Rev. H. Bross
Missionary for Northern Nebraska.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 25, 1885

Dear Sir,

You know about our

We are now starting out at Buffalo

We should arrange to give us your

I want to have something better for

The young men, so for older men

Almost any time that will suit you, will do for us. I think it

glad to have you give us a Sabbath up

Truly yours,

H. Bross.
As to the Mormon matters, I think Mr. Edmonds was right to appoint a commission to manage the financial business of the Mormon church & close it up, most unwise r think it will prove the worst way to destroy its evil influence. It is a very ingenious measure, for with the best name, the body may crawl about a little like an antipede under the same circumstances but will soon crowd up & die. With a happy new year to all from your affectionate son.

Fort Leavenworth, K. S.
20th Dec. 1855

Dear Father,

I mailed to you Chanady's check but did not then stop to write. We are having a very pleasant Christmas. Last night James & I finished the house with everyone, came 2 support bands. Helen noticed the change as she sat in her high chair at breakfast. She was remembered by nearly every one in the Post, & is well supplied with new toys. By everyone I mean the various families' offspring. James sent a bundle up to the Company, some of which were on the table at their Christmas dinner.
Mr. Manderson's Bill that I gave him seems to be well before the public now. There was an excellent editorial on it in the N.Y. Times the 14th. I sincerely hope it will be put through unchanged.

I have a little dog in the Ranger opposition & desire to change their form. Command & artillery who have already the organization desired, 4 a few officers of whom by a desire to get something themselves, not knowing exactly what, propose trying to change the 3 Battalion Bill to include something for them.

I have arranged for my vote at the Ocean Bank so that they will extend the unpaid balance. I can eventually take care of it, but as I wrote you, if you can deposit something to my credit there to be so much on the morning of the 31st without running two alone it will help me that much.

I have written France & hope she is doing well. Jamie wrote that he had not time to come home for Christmas. We send home to all at home & we are well & happy enjoying the as yet, open winter. I hope it will continue as after Harry's arrival. As we welcome to one girl he will be much needed as assistant housekeeper.

Respectfully submitted,

Dec. 30th 1885.


Gen. O. B. Howard,

Dear Gen.,

Will you please pardon me for addressing you at this time. I am an invalid Soldier at present, but one that had the honor to serve under you for some time during the dark period that came to us twenty years ago. The regiment with which I was connected was ever proud of its leaders and I shall never forget the kind and Christian like words of cheer that you gave us in those days. I have a favor from you. It is this: Will you kindly write me a line or two at a moment of all times? It would cheer me much.
receive these lines with due  
regard to my boy and wish  
for him to remember this  
programs and command.  
May God bless and keep you.  
General for my peace.  

Jno. F. E. M. Smith  
Late Sergeant, 5th M. H. Vol's E. E. Cross.  
Stockton Cal.
Received at OMAHA, NEB. 7 x 1 p

Dated, Norfolk, Neb. 26

To Gen. O. O. Howard

Mr. Dress at the Gap

No Communication beyond Chadron, ne.

Home Tuesday, Dec. 29

Mr. H. Dress
Dec. 26, 1886

My dear Gen.

I have heard nothing of any attempts to supplant you. Still, politicians are always interfering with pro-suffrage in the Army, and as Howley, one of Terry's especial friends is in the Military Committee, I would, if I were you, write to Logan, Sewall and Wauderson, who are also on that Committee.

You may rely on me as of course to do any thing I can to work securing you your rights.

Very truly,

[Signature]
Washington
Dec 26, 1886

[Handwritten text that is not legible]
Washington, Dec 26th 1885
My Dear Sir:

For your prompt and kind responses to my request regarding my application for a Captaincy for my son, much thanks. Your words of commendation have given me much pleasure, and I believe will be of great value in the position of securing the desired appointment.

With all the best wishes of the season for you and yours,
I wish to inform the wife and family of
the late

Enclosed are the remains of

My sentiments are expressed through

G. E. Rustillo

this letter.

Eve H. Leavitt

U.S.A.

Omaha, Neb.

I am glad to hear from you, and hope this letter finds you well. A true fellow in all things.

A fellow from Ohio.
Citizens Bank

Nebraska, Dec 26 1885

Ottowa
Dear Sir:

Allow me to remind you of the fact that we have advertised your lecture on June 1st for 81/2 inst. Hoping that price of business will exceed of your coming.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

J. G. Harris
Harris, C. E.

Nebraska, Neb.

Dec 26, 1885
War Department,
Publication Office, War Records 1861-65,

Col. E. D. Howard, W. S. M.
Omaha, Neb.

Gen. Burnside's movement and
injunction made I send you the Union and
Confederate orders for making an incursion
Westward with one thousand cavalry men.

Unify and Aid in making an incursion.

Respectfully,

R. R. M. E.

Capt. E. M. P.
Philadelphia Dec 28th 1885

Major Gen'l O.O. Howard
Dept of the Plate
Omaha Neb.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 23rd is received with enclosure for which we are greatly obliged. The article suits us admirably and we will use all of it. The price you named, $25.00 is we do not think exorbitant.

Yours very truly,

Hubbard Bros.

Gibbald R. W.
Tekamah Public Schools,

J. A. SMITH, Principal,

Tekamah, Neb., Dec. 28th, 1885

Gentleman:

Omaha, Neb.

My dear General:

Although I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance yet I desire to secure a lecture from you for the benefit of our high school library. Would it be possible for you to give us a lecture sometime during January? If so, please state terms and a list of subjects.

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain,

Most Respectfully,

[Signature]
Smith L. A.

S. Kennally

Nov. Dec 28, 1885,

Assd by the

Seal. Dec 29, 1885,
There is no chance here. Jamie wants you to tell mother so that Harry can't be more kind. When summer comes we will look out for him.

Fort Niagara N.Y.
29 Dec. 1855

Dear partner

I received your letter of the 24th today. The amount of $500 is a great plenty even more than I expected. I will assume that you put that amount to my credit on the 31st in accordance with my last letter and will send the new note for the balance to be extended counting that amount. I will talk with Harry about exchanging this with you but the reason I desired to sell was to get money from outside the family to put it within it. The payment I am able to make pays all the 1500 and but 500 which
He will care during the winter. Please ask us to tell you how much
appropriate this is, that you extend
Grace to nurse the baby girl here
and that she thanks you very
much for it. She received a letter
from mother but no word that
the package containing mittens little
basket it came from home, so
we cannot yet thank the individual
gives. I did not notice your
letter on the book. Mrs. Eames
until I had just written you
after its receipt. I think
Champlin's idea about the letto a
good one. I hope they will
be of use to him. We will be
very glad when Harry reaches
Washington. We had a pleasant
outing today. I asked you to
have Mr. Shirey's Restaurant
but you have not mentioned it
since. If it has not gone to
Edwin, I think it would like to buy
it for $1, if not nearly twenty.
He can have it; otherwise we would
like to have it sent in my freight.
Janie wants to know if Clara Eames
came home with Edwin or if not
what her address is. Please get
the next one that writes to tell us
Kenseth. Helen is very well & growing
rapidly. Harry will be quite a
change. He will make home to
all is home.

Affectionately yours,
Harry
J. M. THACHER & CO.,
POST TRADERS.

FORT NIOPRARA, NEB. Dec 30 1885

Dear General:

Replying to yours of 24th instant. Please be informed that the two horses purchased for you cost $91.00, which amount you may place to our credit with our First National Bank at Omaha at your convenience.

We shall always be glad to be of service to you.

Mrs. Thacher joins in best remembrance to Mr. Howard and yourself.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Thacher
To: Niobrara,
Dec 30, 1885,

Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Address and details]
26 Broadway

New York, Dec. 30, 1885.

My dear General:

I returned recently from a hurried business trip to Florida, and found your favor of 16th inst., which should have had earlier attention but, like many other matters, had been put aside.

I note your endorsement of the Franklin Academy, for which Rev. Mr. Nason makes such an eloquent appeal.

I have no doubt that it is doing great good, and if I had not already taken up pretty heavy burdens in other directions, I should feel like sending Mr. N the thousand dollars he requires. I have decided to compromise, and enclose herewith my check on the
Fifth Avenue Bank, your order for $500.00, and beg that in remitting Mr. Harrison you will substitute your check, and let my name be unknown.

Mrs. Flagler joins me in a very kind remembrance to Mrs. Howard and yourself.

Sincerely Yours,

A.M. Flagler

Gen. C.O. Howard,

Omaha, Neb.
GEN. O. O. HOWARD,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

DEAR BROTHER:—

I find a letter of yours enclosing one from Agent Crafts relating to the Mission Indians was laid in abeyance without attention.

The pressure upon my time is very great, there is no question that something ought to be done to relieve those mission Indians, and especially to make them independent of vicious neighbors about them. I have not visited them at a date sufficiently recent to be able to advise as to specific measures. I would, however, put great confidence in the action of the State Association of California, and think you could go amiss in seconding their resolutions, which seem to call for cooperation with the Indian Bureau. My friend, Horatio M. Rust, is now residing at South Pasadena, Cal., and would be a valuable adviser in the whole matter, both for the Government and for the Indians. I enclose you the letters and resolutions which you desire.

AFFECTIONATELY YOURS,

O. O. Howard

P. S., we were much pleased to learn from Lizzie's letter that there was a prospect of a visit from Harry and Albo one from you and herself. I do hope you will not fail to come. Mother is well enough to enjoy company, but has had a bad cold and does not go out.

P. S. No. 2. I remember that you wrote in a letter to Mother recently that you thought of writing some monograms touching the Freedmen's Bureau. You asked who would be a good person to write suggestively. I do not know that I understand you correctly, but I suppose you want some person who would write to a publisher. If you could possibly divest your writing from everything controversial, some monthly like Harper's or the Century might be willing to publish it. But I have or—
SERVED THAT THE HARPERS ARE VERY SENSITIVE AS TO ALL QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE SOUTH, AND I DOUBT WHETHER THEY WOULD WANT ANYTHING UPON THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU. IT SEEMS TO ME IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO WRITE DISSIPANATELY AND WITHOUT A GOOD DEAL OF PERSONAL BIAS, AND I DO NOT THINK IN THE INTEREST OF TRUTH AND HISTORY THAT IT WOULD BE WELL FOR YOU TO WRITE FOR ANY MAGAZINE WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE TO TREAD TOO MUCH AND BE TOO CAREFUL OF SHARP POINTS AND THE INTERESTS OF PUBLISHERS. I HAVE NO DOUBT DR. GILBERT WOULD BE GLAD TO WRITE TO SOME PUBLISHERS, BUT CANNOT SAY WHETHER HIS INFLUENCE IS VERY GREAT.

OUR GOOD OLD FRIEND, DR. WEBB, WOULD BE A GOOD MAN WITH REFERENCE TO BOSTON PUBLISHERS. I KNOW PERSONALLY MR. DILLINGHAM, OF LEE, SHEPARD & DILLINGHAM, BUT YOU KNOW THEM EQUALLY WELL, AND I DO NOT SEE THAT THEY COULD HELP IN REGARD TO A PERIODICAL. I AM IN CORRESPONDENCE OCCASIONALLY WITH GEO. H. STUART OF PHILADELPHIA. I HAVE NO DOUBT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO APPROACH LIPINCOTT WITH REFERENCE TO SUCH AN OFFER.

IT STRIKES ME THIS IS YOUR BEST OPPORTUNITY. THE CENTURY IS LOADED DOWN WITH WAR ARTICLES AND WOULD NOT WANT ANYTHING MORE FROM ARMY OFFICERS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW WOULD LIKE ONE OR TWO LONG AND EXHAUSTIVE TREATISES, BUT THEY WOULD WANT TO BALANCE UP TWO OR THREE. FOR EXAMPLE, YOURSELF AND S. S. COX.

IF A. S. BARNES WOULD INTEREST HIMSELF TO CONSULT THEM, I HAVE NO DOUBT HE COULD SECURE YOU AN OPENING THERE. DO YOU KNOW HIM WELL ENOUGH TO WRITE A FRANK, BRIEF LETTER ASKING WHETHER HE WOULD DO IT?

Yours,

[Signature]

APRIL 11, 1881

[Note: The rest of the document is not legible due to handwriting and aging of the paper.]
Omaha Dec. 30 1885.

Or will you please be kind enough

Many suggestions you may be able to give, etc., etc., the information they desire and very much obliged

very respectfully,

Geo. S. Smith

Genl. O. O. Howard

Omaha

 Neb.
[Handwritten text]
Dear Sir:

Enclosed I hand you Annual Pass $431 for

[Signature]

as requested by

Please note that by the rules of this Company, all passes must be signed by the persons to whom issued, before entering the cars.

Acknowledge receipt, and oblige,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Oct. 20 M.

Omaha, Neb.
Dec. 30, 1884

General.

[Handwritten text]
Alderbury, Cowes. 
Dec. 30, 1885.

My dear Father,

I send you a blank letter which I wish you would write and send to Henson Higgins, who would prize it much. He is a faithful servant of George Thrigg and has been always very attentive to me. He is a S.H.R. member; he has a little negro blood in his
reins. He has charge of the shipping department of George's factory. Perhaps, you may have time to write the letter I send you or one similar to it on official paper all in your handwriting. Some well, an uncle seated. Return to Troy to-morrow.

With love to you and all Jamie.

P.S. His name is HENSON 771058.
Portland Dec. 30, 1885.

Gen. Thompson:

Send your wife here your Legal
Legumi diploma. Let me
know if it reaches me.

Very truly,

H. S. Burgess.
Br. Maj' Chanceller.
Brooklyn Dec 20, 1885

My dear Mr. Howard,

Brought wishes me to reply to your letter containing the one from Mr. Harrison received a few days ago. He seems to be yielded in the work of education as well as of evangelization and the field is certainly a broad one. But we have many cells of a similar nature here at the East and just now there is special demand on our friends for the coming year. So, Brother feels obliged to decline refusal the offer.
April 18, 1871

Dear Mr. Harmon,

I return the Garrison letter, thinking you may like to ask it out to someone else from your home. I trust you may receive a more substantial response.

Mother has been quite ill since our return this autumn. She is better and riding out once a week. The rest of the family are in usual spirits, and glad to hear of the welfare of you and yours.

All unite in sending you a Happy New Year, to you and Mrs. Harwood.

Yours sincerely,

Edward C. Buck
cold mother. I will write & love you very love. My boy. I am glad. The boy at home are as well as Busy. and my Jamies roll to one & James & I think he is working amicably at his studio. I expect harry will live to make us a garden in March. will bring that last year of put in the deed. March 13th. the prisoner year on March 16th. Blackman. I have bought for a clearance of a coke and shall take the girl who has been cooking for awhile to act as nurse for the children. If she wishes to do so at reduced wages. James has intended to write you before now it would send messages of love. With much love,

You & jamie & love
daddy 86

Beside your loving daughter
Grace E. V. Gray

Vancouver B. C.
Dec 31, 1885

Dear Papa;

I received your and Mrs. Gray's good letters this morning. We are all pretty well now. though I am not very strong yet. Here Thompson has been a great help and the children have been very happy with him. Today we hope to have Mr. Thompson come over and perhaps James. Though he may have to remain at osteo another day or two. He has been away twice once baby came so in miss him very much. I am down stairs now every day and find too much to do. So get time
A good deal of trouble with Grace comes from spoiling her during my absence, and now she comes at being dressed washed or put to bed etc. Bessie is busy and a real help in amusing the others, and putting rooms in order - and May is perpetual nice and astute. Sometimes very anxious. Grace is busy and her hobby since is dancing flat beingconned to all of us, and especially to me. She talks very well. All these are the little people very much. Though I do not think her very interesting yet.

She sleeps well in the daytime, is awake mostly at night. Last night it was ten o'clock before the noise got any sleep. I will talk to James about her Grace, when I get a chance but lately some when he was at home. The demand for her is great.

Upon his attention for Mrs. McConnell to admit if any quiet conversation. He had a pleasant home in it twice yesterday and this morning. Bessie May was happy for half an hour with dolls and other books before the sunshine melted the snow. This afternoon they all took a walk with Mrs. O'Driscoll, as Mrs. Thompson was not well. Her headache is gone now but he is playing only while Bessie & May are going over to show Bessie at her request for a half an hour's rest. Mrs. Brooke died a few days ago in Portland. Mrs. O'Driscoll is engaged to Mr. Burr of the Engineers and they expect to be married in June. Mr. O'Driscoll has a pleasant home so far, and an hoping there will be no very