Flint, Mich., May 5, 1890.

Gen. O.O. Howard,

Dear Sir: Not knowing your permanent address, I send this letter to West Point.

I have almost every year for visit to Mackinac, Bay View, and went to Cantaque in Michigan as few miles from the fort, and I write to enquire if you could not plan to go to Bay View on Tuesday, Aug 5. The Grand Army Post of northern Michigan meet there that day and I know it would be a very great pleasure to the old soldiers if you could be present.
Please let me hear from you at once.

Sincerely,

John McCall.
Nordhoff - Ojai Valley
May 5th, 1890, Ventura Co

General C.O. Howard
Governors Island, N.Y.

My Dear Friend,

Your letter of Mar 31st was rec'd by one Apr 7th. I perceived you did not have the same impression of the note given by Mr. Thompson, and endorsed by Capt. Gray, in order to get money from the Bank to pay for land which they, and another person had bought on speculation. I therefore immediately wrote to my daughter Millie requesting of plain statement, so that I could write to you, but not to write herself. She did not heed my advice, and impulsive as women are apt to be, when a wrong is done them, and particularly when her husband's reputation is assailed by incorrect information, she wrote directly to you, and in a tone I do not approve of, but after all it shows you how deeply she was wounded. She sent a copy of her letter to her mother and writes she does not think either of us would approve of it, and we do not, and her husband also tried to persuade her not to write to you. I hope you will forgive her impetuousity and plainness.
On 21st I see your letter of April 24th in which you state you had written to Mr. Thompson, and I deeply regret you felt the necessity of replying as you did. But I knew you was actuated by a Christian spirit, and thank you for that, and also for your kind and brotherly letter to me.

Now my dear General, I was not offended by your first letter to me; I took it as one of sympathy, thinking the statements you had were correct. The Christian Union of Apr 17th see by one just before my letter came had an article headed "A Prevalent Offence" which showed how ready mankind were to believe, and circulate damaging reports, and warning its readers to be careful.

I don't think it necessary for you or I to write more on this painful subject but I will state to you that more than a year ago Mrs. Gray wrote me a gloomy letter about Mr. Thompson which I showed to Mr. Vandellacom and we agreed not to let Millie know anything about it, as it would worry her being with her and away from her husband. We thought it could not be possible that such things were so, and from letters received since she got back to Portland, we know the statements were not correct. Mrs. Gray must have told
Millie she had written to me for she speaks of it in letters to her mother. From Millie's letter to her mother I learn Captain Fray had hurried a sale of the land making much less profit than they could have done if they had retained it longer, still about $1200 was made. Mr. Thompson was entitled to one third of $4000 and he had not taken anything, leaving it for Captain Fray to take a loan on the note of $3000 with interest so in any case Captain Fray could not lose much money by him. I knew this when I got your first letter but I wanted from Millie a direct statement to give you, for my impressions may not be correct in detail. I wrote Mrs. Gray Jan 25, 1889 in answer to her letter of Jan 21 and told her I could not interfere in financial matters of Mr. Thompson. She wrote about another note of $500 in her letter to me. I think both of us had better not write anymore about it to them. It will not better the matter. I thank you for your kind wishes for the improvement of Mr. Van B. health. We were over there in Redlands then came here where she will remain for some time. I think she keeps about the same. I am improvement apparently she is no worse, but she stays in bed many days feeling more uncomfortable than if she got up. She wants to visit Portland this summer. Fannie has removed to a stock ranch far back in the mountains. Please give our kind regards to Mr. Howard. Very sincerely yours, Aline Van Blarecom
Dear [Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to update you on the progress of our project. As you may recall, we set a deadline of [Date] to complete the preliminary analysis. I am pleased to inform you that we have made significant strides towards meeting this goal.

Our team has been diligently working on the data collection and analysis, and we are confident that we will be able to meet the deadline. However, I would like to request a slight extension to our deadline to accommodate a few additional requests from stakeholders. I believe that this extension will not affect the overall timeline of the project.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions about this extension. I am available to discuss this further at your convenience.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
Balch, Price & Co.
Manufacturing Hatters and Furriers,
376 and 378 Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, May 5th, 1876

Gentleman:

I have endorsed on the back of the letter, as requested, what I know of Geo. B. Jackson & the firm of Com. of Kings Co. I know the Conrades who are doing the work of the Bureau would be pleased to have you call - and if it is ever convenient for you to do so I should be pleased to have you call on me at any time during the day when you are in Brooklyn and we will step into room 16 City Hall.

It is close by my place of business - you cannot then see what they do or how they do it.

Very Sincerely yours

George T. Price
36 EAST 69TH STREET.

N. Y. May 5, 1890.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your favor: the suggestion for a lecture is something more than I had even hoped for. Your terms are cordially accepted and I personally undertake to see that they are fully complied with, before you leave the City for Bridgeton. I have already taken the liberty to notify the Board of Trustees.
of Bridgton Academy that I expect to receive from you an oration in Falmouth Memorial Hall, Tuesday evening, July 1st, subject Gettysburg.

The graduating exercises will take place on Tuesday and the Alumni meeting on Wednesday, as I understand it.

We can leave here on Monday morning—spend the night at the Falmouth House, and take the early train Tuesday morning for Bridgton.

I will thank you for a formal note accepting the invitation and the just-announced you in the programme, which I can forward to the Secretary, at North Bridgton.

Believe me, my dear General, as ever,

Yours faithfully,

Edward F. Bosworth
President of the Board of Trustees of Bridgton Academy.

In gallant conduct in rushing forward and assuming command of Battery D, 41st Art'y, then without an officer, and, faltering in front of the Indians close to the works, and carrying the men with him into the works, during the Indians' out and pursuing them down the banks and into the river, July 12th, 1877.

Having that any letter will be considered, and that this probably forgotten information may add to the name to be recommended for Bravest for that hard fight

Yours obedient servant,

W. H. Miller.

May 5th, 1877.

Fort Quito, Va.
May 8th, 1877.

Major Gen'l. Howard,

Dear General,

I noticed in the Army & Navy Journal about three weeks ago, a paragraph to the effect that you had recommended only one officer for a Bravest for the Battle of Chippawa. I did not then pay much attention to the matter, presuming you would mention others later. This paragraph intimated that if that particular officer was the only one noticed, or to be noticed, that great injustice had been done to others. I would like to state that in my opinion, a severe and close engagement like that could not well have taken place without more than one officer exercising and showing unusual gallantry.

About the portion of the line where
Capt. Burton's Company were there, were close, continuous and hard fighting; hence they had to expose themselves continually in order to keep the men up to the line. Several times too tried to get back from the fighting in any excuse, such as out of ammunition, wounded, etc.

There was also close fighting in front of Capt. Bancroft's Company; the Indians actually penetrating our lines by the right of his Company and getting within the ammunition trains, near which at the time youself, Col. Bacon, and Dr. Alexander were—and I am proud to say that I took charge of Capt. Bancroft's Company at that time without any officers, and with the assistance of Capt. Bancroft, Company charged them back. The cheer of our charge was taken up all along the line, and our force derived a permanent relief from the close fighting we had had up to that time; in fact they did not again resume the offensive, and our force had, after that, all the advantage. In my report I recommended the names of Capt. Burton, Capt. Bancroft, Capt. Orie, and Capt. Stewart for gallant conduct. I presume Capt. Mills of the 21st can also give names of officers doing particularly well. I do not think all the glory of that battle should be absorbed by one officer. The special acts of the officers worth mention above are as follows:

In coolness and gallantry in maintaining the line of battle occupied by his Company in close (12 to 15 yds.) combat with a superior number of Indians for several hours, July 11th, 1877.

2) 1st Lt. James A. Searby, 21st Infantry.
In gallantry and promptly responding to the call of Capt. Geo. A. Mills, 4th U.S. Artillery, to cheer and charge the Indians and in assisting to subdue the party which had penetrated our lines and had approached to within a few paces of the ammunition trains, July 11th, 1877.
Lexington, Va.,
May 5, 1890.

Mas. Gen. O.O. Howard,

U.S. Army,

Head-quarters Division of the Atlantic,
Governor’s Island, New York City.

My Dear General:

I have duly received your letter requesting me to give you some incidents in the life of General Thomas. I regret that I am not able to do so. The General was Major of the Second Cavalry when I joined the Regiment, but I was never stationed at the same post with him, and only saw him a few times held at the distance that a young Second Lieut. would be from a Major.

By the way I got very unintentionally into an altercation about Gen. Thomas some years ago. Some of our papers were pitching into his record, and stating that as a Virginian he should have resigned and taken the part of his native State. I saw one of the Editors afterwards and remonstrated with him, stating that the General was dead now, and quoting the old sentence "nil mortuis nisi bonum". He asked me if it was true. Gen. Thomas intended to resign. I told him yes but afterwards he changed his mind as he had a right to do, and this Editor quoted me as authority on the subject of the General’s intentions, whereupon some members of his old Staff and some others denied the whole statement and accused
me of saying things that were not so. I let it all go until Mrs. Thomas came out in the New York Herald in a publication which was a little rough on me too. I then obtained copies of Gen. Thomas' letters to Governor Letcher, who was then Governor of this State, and to Gen. Francis Smith, Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, in which he indicated his intention of resigning and wanted a place at the Institute as a professor, accompanying them by a statement that when I bade Gen. Thomas good-bye in New York City in April 1861, that he told me that he was certainly going to resign and would be South in a few days. Indeed as the excitement grew during the period of '60 to '61 Gen. Thomas was considered one of the most rabid secessionists in the regiment and was much more outspoken on the subject than Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston, and Robt. E. Lee, the Col and Col. of the Regiment, or Hardee the Senior Major or Van Dorn the Senior Captain.

I see the Richmond Dispatch, a few days ago, republished the letter of Gen. Thomas to Hon. John Letcher who was then Governor of Virginia. It was dated New York, March 12th, 1861, and says, "It is not my wish to leave the service of the United States as long as it is honorable for me to remain in it, and therefore as long as my native state, Virginia remains in the Union it is my purpose to remain in the Army, unless requested to perform duties alike
Lexington, Va.,

repulsive to honor and humanity.

However all this is a digression. I am sorry that I was not much with him, and cannot give you what you want about his personal habits and sayings.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name]
May 5, 1890.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N.Y.

My Dear General:

We are this evening in receipt of a dispatch from Judge Strong stating his inability to preside at the annual meeting of the Society, which will occur, as stated in the circular enclosed, on Monday the 7th inst., at 10 A.M. in the Chapel of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church. The Committee cordially invite you as one of the Honorary Vice Presidents to preside in the absence of the President. Hoping to have your acceptance, I am,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

G. L. Shearer
My dear Gen. Howard:

Will it please you to give some thought to the needs of the Am. Tract Society, make an offering and allow us to hear from you?

We are happy to think of you and our instructive visits. Good work and work well to be relied upon for assistance. I am, believe the
long and honourable standing of the Society, the noble work it has accomplished in the past and its rich promise for the future will command its claims to the earnest consideration and liberal response of the benevolent. "To save the soul is to save our own country."

Hoping for a favorable response from you,

Yours cordially,

Deepest. A. C. Frisell.
American Tract Society,

150 Nassau Street, New York.

May 6, 1890.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir;-

We are pleased to have your acceptance of our invitation to preside at the meeting to-morrow morning, and will take pleasure in preparing an order of exercises, and giving you further aid and information as requested.

Yours very truly,

G. L. Shearer,

Fin. Sec'y.
Rev. JOSIAH STRONG,
General Secretary.
Rev. FRANK RUSSELL,
Field Secretary.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
117 BIBLE HOUSE,

New York, MAY 6 1890

Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance at this office [117 Bible House] Monday next, May 12th, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Yours faithfully,

Josiah Strong
General Secretary.
Vineyard Farm,
May 6th, 1890.

Gentlemen,
Governor Island, N.Y.

Dear General,

Love Lee is well, in fairly good health, and will be all right in a day or two. Mrs. Lee is in Boston, but the Col. don't know when; I presume she will come down as soon as she knows the deal is all right. I had a note from her last evening. She expects she has had rather a hard time and needs a little rest.

I will remain here until everything is right. I'm sure this will find you and yours in good health.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Cary.
Gen. O.O. Howard

Sir,

I have the honor to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be present and take part in the�läible Ceremonies of the Soldiers and Sailor Monument on Friday, May 23rd, 1890, in this City. The Rev. Augustus Woodbury, will deliver the Oration.

I am, sir,
your obedient servant,

[Signature]

A. K. McMahon
Secretary.
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Very dear Sir: I am requested by Mr. A. A. Robbins, President of this Body, and Col. Alonzo S. Bacon, Vice Pres. of same (in which I cordially acquiesce) to express on our heart's thank for the very interesting and serviceable speech you delivered last Sabbath in a meeting in the interests of the cause of the Sabbath Observance, at the First Baptist Church (E.S.) Rev. O. C. Eddy & Pastor, I only and become you that everybody present, judging from the many expressions made at that time, attach your service in this interest with heartily appreciated and very gratefully commended. For the cause sake - on behalf of our Association - they desire to say our hearty and cordial congratulations. Our prayer shall ever be that your life and vitality may long be spared to aid and assist in your noble and noble task which lie at the bottom of, and are necessary to the
maintenance of the highest standard of our American civilization. Many, many thanks for your very effective service rendered in this interest as before

I enclose you the best newspaper report made of the meeting referred to. If you keep a scrapbook it will be interesting.

It is gratifying to realize the fact, made apparent by the preparation of our annual report now in hand, that in many ways during the last year there has been of great practical service to their cause locally and otherwise. Among the other wise you will be interested in the enclosed protest just made to the legislature. Our Anniversary (public) meeting will occur about the 21st July. With a number of our leading citizens in the vicinity I will extend you an invitation beyond the same date hope for your presence. While the program is not fully completed I shall hope for the presence of the long of Gen. Stanford T. Woodford, Rev. Dr. Tatnall and Col. A. S. Bacon.

I presume you may by this time be booked for vacation day elsewhere, but if not you or your family can be asked on hospitality you will be welcome from home to dinner on Saturday night, Aug. 11 for the military G.A.R. Post and the all other day in the evening for a general election for the military G.A.R. Post and the all other day in the evening for a general