Lakeside, Ohio, Sunday School Encampment, July 20 to August 1, 1886.

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FORTIETH STREET
Methodist Episcopal Church,
B. T. VINCENT, Pastor,
Parsonage, 4037 Locust St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 1, 1886.

My Dear General:-

Rev. Dr. Gillett has given me July 28th to 30th on either two of which days I may fix your lectures for Lakesdie. And as your letter confirms this arrangement of probable days I will very soon fix them exactly and write you.

I congratulate you and the Country on the news of this morning that your appoint= ment as Major General has been confirmed.

Looking forward with exceeding pleasure to meeting you in July at Lakeside, and enjoying, with the many who shall be there, your glowing words, I am

Yours sincerely,

B T Vincent

Philadel.ª, Pa.,
April 1.st 1886.
Vincent, Rev., B.F.
About Geul, Sts.
Lectures at Lakeside.

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1416 - I - Street
Washington, D.C. April 1st, 86

Dear General Howard;

I am very grateful for your letter of March 25th. I can assure you that I shall ever seek opportunities to contradict the statement that "the Freedmen's Bureau was a failure". We all believe that the unanimous approval of the signal success of the Bureau and your eminent services is only a question of time.

Now, General Howard, that I have your indorsement I feel sanguine; and hope to secure, at once, the promise of sufficient votes to make my election sure. I desire to leave for Paris before the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 1st.

Will you not do me the further kindness to write a letter of indorsement to your brother, Genl. Charles H. Howard, and secure his vote and influence for me? Please request him to write me immediately, a letter which other trustees may sign; who promise me their votes.

The chair for which I shall apply is - "Modern Languages and Political Economy".

Most gratefully,
Hugh.

C. H. Howard, Esq.
Glencoe. Ill.

Please read this within
Hugh Browne is an elegant
scholar, speaks German &
knows French. Has been
a Professor in Liberia till
the Missionary funds
gave out. He is one of
our best graduates of
"H. U." Return after
reading. O. O. H.

Prof. H. M. Browne
1416 I Street
Washington D.C.

Browne. Prof. Greek.
Lecks Bill Horrid influence
to secure professorship

C. S. HARRISON,
PASTOR OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
AND TRAVELLING AGENT FOR
FRANKLIN ACADEMY.

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Franklin, Neb., Apr 1st 1886

Genl Howard

My Dear Bro

Wife & I join with thousands of others at the good news of your advancement.

Our building is moving toward completion slowly, times are hard this spring. We are $1200 behind yet. Sometime I would like to confer with you for an hour or so, when convenient. I fear your new duties will take you away soon.

The Lord bless you — you have helped us much. I have been fortunate enough to secure a State Evangelist & he will probably come here for a ter-

Yrs

C. S. Harrison

Franklin, Neb.,
April 1st 1886.

Harrison, Rev. C. S.

Congratulations &c.

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Atlanta, Ga. 4/1 1886

Genl. O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb.

Dear General — Mrs. Bumstead asks me to direct her letter to you, and also say something in aid of her object — You will remember that Prest. E. A. Ware, was my right-hand man in the Educational work in Ga. almost from the beginning, and before we closed the Bureau work he organized the Atlanta University & became its first President — He gave twenty years the whole of his best years to the work for the Freedmen — the most unselfish, devoted and self-sacrificing work I have ever known The University is now a most magnificent monument to his memory In the midst of his best work he "clean down & died"

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS.

leaving an invalid wife (a grand woman) and four young children almost in poverty – He deserves a Monument, but our first duty is to provide for his helpless family –

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leaving an invalid wife (a grand woman) and four young children almost in poverty – He deserves a Monument, but our first duty is to provide for his helpless family – Mrs. Burnettead has undertaken the task for which you will see she is well fitted – She has a family and numerous cares, but with great personal sacrifice & labor is prosecuting the work – I trust you will not consider me presumptuous in asking your aid both by a personal contribution & in any other way you can – With hearty congratulations on your promotion & very kind regards, in which Mrs. L. joins me

I am very truly

J. H. Lewis

M. C. L.

Atlanta, Ga.,
April 15 86

Lewis, J. R.
Desires aid for
family of E. A. Ware.

Atl. April 17, 1886.

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BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE.

REV. G. W. WAINWRIGHT,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
FOR NEBRASKA, COLORADO AND
WYOMING.
RESIDENCE--BLAIR, NEB.

American Bible Society.

Blair, Neb Apr 1st 1886

Genl O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb.

My dear Sir.

I am exceedingly well pleased to learn of your appointment & confirmation as Maje Genl N. S. G.
I would reach out my hand & cordially congratulate you. It is what your friends (who are legion) have desired, & have been satisfied was your right.
God bless you my brother in this advance.

Yours Cordially
Geo. W. Wainwright
Dist Supt A.B.S

Blair, Nebr.,
April 1st 86,

Wainwright, Rev., G. W.,
Congratulations.

Ans. Apl. 1st 86.

File Ans. April 7/86.

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Alexandria Minnesota
April 1st 1886

Dear Sir:

By instruction from Reynolds Post No 51. G.A.R. Department of Minnesota I am instructed to communicate with you, with a view to securing your presence and an address, at the Encampment of the G.A.R. Posts of Northern Minnesota the Third week in June next. Of course you are acquainted with the work of the G.A.R. & of the nature of its Encampments.

It is the desire and intension of the comrades to have a well regulated encampment & they feel confident that there will be a large gathering of old veterans. Congressman Nelson & Secy of State von Baumbach are members of Reynolds Post and will do all they can to make the

the encampment a success. This and numerous other posts are zealously at work.

Alexandria is the seat of a fine summer resort. I will send pamphlets of last year (This season not out) which will describe it better than I can. Near "Hotel Alexandria" live two ex-nigger teachers" (wife and self) with a family of children who would be very happy to entertain you should you happy visit us. By the way permit me to say that you gave me my first introduction to my wife - Lizzie A Stoneman - at St Anthony in Dec. 1871 Yourself and brother were attending a meeting of the A.M.A. - You spoke of Miss Stoneman as having gone from St Anthony to Texas which was the first I knew of there being such a person. Pardon my division

I would respectfully ask if you will grant the request of such a number of gray haired veterans, as would love to see your face once more - many

Alexandria,
Minn.,
April 1. 86.

Chichester, W. E.,
Requests Genl. Hs.
presence at Encampment in June next.

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them who have gone bravely into battle at your order - (&c) who now rejoice that two stars adorn your shoulders instead of one - though feeling indignant that a star from Genl. Hancock did not make the additional one. If possible, come and tell "the boys" how to live for time and eternity. I am sure you would give much pleasure and be of benefit to many of them

It is the intention of the Committee to secure the presence of several speakers. Your expenses and what additional compensation you thought might would be paid you. Please answer at as early a date as convenient (&c) if favorable a more formal invitation fuller particulars will be forwarded

Ans. Apl. 7. '86

Hoping we may not be disappointed I sign myself as

W. E. Chivester

Secty Business

Com. Reynolds Post 51. Mass.

Genl. O. O. Howard

Omaha, Nebraska

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Geo. H. Williams
Henry Ach
C. E. S. Wood

First National Bank Building

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Law Offices of
Williams, Ach and Wood

Portland, Oregon April 1 1886

My dear General

I see by the dispatches today that you have been confirmed as we expected & hoped you would be. I was sorry I could not be in community with your many friends here to see that Perry at last got the better of you on the Mexican question, but so far as the practical results of it are concerned you have reaped them all. I know it will please you to learn that when the question of overslaughing was discussed by some gentlemen to Gen Gibbon (here) rather intimating that the democrats ought to do tardy justice to him at your expense he very warmly condemned the whole matter said it was from

that very course of conduct he himself had suffered, if he had suffered at all, and the only rule he would like to see made on the subject was that he who worked to get promotion out of this hurt should be rewarded as often as he worked for it. Everything and everybody are well here I see Cousin Grace and the babies — well not often that I see Virginia exactly but have a fine train. If you go to S. F. we shall expect to see you here and by the way Emerson is Lt. Major Merrill's successor today & will soon be ordered to join you. Take command and you find it congenial and proper to do anything pleasant for him as generals care for lieutenants should take any little kindnesses shown him as personal favors for

Geo. H. Williams
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Portland, Oregon, _____ 188_

he was exceedingly kind to me when I was sick of life at Canby, from dyspepsia, and afterwards ~~at~~ gave us a home for the summer at deserted Fort Stevens. There must be something stronger than the mere effort to grasp when I find the "Oregonian" and the citizens of Portland rejoicing over your just promotion ~~and~~ as against Miles' attempts to secure it. They know you both.

I am working as few army men I believe can appreciate, am doing well and am content, looking to easier days ten years from now. My love to Mrs Howard and you must believe my congratulations none the less sincere and hearty for being tardy. Yours most cordially

C. E. S. Wood

Confidential Circular

Office of the Chief Quartermaster
Department of Washington

Washington, D.C. Aug. 8, 1866.

It was exceedingly hard to have
your house with a flag on it
during the disturbance, and
I intended to have put it down
but I forgot it. Then would be
nothing strange in that. It
would be proper when I found the
"Confidential Circular of
Military Reports on your
Field Inventory" to appoint
Mr. Ritter to succeed it. They
were very kind.

Our warring is fast drawing near
to a close and affairs will
soon be well and our country, I
trust, drop into your new,
by law to Mr. Howard and
I must believe you congratulate
me the ten months and heartily
as I do. Yours most cordially
C. H. Howard

File ans. April 7/86.

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Big Rapids, Mich. Apr. 1st 86.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
United States Army:

Yours of M. 29th
rec'd is received. I am very much obliged for the Extracts which you furnish. It is a great satisfaction to me to have the statements of Genl. Hunt and Capt. Hazard.

You say that my brother was "either under your command, or serving near you" in the battles of Fair Oaks, Antietam, Fredricksburg, and Chancellorsville. Could you furnish me any circumstance as to his conduct in those fields? I am informed that he rendered good service at Antietam and Fair Oaks.

With many thanks,

Very respectfully yours,

M. L. Mordoff.

Big Rapids, Mich.
April 1. 1886.

Woodruff, M. D.,
Desires particulars
about his brother.

Ans. Apl. 7. '86.

<Ans. May 3. 1886>

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Apr. 2

Carlisle, Pa. 4/2 /86.

Oliver O. Howard

Wash. D. C.

Sir —: I greatly desire to add your autograph to my collection.

I am a little boy 13 yrs. old and take a great interest in collecting autographs of eminent men.

Hoping you will pardon me for the liberty I take

I remain

Your obedient servant,

Joseph Bosler Jr.

Carlisle

Cumb. Co.

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Fort D. A. Russell Wyo
Apr. 2nd 1886

My Dear General:

I would have been very sorry to have seen you passed over and one of your juniors made a Major General over your head. It seems to me that every right feeling officer who served through the war must have sympathized with you.

It strikes to reason, that any man who was fit to be a Major General in such a war as that of the Rebellion, must be the man surely capable of performing the duties of that grade in time of peace. So I congratulate you on your promotion most sincerely.

Long may you live to enjoy your well deserved honors.

Fort Russell Wyo
April 2, 1886.

Anderson, Col. 7th Inf.
U.S.A.

Congratulations.

Ans. Apl. 7, '86

Very Sincerely Your
Friend & well wisher
Thomas M. Anderson

To
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Omaha
Neb.

File, Ans. April 7/86.

GEO. P. WHITTLESEY,
Attorney at Law,
LATE OF EXAMINING CORPS AND INTERFERENCE DIVISION, U. S. PATENT OFFICE.

D. PRATT WRIGHT,
Mechanical Engineer,
FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE ERIE R. R., M. M. OF THE N. Y. AND N. E. R. R., AND THE PANAMA R. R.

Office of

WHITTLESEY & WRIGHT,

Solicitors of Patents, and Mechanical Experts,

Room 38, Pacific Building, 622-624 F Street, N. W.

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Washington, D. C. April 2, 1886. 188

Major General O. O. Howard,

Omaha, Neb.

Dear General:-

In the "Star" last night I saw the statement that the Senate had finally confirmed your nomination as Major General, and I want to add my congratulations to those which I know are pouring in upon you from all the warm friends you have in every part of this wide land.

It is a promotion that ought to have been given you long ago, and every one with whom I have spoken about it agrees that setting you aside for Gen. Terry was a pretty small piece of business on the part of the appointing powers.

However, the reward of your faithful and brilliant services has come at last, tardy though it be, and I know that no one is more glad than I am that such is the fact.

With sincere wishes for continued success and prosperity, I am, General,

Very truly yours, Geo. P. Whittlesey.

Washington, D.C.
April 2, 1886.

Whittlesey, Esq.,
Congratulations.

Ans. Apl. 7, '86.

Office of

WHITTLESEY & WRIGHT,

Solicitors of Patents, and Mechanical Experts,

Room 88, Pacific Building, 622-624 F Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C. April 2, 1886.

Brig. General O. O. Howard,

Omaha, Neb.

Dear General:-

In the "Star" last night I saw a statement that the Senate had finally confirmed your nomination as Major General, and I want to add my congratulations to those which I know are pouring in upon you from all the warm friends you have in every part of this wide land.

It is a promotion that ought to have been given you long ago, and every one with whom I have spoken about it agrees that setting you aside for Gen. Terry was a pretty small piece of business on the part of the appointing powers.

However, the reward of your faithful and brilliant services has come at last, tardy though it be, and I know that no one is more glad than I am that such is the fact.

With sincere wishes for continued success and prosperity, I am, General,

Very truly yours,

Geo. W. Whittlesey.

J. W. Macomber,
CHAPLAIN, U.S. ARMY.

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372.

Fort Custer, Montana.
Apr 2nd 1886

To
Maj-General O. O. Howard
U.S. Army
Omaha, Neb-

My Dear General

I trust you will pardon me for what might seem familiarity. I have watched with great interest the recent promotions and I want to assure you General that no nomination in the Army has ever given me greater satisfaction than that of General Howards to the well earned position of Maj General. There seems to be so little of true christian principal in the service. I glory in the advancement of those who possess it. I presume you do not remember me. I first saw you in Washington in 1863 when my Regiment was stationed in the Defenses about Washington. I was in attendance on a meeting in the City held in behalf of the Christian Commission. And I shall never forget my

Emotions as I listened to an address by Genl. Howard and looked upon a real live Christian General. I felt that I would be proud to serve under such an one – I have read your articles and shared your career with interest ever since.

Five years ago last November I entered upon my duties as Chaplain at this Post. After serving since the war in the active Pastorate of the M. E. Church in Minnesota Conference with a good degree of success each year. I have done the best I could in this capacity but have labored under the disadvantage of having NO sympathy from those in Authority (I wish to speak correctly) I have had no Chapel & have been obliged to have exercises in the amusement Theater I & for room &c – Still my attendance has been good. I have labored hard for the interests of the School & they have been good. This winter I have had a course of Lectures which have been a source of always crowded houses – but I feel that I would like a change of Station = we have served here over five long years and you know something of the Isolation. My daughter is now 12 years of age & must be put in a School and have Society better than we can have here I see by the papers the strong probability is that you will go to the Pacific as General while I have no special desire to be stationed in a city I would if it could be

done without injury to the Service or injustice to any one. like to be Stationed at some point within hailing distance of a good point where I could have my family and my daughter have advantage of School - he cannot get the consent of our minds to send her away to a boarding School & hence her mother must go with her and that means separation so far that I could not hope to see them often. I see Chaplain Rayner who is at Acatriz retires Oct 7th and I understand is to take a Six months Leave Could I be Stationed there I would be near Enough San Francisco so that I could see my family often. or possibly some other Post in that Department not too far away and I would have the advantage of the Sympathy and counsel of an Officer high in command.

Or could I be Stationed at Fort Coeur D'Alene in the Department of the Columbia where they have a Chapel & no Chaplain I would be pleased as there is a School at Spokane Falls 28 miles distant where my family could be located and I could serve the Government & see them occasionally - or Fort Townsend -

Now my Dear General I want to say that I have a great desire to be a successful chaplain and while I have always gone wherever sent cheerfully and will continually do so. and while I personaly would never

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Enjoy a preference for one child over an other yet I have a fathers affection for an only child who has just arrived at a point when she is specially interesting. And could I serve the Government just as well without the painful separation I would so love to be permitted to do it. After having served on the extreme frontier for better 5 or 6 years I have thought perhaps it might be allowed. I have never ventured to ask anything - and only now venture to write you because I know you possess a warm sympathetic Christian heart.

Now General if after reading this you consider it all wrong and decide that such a letter should not have been written. please do me the great kindness to return it with any personal Reproof - or advice you may deem proper or should you look upon it with favor a word of Encouragement from your pen would be worth a great deal to myself and family - May I ask in any event that I may hear from you soon

I am General. Very Respectfully and Devotedly your Obedient Servant.

J. McMacomber

Post Chaplain Army

P.S.

Rev Mr Savage of your city knows me well if you care to refer to him -

J. M. M.

Post Chaplain, Mass.
April 27, '86

Rec'd. April 7, '86.