and saw the opera of Carmen last week, and so the tone goes on, bringing us into a world of pleasure and making the world seem a very happy place to dwell.

Well, and I hope dear General that in your little corner it is ever as bright as it is here. I can picture you there, and I wish I might dream my way back for a little, and see you all. But I can only send my love to all and each, hoping that as 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 notting else.

Do write and tell me if I may count upon your coming to the wedding next month.

With a great deal of love to all the children and Mrs. Howard. Believe me, your most devoted and constant Little S. Smith.
of have a husband sentenced to that dreadful place it seems more than death to me. Dearly as I love my husband I would rather hear the hard ground fall on his coffin then to hear that the man sentenced to treason and have my children pointed at saying that their father were a villain. Dear Sir I beg you in God's Holy Name be merciful. Remember there is a God above who hears 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 him to the cross. 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 imprison me then him, then he could at least work for his children there I am trying to earn my living by taking in washing & taking care of my little ones at the same time. And they have both been sick. I have not had sufficient bedding to keep them warm or warm clothes. I had to carry the little and hold the other.
by the hand while I went from Door to Door looking for work. One lady 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 living in some way and if I do have to sit-up all night all night I am willing to work hard for my little ones but I could not stand it day long for my strength is giving 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 living in a vile lowlife way. But let the worst come it 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 penny in the world without a roof over their heads wandering around on the streets till dark with one little 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 realize what poverty is. But it is not as hard to live as the disgrace...
Sound frightens me. Again I will humbly implore you to 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 very humble servant, Mrs. D. C. Pettit.

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

Cross. Did the not say Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Excuse me Sir but my heart is full. I could beg you in my bended knees to spare my Husband. Now Sir if the is sentenced to ten years let me and the children go with him. For I should not be able to face any one again. I should not be able to face any one of mine or tho People again. But I trust God will Will all things for the best. Or as I told my Husband perhaps God is using this means of bringing us back to his fold for I have indeed been more thoughtfull more thankfull.
for the blessings that we daily receive. Sir if you will free my husband I will work for you. I will rather than lose 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 than 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 almost anything to save my poor erring husband we are all more a less prone to wrong then right. Please Sir consider well before you judge him. My husband my lover. The father of one innocent little boy Sir he says he is dying to see his little family. He has always been so good to me he has never given me a mean word. You can have no Idea how my heart aches for my poor darling. I never knew how much I loved him until now we have never been parted this long before. But this is midnight and I keep looking up thinking I hear someone at my door. I am afraid to be alone at night. I am so nervous that every.
Dear Sirs,

May we ask you a great favor that you will look over the enclosed specimen pages of a new book on the Sunday-school lessons prepared by Rev. Wm. Wilbur & Co., which in several points is unequal to any other now before the public.

It seems to give special encouragement to memorizing Scripture, daily Bible reading, close study of the Bible, prayer, the study of doctrine, and the study of the Bible as a whole by supplemental lessons. It publishes not only a commentary or exposition on each lesson, but it shows as well how to teach that lesson.

Most of all, it seeks to put that lesson so that it will lead to religious decisions or actions. We should be glad to receive your opinion of the plan.

Respectfully yours,

Funk & Wagnalls
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.

Dec 1st 85, Arizona.
Stout, J. H.

Arizona
Dec. 1, 1885.

[Signature]

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My dear Father,

I have three letters for you - one is written in Spanish, one in English. I have written another letter in your language, you can see the letter. I have sent some money with your letter to me. But this evening I shall write a few moments, hoping to hear from you soon.

First comes your letter of Nov. 14. You speak of your health. I put myself to a task which was difficult, but I am now feeling much better. I have cut my work. I have a walk of five miles to my meals, six, and six coming to the theater, which we visit three times per day.
The long hot pull of summer
The week of the year sheet
\nI am not obliged to work so late nights.
\nI have rise at a little before eight and retire at about twelve.
\nAdeline writes grandmother the
good letters. It seems, and grandmother enjoy them.
\nI am glad she does write for
\nI was at home at eleven when the hour is
\nIt seems the
\nAs for February, there seems
\nthe best thing for his needs,
\nand if we wait patiently and
\nYes, I believe there's no need.
\nNow all will come out well.
\nOf course we want it
\nup just as it really suits ourselves.
\nBut we want the
\nand when we do not know
\nhow to work. I am glad
\nJohn is reading the Chatan
\ngang course. If that course
\nbe well learned, it is good
\nto the culture and education
\nwhich some colleges now seem
to give. If I had time, I
\nwould take it up also.
\nIf in need, you become Charlie,
\nI know that if John were
to also go about it would be
the real test, will paper care
of the whole connection with
the branches. If he loses his
serenity, then this real quick
and he would not mind in
separation, until the fitting time
The earnest. I have no time for papers, hence must to my friends here to show me when anything important takes place.

Mrs. Green wrote I the Director of The Institute invited me to her house last week and went with me to present me to a cultural Christian wealthy family named Smith near her house. I was kind of her, I regret that I am so closely confined but later I shall enjoy you the American interest.

Good morning Christian letter, God has given me a lady of the Christian character; society, and she promises well to be a first companion for me in my life work service to Him here on earth.

For surely, the mission of Christian belief does much to sustain God’s altar in this home. With love to all, Jennie.
I shall stick to this young man for a long time - he is not heart-wish me to do anything - has said so. If at least he comes not late right, I shall turn him from the other members of this small fraternity to which he belongs like y in which I am 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. I drew I do so for several reasons. Especially because it is often very convenient not to have any money in one pocket especially when we students, who should not have it come to borrowing money. This is what I do here.

The students here have had no bead decoration. They are even still surprised to hear that a Y.M.C.A exists among them. If your letter is one year of years - I will not two. My the students are either active or associate members.

Very, very cordially yours...

Neil of Carpenter, Bankers No. 5, First St., N.E.

I shall immediately send the money to her. How I hope which I borrowed I also pay my bond soon for this. I have used an invitation for being in DU's for two years, but am not yet decided what I should do thus far, so I send you this.

I was just able to use my free time to go on far. I visited the Barron County and was waiting to see...
Weeping Water, Neb., Dec 1, 1881

Mr. E. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

You are billed for Friday evening Dec 4th. I shall have a good house.

F. Kellogg

Come on lecture corn
Wells, J.

Weeping Water
Nov. 1, 1885

[Signature]

[Handwritten notes and scribbles]
San Francisco, Cal.

[Dec. 1, 1885?]

Dear Sir:

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

Respectfully yours,
Walter B. Smith
Smith, W.T.

San Francisco
Chec. 1, 1885.

Signed by M.C.

[Handwritten text not legible]
Office of the Commissioners of Accounts,
1 New Court House,
Room 5 Stewart Building
New York, Dec. 1885

Dear Journal,

Your favor of the 36th with endorced check reached me yesterday for which I am exceedingly obliged. A half loaf is better than no head and the amount herein will help me to cover some of the outlay. I enclose herewith my note for the amount with but added 25.00 @ Blue.

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. which had about 250 inhabitants, my next was in June 1883, when it had 60,000. The change wrought in 28 years was marvellous.
New York
Dec. 1, 1885

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Omaha, Neb. Dec 13th.

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 "reservation" 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 very little else for young ladies to do in this country.
I would be so grateful if you would kindly interest yourself in my behalf, and I shall curiously wait your reply.

Very Respectfully,

Mama Wm. Winslow

Omaha, Neb.
Winneb., Wt. M.

Omaha, Neb.
Dec. 1, 1885.

Received by the Earl
Dec. 7, 1885.
Oakland, Iowa
Dec. 2, 1885

Rated by the Cent
Dec. 4, 1885

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to ask if it will be convenient for you to address Mr. Layton Post No. 368 at 4 P.M. 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 to receipt at Post Meeting Saturday of this week. I would like to submit to the Post at that time.
We have a membership of about 60 - and I think you would be well pleased to meet with us.

Very Trust yours

J. B. Stearred

P.M.
First Congregational Church of Omaha,
TREASURER'S OFFICE.

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.
Twineburgh, Summit Co., O.
December 2, 1885.

Brie, Gen. A. G. Howard!

Omaha, Nebraska.

My dear Gen.

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. U. S. Sherman and the late Gen. 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 forty years of age, and have good health. As we are strangers enclosed you will find duplicated letters from
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Hons J. E. Campbell M.C. and
Martin A. Foran M.C. of this
Hoopying it may be your pleasure
to assist an old soldier
in the duration of his desire
I am, especially your obedient
Servant.
Syr. H. Pederson,
Swineburgh O.

Ern. C. C. Howard
Omaha, Neb.
Hon. W. E. Endicott,
Sec'y of War
Washington, D.C.

Sir:
Re: M. V. Macon, of Ohio, is
an applicant for Chaplain
in the U.S. Army.

His business 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 etc.

M. A. Toran, M.C.
Hamilton, O.
June 29, 1883
Hon. W.C. Endicott
Secy. of War
Washington, D.C.
My Acquaintance,
I take pleasure in recommending to your notice
Rev. W.H. Pearson of Goshen, Ohio who is an applicant for
an Army Chaplaincy.
Rev. Pearson is eminently well qualified for the
position and his appointment would please his many
friends.

Respectfully,
James C. Campbell
Dear Mr. T. Clarke,

Pineville, Dec. 2, 1887.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Received by T. Clarke

[Additional notes and signatures]
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Dated, Omaha 26th 2

To Genl O.O. Howard

Franklin's All well nothing new.

Buck, secy
Sturaz, Mrs. H.C.

Ottawa, Ottawa
Dec 3, 1885.

Received by the Lord
Dec 4, 1885.

My dear Mr. 

Yesterday we

lodged in the

Grand Hotel. Scan that. I

was here to receive

your last Monday

night. If I had

known of it we

would have met

here for dinner. I

have heard you

say about touring

to Ottawa this

winter. I was very

much interested in

the Fall Solato. I

would like to have

you engage & deliver

your lecture at

New Depart. I

am looked for.
The most expedient to

The weather has been very

Now if you will be

This is to inform

regard to

time. It would be

most expedient for

you to come. Then

if they are with us

one means for me

not a very

preferences, I

will be delighted

to make arrangements

for you to come

with due to Mrs.

Bessie. The three of

The children's first

me the kind regards

To yours self.

Yours from your

Very truly yours.
Received at Omaha Nov 27 1885

Confidential dispatch from Washington read by the first man at the telegraph office.

Send Oostward

Confidential dispatch from Washington read by the first man at the telegraph office.
Dear [Name],

Oct. Nov. 1875

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[Handwritten note]
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. Gardner
120 Washington St.
Paterson, N.J.
Harder, H. J.

Patterson, N.Y.
Dec 14, 1885.

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