Washington, D. C., Dec. 23rd, 1892

Dear General,

Your letter full of kind words for our safe return, for which I thank you most hearty. It was so kind, after your long business trip. I am glad you arrived safely.

My love to Miss Howard and Mrs. Lee. Tell Miss Lee her friends are beginning to call on her and want to know when she is coming.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Yours very truly,

[Signature: S. O. E. White]
U. S. Military Academy, West Point. Dec. 23-92

My dear Col. Howard:

Your very kind note of yesterday is just received. I know Cadet Edmunds, who is a fine young officer, would gladly accept your invitation were it in his power.

Christmas leaves are granted for excellence in discipline and this young gentleman has unfortunately failed to come within the limits, so far as demerit is con-
Cemnt, as he has sixty-one demerits registered against him for the past 6½ months.

I congratulate you and the army upon your safe deliverance from the perils of the deep; like St. Paul, you might well tell of the trials by land and sea to which you have been subjected during the past thirty-five years.

With warm regards.

To W. Howard and yourself, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I am yours very truly,

John W. Wilson

Gen. O. O. Howard

Governor's Island

New York Harbor
December 23rd 1892.

Guy Howard Esq.

Aide-de-Camp &c.

Dear Sir: Yours was duly received, stating that you had entered in General Howard's engagement book, an engagement for Riverhead, February 22nd 1893, and stating that you would confirm this when the General got back from Europe. Please let me hear from you, in the enclosed stamped envelope, at your earliest convenience, whether the General has confirmed the engagement you made for him to lecture in Riverhead.

Also please state the subject of his lecture, or if he has more than one lecture, and we have a choice of subjects, please state the subjects, so that we may make a selection. Of course we will leave that matter to the General, if he prefers that we do so, but we would like to know what the subject is to be, so that we can advertise it.

Thanking you in advance for your reply,

I am, Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

Compliments of the Season.
Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association.

Fredk B. Schenck, President,
John J. Vail, Treasurer,
Edwin F. See, General Secretary.

502 Fulton Street, Dec. 23, 1892

Dear General Howard:

We have fixed upon Sunday, January 29th, as the date for our anniversary exercises. Will you kindly reserve that date and we shall let you know about the church in which we would like to have you speak, and the details of the exercises, a little later.

Yours sincerely,

Major General O. O. Howard.

Edwin F. See
Dec 28, '92

Maj.-Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 21st concerning a pass for Clara, received yesterday morning, was a most pleasant surprise to me and I have no words, General, to thank you for your kind interest in our behalf. At the present time, I have grave doubts as to the wisdom of the coming East. Since I left home, matters have gone very badly with Clara. She has not proved herself a great success as a manager, and the prospect is now that our resources are from $1500 to $2000 less than we figured on two minutes ago when I left. It may not be so bad as that, the next two or three weeks will decide. I should have explained more fully had I seen you this morning, but no matter.

As to the pass, will you
Kindly hold it and let the matter rest for the present. I have said nothing to her about it. If I can see the way clear to have her come or here in the course of a minute or two hence, I will have you write direct to her and tell her what you have for her. In the mean time we will hope for the best and await results.

I am coming over to Fox's Island again some day next week as I want to shake hands with you and look into your face a moment. Until then,

Yours very truly,

J. D. McDonald
Dear father,

My mother is along.

Please for me work tonight.

I shall live in Newark for the winter.

I work at 71 Broadway Home Office.

Tell Bryan & the others.

Love for Janie.
The Chautauquan,
Dr. T. L. Flood, Editor,
Middletown, N.Y.

December 23, 1892.

Dear Sir,-

I shall be pleased to have Lieutenant Guy Howard write the article on "The Standing Army of the United States" on the conditions mentioned in your letter. The particulars in regard to the article were all given in my letter to you concerning it. The article to consist of about three thousand words, the remuneration for the same to be Thirty Dollars ($30.00), the copy to be in our hands by the first of March if possible. If that is not a convenient date I should be glad to know the earliest date on which it is possible for him to
The Chautauquan,
Dr. T. L. Flood, Editor,
Meadville, Pa.

let us have the article.

Very truly yours,

O. L. Flood.

Mr. Oliver O. Howard,
Major General United States Army,
New York City, N. Y.
BEDFORD BRANCH,
BROOKLYN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
414-420 GATES AVENUE,

Brooklyn, N.Y. Dec 24th, 1892

My dear O.C. Howard,

Was heartened to learn you would attend the meeting
Possibly you will be able to meet me on the occasion of a New Year's
Reception at the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association two or three years
ago, and at Brooklyn schools at another
field and at several other places at
other times, subsequently.

The purpose of this present is to
ask if you will kindly be present at
our New Year's Reception on Monday
January 2, from the 11 or 12 as long
as you can make it convenient.

And we agreeable for you to stay
at the Bedford Branch B.Y.M.C.
ct. We had such a good time
on the occasion referred to, and
the Young Men enjoyed shaking
hands with you so much, and
your kind words and genial
Manner was so helpful to them.

That I venture to make this request and feel sure
you will.
You wish to stay one
week if you are to
be in town and otherwise
be engaged.

I wish you a good time and if
you are at home we
would be glad to see you.
also with great respect I am

Your very obedient,

R. Ashford
Chairman
Com. Mtg. Effingham
Dear General Howard,

You will both receive a hearty welcome. Come, if you can come over, and I do hope that you will.

Mrs. J. DeWitt Talmage will be present for the bride is her cousin, and Dr. Talmage will perform the ceremony.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, Miss Beecher, and Miss Wheeler will probably be present.

Yours truly,

Edward W. Bok
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Major-General O.S. Howard, U.S.A.,

My dear General Howard:

It was a very great pleasure to meet you the other evening, and I felt very much favored in the opportunity of talking with you upon many matters. I should like very much, when I spend a Sunday in New York, to see your Mission.

I think that a person in your position, looking at everything from the lay point of view, has a great opportunity of usefulness, not speaking professionally.

I should be very glad if you should write us an article in connection with your recent voyage and on the lesson of providence and prayer in connection with it or on what you saw in Spain, touching particularly upon the social and religious aspects, or upon what you saw in Mexico, especially the religious prospect and situation, or upon the schools which you established at the South and their influence and growth, or any one of many kindred topics.

Whatever you may write will be read with interest; 1500 to 2000 words is a very good length; longer than that is more difficult to insert and is not so widely read. We will gladly send you $10, which will get a few books
Your Mission.

I pray that Providence may give you many years of usefulness and of happiness.

With great respect,

Very truly yours,

H. L. Haydua.
Major-General C. C. Howard, U.S.A.,

Dear Sir:

The Evangelical Alliance will hold union services during the Week of Prayer, this year [January 26-30th] as last, at one church only – the Marble Collegiate, Fifth Avenue and 29th Street – leaving the churches of the various sections of the city to make any arrangements for themselves which they may see fit.

Concentrating our efforts on the one meeting, we hope to make it thoroughly successful and trust it will give a real impetus to the spiritual life of the churches as well as afford a fitting expression of their fellowship.

One person is to take direction of the meeting [without “opening remarks”], another is to make a fifteen minute address on the topic of the day, and we propose to engage a half dozen clergymen and laymen who will agree to be present on a given day and follow the address with prayer, as soon as opportunity offers, without being called on.

May the Committee rely on you to be present and participate some day during the week? If so, please designate the day when we may expect you. The meetings will begin at four o’clock and continue one hour. Enclosed please find a programme of the meetings.

In behalf of the Committee

Very truly yours,

Josiah Strong.

General Secretary.
Rochester, N.Y.
Dec 24, 1892

My dear General,

Sir,

I am an applicant for the position of Pension Surgeon for pensions in this city. Will you kindly say to the Commission, Hon. James B. Reed, what you know of one doing the work, and what you know of one now.

I have no competitors with politicians—none of them are veterans. I expect to be in Washington on Tuesday or Wednesday next. If your letter would reach the office, before that time I would appreciate it very much.

Mrs H. Frank and kind regards.

Amy Donly

Gen. O.O. Howard

O.L. Hoar
Beaufort, S. C.
Dec 24, 1892

Dear Gen. Howard,

I enclose one of Lee's Shepherd's Monthly Bulletins for Dec. with an notice of my book, "First days amongst the Contrabands.

You will know interest in the Negro leads me to believe you will be interested in my story. I hope so, that you will see my
book I made it. You lived things, seem similar to the three of which I write. I am and living in the house where General Carter was Gen. Carter's headquarters when 'The Left Wing Army of the Tennesse' paraded through here. The house where you + your Staff Officers passed some pleasant evenings. They seem time so as I recite them when you were waiting in Pleasant Wishing you to Mr. Howard the Compliments of the Season. I am Cordially Yours

Elinor Hyde Pitman
Washington, D.C., Dec. 25, 1892

Dear General Howard:

I write to thank you for your letter, and for many other favors which you have so generously conferred upon me. My appreciation of your continued kindness is quite beyond any expression I feel able to make, and I am not so mean and ungrateful as to feel my obligations any less in case you do not think it consistent with your duty to comply with my other request. I know that you will do exactly what you think is right. If you can not keep me in the matter will you please inform me so explicitly, as it will affect my next step? I am not sure that my first letter to you did not go to the Dead Letter Office, and therefore repeat it below.

The admissions in it, it was only fair and honest for me to make. I am not without hope that they will not destroy your interest in my welfare. It is not the rule of Christ nor of the more judicious of his people to turn from those who are forgetting the years of struggle and successful effort, and remembering only the one moment of weakness like the Minister in the Scarlet Letter, thus actually preventing them from doing better and encouraging them to continue in wrong doing. It is their rule to help them, forgive them, and assist them to do right, for "The greatest of these is Charity" (Cor. 13).

The letter, with slight variation, follows:

(Copy) I have formed a serious attachment for a young lady who, like myself, is a descendant of two of our old New England families. This would be an unmixed blessing if I were in circumstances to many, as I am now an orphan and entirely without a home. It would also advance my highest, eternal interests by removing the temptation which is most dangerous to me. In fact, I should be asking your aid and friendship under false pretenses if I claimed that I had
invariably resisted it with success. But the period in which I have not yielded to such opportunities is measured not by weeks or months, but by years, and I should be giving a false impression the other way if I conveyed the idea that I am any longer likely to be overcome by it. I believe that by the grace of God I can resist it under the worst circumstances, though it is a continual struggle against nature. But my marriage, for many reasons, is as important as life itself to me. I cannot therefore spend three years in studying law and have formed the following plan.

I am favorably known to Mr. Cleveland, who would be glad to help me. I mean to ask him next spring, solely on the ground of my fitness to earn my bread, and debt, in the army, for of course he could appoint me to any place in the service if he saw fit, and I know that he once contemplated appointing a friend of mine to one of those places, as is occasionally done, and as was often done in case of Paymasters.

My qualifications are these:

1. Most important of all in an officer handling government property and funds, my reputation for financial integrity is such that during my mother's last illness, when I had to borrow money on short notice, professional money lenders loaned me money on my personal note, without security or indemnity. Few wealthy men can say and prove as much.

2. I am the son of a worthy Union officer.
3. A member of the Royal Legion.
4. A member of the Loyal Artillery.
5. A college graduate, with a much better education than any college, or West Point, can give.
6. A descendant of two families whose services to this country have been very great.
7. An American, in an exceptional sense, going back more than 250 years on both sides, in this country.

8. Of more than usual ability, intelligence and attention to business.

I expect to be endorsed by three other general officers of the Army, and several Congressmen and that my appointment will be personally urged by Representative Hoar, as noble and upright a man as is now in public life, and very influential.

You endorsed my application for a lieutenancy very strongly, during Mr. Cleveland's first term, and if you will write a letter "To whom it may concern," recommending me for this other appointment, it will be an invaluable help to me, and I will consider it a very great honor to have your name among my papers.

I should have written you sooner but my sister and I were so overcome by the loss of our mother that I had no heart for business. My mother's last days were passed at Northampton, Mass. She had the constant care of three of her sisters, my sister and myself, as the best nurses, and I think that those days were among the happiest of her life. She was glad to be taken away from a world where she had suffered and whose circumstances had not always been such as we could have wished. Her end was very peaceful and marked by the strong christian love and faith which characterized her life. She has often spoken of you and wished to see you in late years.

(I end)

I think that I, as the service also, would be gained by what I have in view. It would not hurt the service, however excellent, to be Americanized, Christianized and gentlemanized. You are aware that even in centers of intelligence like New York there are districts where it is almost impossible for a gentleman
Thompson, M.L. V.B.

Summit, New Jersey
Dec 25th 1892

My dear General,

I want to thank you for your kind words to my dear Father. He appreciated them very much. Everyone has been most kind to tender so much to be thankful for. I was so very restful to join my husband in S. T. Then the war came to an end. I turned about and was able to reach home Friday evening, for which I am very grateful. My husband arrived, and telling tomorrow. To my great astonishment, I

My dear General,
we will take any precaution we to lay by dear
sister's side according to her
wishes so that we may
be happy and grateful — she
was called "home" when playing
peacefully and calmly without
any suffering — only those she
knew & loved her touched her
or looked or her dear face
at all. — one thing my dearest
to fulfill her desire of
in all know it. — I want
her dearly. father — for so
much money & kindness
I wanted to say thank you to
you for your loving words to father
& to tell you that when I knew
in a sector of that all bitterness
left from the heart and
mine & only joy & happiness
25th of December 1892.

My Dear General:

I am happy to have been so fortunate as to meet you last evening.

I trust you can find time to read my "Brewster," and when you send me your book please add your autograph.

I have a foolish pride, perhaps, in a few treasures like this I possess, and show them around to all my friends with much boasting and vain glory!

If you could find it in your heart and courage to agree with Chief Justice Fuller — with Chief Justice Bayard — with the New York Times, Tribune, Independent, etc., about the "historic" and "inspiration" part of it, I should like to add you to the future prospectuses which are designed to go to every young professional man in America — Sincerely,

E.C. Swigge.

A copy of this work goes to you by mail today.
Brooklyn, Dec. 26th, 1892

Major General C.O. Howard U.S.A.

Dear General, won't you please send me your photograph or tell me where we can buy one. papa has tried everywhere, my grandpa marched to the sea with you to save our dear country and flag and that is why we all love you and every Union Soldier. we have in our album almost every General's photograph who was with General Sherman, but yours and General Sherman. I do not like to bother you General and sincerely trust you will forgive me, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and earnestly trusting that God will especially bless you and every dear, brave old Union Soldier. I remain your sincere friend.

Maud M. Lansing
1186 Jefferson Ave - Brooklyn N.Y.
762 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.,

December 26th, 1892.

To the Fifteen Gentlemen whose
Names appear below:—

Dear Sirs:—

I beg to make a brief report of
progress in regard to the matter of the Church Extension Society.

It will be of interest to you to know that the following names
have been secured to the Articles of Incorporation, so far, viz.:
Gen. O. O. Howard, Rev. Dr. Storrs, Chas. A. Hull Esq., G. W. Hebard Esq.,
Rev. Dr. Lyman, G. P. Stockwell Esq., Chas. H. Parsons, Esq.: Geo.
H. Stevens, Esq.; D. B. Hixon Esq.; Caleb B. Knevals Esq.; Rev. Doctors
Virgin, Terhune, Mc.Leod, Rev. R. J. Kent, Rev. Dr. Roberts.

Professor Backus writes that he has gone to Florida for a few
days and that after January 9th, he will "be pleased to have an inter-
view". I have replied that a place is gladly held for him.

It is not necessary to say that, as this is purely a personal
movement, the weight and character which the foregoing names afford
are ample for the countenancing of an effort to raise a fund of ten
thousand dollars in ten, or one hundred dollar subscriptions, or in
gifts of other amounts.

At the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Lyman and others, I am proceed-
ing, as rapidly as other duties permit, to secure the remaining eleven
names.

In the bonds of the Gospel,

Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,

W. T. Stokes.
December 26th, 1918

Dear Sir:

I beg to make a brief report of the progress in regard to the matter of the Church Extension Society. It will be of interest to you to know that the following names have been secured to the Alicia at Foothills School to remain:

- Rev. O. H. Howard, Rev. Dr. Sprague, Rev. H. M. Haggard, C. M. Haggard, C. M. Haggard, C. M. Haggard
- Rev. Dr. White, C. M. Haggard, C. M. Haggard
- Rev. Dr. White, C. M. Haggard
- Rev. Dr. White, C. M. Haggard

You will be pleased to note that the new meeting for a new project will be held at the School next week.

I have secured a place to stay with a family near me.

It is not necessary for you to file this report as it has already been delivered to you.

I am pleased to hear of the successful cooperation of the Church Extension Society.

Respectfully yours,

M. T. Ford
Major General O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear General Howard:

Since it has become known that you are to speak for us at our anniversary exercises on Sunday morning, January 29th, and are consequently to be in Brooklyn, the committee in charge of our Sunday Afternoon Meeting have become exceedingly desirous of having you speak at that Meeting, on the afternoon of anniversary day. The service begins at 4.15 o'clock and closes at 5.15 o'clock promptly. You need not speak over twenty minutes, and an informal, practical address on some Gospel theme is what we would like to have. There are several of your friends in Brooklyn who would be glad to entertain you when they hear that you are to be in the City on that day. Make you comfortable and you get home in time for your evening meal.

Will you kindly let me hear from you by Thursday as we are desirous of making up our program for our January meetings?

Yours sincerely,

Edwin F. See.
in Madrid.

I am here at present, and will not be able to see you in person for some time. My address is 106, Second Street, Troy, N. Y.

I frequently see General J. B. Carr, and we often speak of you.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Howard and your sons.

Yours very sincerely, J. Stanford Sickles.
heard of your experiences coming home in the "Spree", and I am glad you are safe home.

My mother and my sister have written me how pleased they were meeting you. I am also happy you had the opportunity of seeing them. How did you find Spain? Is it not a charming country? Did you go to Seville?

I am anxious to hear from you, regarding your trip through Spain, and your visit there, about "Isabel la Católica".

You were in time yet for some of the festivities in Madrid. Did you visit the展览会?
Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association,
414-420 Gates Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dec 27th, 1892

Maj. Gen. C. O. Howard

Dear General,

I am glad that you kindly consented to be with us on New Year's Day, Monday, January 2d.

I set the hour 11 or 12 o'clock and on account as you said, I desire now to say that we have concluded that 10 o'clock is early enough to open the reception.

We shall hope to hear from you an account of your voyage on the ocean or if you prefer any other topic that will be helpful and interesting to young men. We have 600 or so in our Branch and I am sure you will enjoy meeting them.

C. T. O.
I would like you could come to my house to dinner day at 1 P.M. or more. Day 21st Jan. at 31/2 Mon. 103 St. just around the corner from the Branch. Before asking your favor of course I meant the only one I know or had in mind. Please send your good wife also. We will make it pleasant for her. Please telegraph me on receipt of this that you will be with us. Do we pace announce it far and wide, in our district. Shall spend a carriage age for you! A district town. Anticipating the pleasure of your visit, I remain yours very truly.

A. R. Moore
O. O. Howard, Major General U.S. Army,
Governor, Island, New York.

My dear Sir,

Answering your favor of the 22nd inst. we would willingly have taken collection at Mass Meeting for your Mission but as we will be in the midst of a Building Canvas and have made other financial demands upon our people, it would not be wise nor practicable so to do. Trusting that you will see and appreciate our position and if possible spend the Sabbath with us I am

Sincerely Yours,

G. M. Rynick

What time do you expect to leave New York on the 14th?
185 Washington Park,
Brooklyn.

Dec 27, 1892

To dear General Howard,

I wish you a merry Christmas and all the good fortune over us all that saved your life on your homecoming voyage. The nation has too few such men as you. We need you for twenty years yet. The greatest battles of the world are yet to be fought, & to be fought. Indeed, in the United States.

On next Thursday evening we shall have a Christmas party at our house—a surprise for Mrs. Lincoln & my little boy. Mr. Lincoln is just now in a quandary about Santa Claus—he begins to
Dear Mr. Cuddihy, our Superintendent, and Mr. Wheeler, the
Manager, their voice will also be present.

Of course the scene of the

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Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

P.S. [Handwritten note]
Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governors Island, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

I was very much interested in the few pages you wrote soon after your arrival, but wish to know much more of your trip and experience, so full of interest to us all. One or two have asked me whether you are not coming out here this winter; is there any prospect of it? I have written James a letter today, and must write Channey a semi-business letter very soon. I trust you are all well. We were much pleased to hear from Bessie, and yesterday to have some very pleasing Christmas Souvenirs from her. We had a beautiful day and, as Mac was at home, had great cause for rejoicing as a family. Mac home in the city now.

I had a letter from Helen saying they were all well at Farming-
tom and sending a picture of the house and the family. I hope you got one like it. Now that Rowland has gone above, my heart goes out more and more to you, and I wish I might see you often during the coming year.

Wishing yourself and all your family circle a Happy New Year,

Affectionately yours,

[Signature]

Chicago, Dec. 27, 1892