

Dec. 1893

56 Second St-  
Brooklyn N. Y.

Gen. D. Howard.  
Governor Island N. Y.

Dear Sir: You will I hope pardon  
me for venturing to address you when  
you are in no wise obligated to us,  
but I hope to lay a small matter  
before you and ask your cooperation  
to it ever so small.

The Brooklyn Literary Union has  
been 8 years in existence, and it is  
not of any Church, but for everybody;  
we have been addressed by Senators  
and a very many learned men. It is  
run by voluntary contributions. In  
these very pressing times, is somewhat  
difficult to make all ends meet, so  
we have made up our minds to try and  
get a little help to carry on this year's  
work, and have come to see if you  
will help us, to it ever so little, you  
need not send me the money, but  
a check to the Brooklyn Literary Union  
and be it ever so small it will help  
us greatly. We are the only colored literary



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Union in Brooklyn, and we feel  
it is doing good to our race. It  
keeps them from going to other places  
of resort where they would get no  
good instructions and helps them  
to improve their minds.

Will you look over the program  
and help us.

Yours Gratefully  
John A. ...

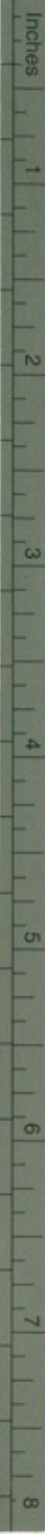
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Lawrenceburg, Ind.  
Gen. O. O. ~~Brooks~~ Howard,  
Dear Sir:-

Having been  
informed by Capt. Schindler, of  
Ft. Thomas, Ky. that you was the  
only one having the power to par-  
don, or mitigate the offense of my  
son, Paul Giran, who is now under  
arrest for desertion, I make a  
mother's appeal for her only son,  
hoping you to be one of God's  
noblemen, as well as a Military  
General, who has not allowed  
Military discipline to harden his  
heart against an appeal for mercy.  
O, in faith, ask you to interest  
yourself in my son's behalf.



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Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. [Signature]



He has been well reared and belongs to a good family. His character has always been good. Some sickness and strong homesters was the cause of his desertion. Capt. Whitney, of Company A, Eight Infantry, to which company my son belonged, informed me that Paul Giran's conduct, while in service, was good.

When this case comes before you, I hope this appeal will find sympathy in your kind heart.

Remain, Yours in Supplication  
Mrs. Elizabeth Giran.

P.S. I do not attribute all this notability to your character unknowingly, have been so informed.

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Call up this  
particularly when  
case is tried -

Mrs Elizabeth Sloan

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*Brokaw Brothers,*

FINE CLOTHING,

*Fourth Avenue, Astor Place  
and Lafayette Place,  
NEW YORK.*

*Dear Sir:*

*We have the pleasure  
to acknowledge the receipt of your re-  
mittance, for which please accept our  
thanks and find receipted bill here-  
with.*

*Very Respectfully,*

*Brokaw Brothers.*

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*Proctor & Co.*

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FINE CLOTHING

South Avenue, New York  
and adjacent places

NEW YORK

Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure  
to acknowledge the receipt of your re-  
mittance, for which please accept our  
thanks and find the bill here.

Very Respectfully,  
Richard Proctor





Hotel New Netherland  
New York.

Dec 1st.

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Dear General Howard

I hope this may  
reach you before you  
shall have replied to  
mine sent this morning.

I had quite a little  
laugh to myself that  
you'd be thinking what  
dare she want me to  
do present "Black Patti"  
This was what I had  
in mind, that you might



be able to touch some of mine  
to fill the house. I visited in  
a road to one side Dr  
McArthur, and a road  
from him to influence  
Joseph to take time to  
me. I thought I might  
send some to the friends  
of those to whom I sent  
those letters. It would  
then stand explained.  
I had not a fond hope that  
any would reply to those  
letters. I only sent them  
to get away, so that  
when Mr W. was in the  
place for his work







and asked the Woodruffs  
of a great hotel here who  
was at Hampton to get  
me a list of the colored  
Churches. I talked with Miss  
Earle, as a daughter of the Woodruffs  
and other things she should have  
a certain cachet in such  
matters as to distributing etc  
etc. At first she was a little  
distrustful I saw her being  
wondered off with the fact as  
if questioning how far she was  
disposed to go. I said and I  
said she acted as <sup>she</sup> black. But she  
followed me to the door and seemed  
quite interested saying let me know  
what you think of doing. I said  
was



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Hotel New Netherland, New York City, December 1st 1893.

Dear General Howard:-

I hope this may reach you before you shall have replied to mine sent this morning. I had quite a little laugh to myself that you you be thinking what does she want me to do ? to present " Black Patti." This was what I had in mind, that you might be able to touch some friends to fill the house. For instance a word to one like Dr. Mac Arthur and a word from him to influence people to take tickets; and I thought I might send some tickets to each of those to whom I sent those letters. It would then stand explained. I had not a fond hope that any would reply to those letters . I only ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> them to open a way so that when Mr. W. was in in N. Y. pleading for his work he should follow up what I had done, tell more of the detail workings at Tuskegee, and after so much I having paved the way to a hearing he would get some such answer as this: " Well, I'll try what I can do, you'll hear from me through General Howard ". and I am keeping the list of names to whom I appealed for Mr. W. when he returns. Meanwhile I have thought much to day of this concert plan, and asked the doorkeeper of a great hotel here, who was at Hampton, to get me a list of the colored churches. I talked with Mrs. Earle as a daughter of the Revolution and other things, she should have a certain cachet in such matters as to disstributing



tickets , etc. At first she was a little distrait, I saw her blue eyes wander off over the Park, as if questioning how far she'd be disloyal to her General and D. B. D. , she asked is " she black"/ But she followed me to the door and seemed quite interested, saying let me know what you think of doing.

If I were only stronger, I should personally try to place the tickets, if we get the thing going, as when I mett people I generally carry my point.

As ever truly yours,

M. E. Berry.

I hope this will reach you before you  
read General's letter:-

Wrote New York, December 1st 1893.

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Hotel New Netherlands  
New York.

Dec. 1st.

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Dear Paul Upson

Glancing at our town  
my paper so full of the  
vicious brutality my eye  
was attracted by the signing  
of "Black Cat" and a  
reflexive thought comes  
to oppose the design  
I am going to try to  
teach her and get  
her to give in a  
concert - Mary G.

Count on your help to  
the extent of making  
mypha stand and  
succeed in raising  
us - I know not  
the address - but if  
I could mention to  
P. O. - saying that they  
and it right place  
here they will cheer  
do well know it I shall  
enclose one of the circular  
letters and add a request  
for him to kindly aid  
me with some of





Hotel New Netherlands  
New York

Very exquisite song  
and I will promise  
worth by now 189  
Jst Carnegie Hall  
Mother Lawrence ought  
to remember me and help  
me - He came to my house  
two winters ago to give my  
daughter musical instruction  
that for personal interest  
and the marriage of a Plaine  
and should be done  
on some questions.  
All this comes as a  
the my promise about



My heart tells me  
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They may say you  
Wasted this time  
Now get people  
To buy tickets - and  
Cause returning  
my habit and show  
not the way of  
pulling wires etc.,  
Should that deter what  
Goin' on in minor  
as a fight though  
To reach on - a certain  
haste, and be finished  
M. J. Barry



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Hotel New Netherland, New York City, December 1st 1893.

Dear General Howard:

Glancing up and down my paper, so full of the hideous brutality, my eye is arrested by the singing of "Black Patti" and a refreshing thought to offset disgust. I am going try to reach her and get her to give us a concert. May I count on your help to the extent of endorsing my plan, did I succeed in reaching her. I know not her address, but I could send my letter to the P. O., asking they send it right, I feel that they will, she is so well known, I shall enclose one of the circular letters and add a request for her to kindly aid with some of her exquisite songs, and I will promise her to try and get Carnegie Hall. Walter Damrosch ought to remember me and help me. He came to my house two winters to give my daughter musical instruction. That for personal interest and he married a Blaine, and should be sound on some questions.

All this comes as I tie my bonnet-string. My heart a little fails me. They may say, you started this thing, now get people to buy tickets, and I am so retiring in my habits and I know not the way of pulling wires, still should that deter what springs in my mind as a bright thought to be acted on? Pardon haste, dear kind friend,

M. E. Berry.



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Hotel New Netherlands, New York City, December 1st 1893.

Dear General Howard:

Glancing up and down my paper, so full of the hideous brutality, my eye is arrested by the singing of "Black Peter" and a refreshing thought to offset disgust. I am going try to reach her and get her to give us a concert. May I count on your help to the extent of endorsing my plan, did I succeed in reaching her. I know not her address, but I could send my letter to the P. O., asking they send it right. I feel that they will, she is so well known, I shall enclose one of the circular letters and add a request for her to kindly aid with some of her exquisite songs, and I will promise her to try and get Carnegie Hall. Walter Damrosch ought to remember me and help me. He came to my house two winters to give my daughter musical instruction. That for personal interest he married a Blaine, and should be sound on some questions.

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W. P. Wesselhoef M. D.

W. F. Wesselhoef M. D.

176 Commonwealth Ave.

James B. Bell M. D.

178 Commonwealth Ave.

Boston Dec 1. 1893

My dear General Howard,

I have not forgotten that when I saw you in N. Y. at the meeting of the A. B. N. R. stockholders I asked the privilege of sending you some books. The delay has been due to want of time to get them together, and to write you a note concerning them.

I am sure you will be glad to read "The Abolition Case" but you may be surprised at the depth of apostasy revealed by it.

I feel sure you will enjoy "Must the Old Testament Go?" and will find much to endorse in "The History of Redemption."

I hope you will agree



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with the intention to D. Kinnear  
book, and if not prepared to give  
assent to the whole volume.

But especially commend to you  
Rev Mr Hopkins in "The Holy Life"  
which I am sure you like.

I enjoyed much reading the report  
of your remarks in Chicago, with  
Mordy. Which. the account of  
your anniversary. -

Allow me to subscribe myself  
with most sincere regards.

Yours in the Faith &c &c.

James T. Bell



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OFFICE, 47 CORTLANDT STREET,

MAKERS OF  
THE COLUMBIAN FOUNTAIN PEN.

Dec 1, 1893

New York, 12/1-93,

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My Genl. Howard,

Governors Island. N.Y.

Dear Sir: Your representative called here today and did not seem satisfied to accept our statement that we could get the work out of the way at the earliest possible moment. Now all we can say is that we will make a pony out of it as soon as our collections will so warrant it. That we hope to do so early we do not know - but we are not going to be as large as we can make it. That we appreciate your patience and trust you will take our assurance that this matter will be taken care of. This the work,



assurance not to be done at the earliest possible  
moment. To say more we can not -  
we are more anxious to get the matter out  
of the way than you possibly can be - this  
you would understand if you knew the  
writer better than you do. When we  
decided to return this money, we did  
so fully aware of our rights and did  
not then nor do we now wish to  
do any thing but what was agreed, the  
case was settled when we gave the note  
& we have no desire to go back of it.

Of course you can sue on the note  
& embarrass us - if you think it is for your  
interest to do this, of course we will have nothing  
to say. Any action you might take would only delay  
final settlement & embarrass us - Very truly, J. W. A. & Co.



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Hadley 15th

New York, Dec. 2, 1893.

Dear Comrade:

A meeting of the  
Committee of the Grand Army  
Mission will be held at the  
residence of W. T. Wardwell, Esq.,  
No. 21, West 58th St., Thursday  
next, Dec. 7th, at 8 P.M.

No meeting of the Committee  
has been held for more than a  
year, and as it is absolutely necessary  
for business of the utmost importance  
to be discussed, your presence at this  
conference is earnestly requested.

By direction of the President:

Yours fraternally,

Harry H. Hadley

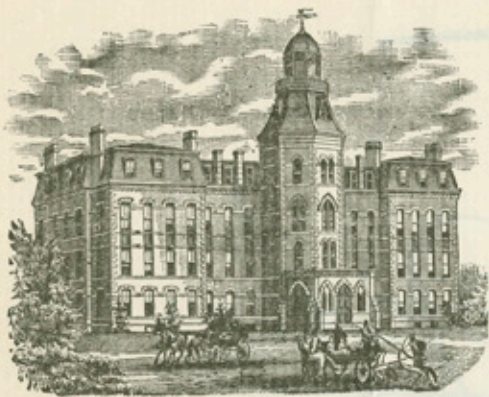
Gen. O. O. Howard

Secretary.









# Howard University,

Rev. J. C. Rankin, D. D. LL.D.,  
President,

J. B. Johnson,  
Sec. and Treas.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893

Major General C. C. Howard,

Dear Sir:-

In August of this year I published a work, entitled "Frederick Douglass The Orator". The book contains 215 pages with 18 illustrations. The price is \$1<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. Your brother General C. H. Howard gave a very interesting review of the work in his paper "The Field Farm & Fireside" of Sept 13. In Chicago I had the pleasure of meeting your son Mr. James Howard. He kindly purchased one of my books.

I shall be grateful and feel encouraged, if you will also purchase a copy.

Hoping you are enjoying good health,

I remain

Yours very truly,

J. M. Gregory.



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Gregory J. J.



KILIAEN VAN RENSSELAER,  
56 Wall Street.

New York, Dec 22 1893

General O. O. Howard

Dear General,

A very important Meeting  
of the Managers of the Grand Army Mission  
will be held next Thursday evening  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 8. ~~30~~ O'clock at the residence of  
Mr William J. Wardwell 4021 West 58<sup>th</sup> St

Thursday evening is the only off  
evening that Col Hadley has. and we as  
Managers must meet to consider the  
present and future of the Mission.

Yours sincerely

Kiliaen Van Rensselaer



5/10/1883  
New York, Dec 23 1883

Van Rensselaer Kiliaen

I very respectfully herewith  
to the Managers of the Grand Army of the Republic  
will be held next Thursday evening  
at 8 o'clock at the residence of  
Mr. William T. Woodruff, 100 West 42nd St.  
Thursday evening is the only day  
evening that Mr. Woodruff has, and we as  
Managers think best to convene the  
business and future of the Association.  
Yours sincerely  
William Van Rensselaer





Hotel New Netherland  
New York.

November 3<sup>d</sup> 1893

Dear General Howard

I trust this  
will find you on the right  
road to recovery if not  
entirely well. Don't you  
think kind find you might  
apply some of that advice  
you give others to yourself.  
Just try to put in a whole  
spirit of forgiveness and  
keeping yourself right  
before him to whom all  
hearts are open and no  
secrets hid. Not try to  
do so much."

I wonder greatly at



at your power of insurance  
and touching on another thing  
that the nothing call a  
hobby of mine I will say  
I shuddered when you  
mentioned having spoken  
in the Baptist Church in  
6-7 u street. at least I  
think that is Dr McArthur's  
Oh it is as full of sulfur  
gas. how then all churches  
are. A sexton is rarely a  
man of scientific observation.  
I observed that the <sup>afternoon</sup> ~~time~~  
saw the door <sup>in</sup> ~~open~~ passing  
as it is such a passing  
pik outwardly I observed  
taken the intrusion and





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New York.

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Embrace the Choir, reaching  
on a storm in shadow  
leave the door ajar  
but oh dear me  
what a party to be at.  
hard south where thou  
tell tale invidious odors  
are unknown, I am very sorry to  
think as I would the  
plague and it had not  
me to live so much, that  
I can keep my own room  
for but I cannot swing  
the parlor and hall of  
this people do I stay at  
home.

Your letter was most  
kind I have written me



W. of Boston told me of  
some substantial colored  
people here, and talking  
with Mrs. Egan this a.m.  
The Society offered me the  
parlors were but a  
penny more for us and  
didn't object to  
us for this price - and  
we would want more  
seating capacity and  
more money -

Hoping my arrangement is  
much better I am as  
ever sincerely  
Yours  
J. L. Berry



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Hotel New Netherland, New York City, Dec. 3rd 1893.

Dear General Howard:

I trust this will find you on the right road to recovery, if not entirely well. Don't you think kind friend, you might apply some of that advice you give others to yourself, just try to rest in a sweet spirit of forgiveness and keeping yourself right before Him, to whom all hearts are open and no secrets hid, and not try to do so much.

I wonder greatly at your powers of endurance, and touching on anything that the unthinking call a hobby of mine, I will say I shuddered when you mentioned having spoken in the Baptist Church in 57th Str. At least I think that is Dr. McArthur's. Oh, it is so full of sewer gas, but then all churches are. A sexton is rarely a man of scientific observation. I stopped there one afternoon, swung the door ajar in passing, as it is such a pleasing pile outwardly, I desired to see the interior and know either the choir, preacher or sexton should have the door ajar, but oh, dear me, beat a hasty retreat. Reared south where those tell tale, insidious odors are unknown, I am very sensitive, I flee and shun them as I would the plague, and it has made me to live so much apart. I can keep my own room free, but I cannot purify the parlors and halls of other people, so I stay at home.

Your letter was most kind, I have written to Mr. W. in Boston to tell me of some substantial colored people, and talking with Mrs. Earle, this A. M. she kindly offers me the ~~parlor~~ parlor here, but I fancy Mme. Jones would desire loftier ceilings to be just to her voice, and we would want more seating capacity and more money.

Hoping my dear friend friend is much better,

I am sincerely yours,

M. E. Berrey.



Hotel New Netherlands, New York City, Dec. 3rd 1893.

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Your letter was most kind, I have written to Mr. W. in Boston to tell me of some substantial colored people, and talking with Mrs. Katie, this A. M. she kindly offers me the parlor here, but I thank Mrs. Jones would desire better feelings to be just to her voice, and we would want more seating capacity and more money.

Hoping my dear friend friend is much better,

I am sincerely yours,

M. E. Barry.