New York: August 28, 1874

To Major Gen. [Haward?]
Governor's Island

Dear Sir: I would be pleased to receive a permit for a lady and myself to visit Governor's Island. I enclose a stamped-addressed envelope.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph H. Cooper
As regards myself, I am a graduate of Knox College and of Yale Divinity School, besides many years of study in Europe. What little religious work has been done at the Post—particularly among the soldiers—is due, humanly speaking, to my influence. While on the best of terms with everybody, I am considered an "especially close friend of the soldier." This summer, Col. Van Horn engaged me to give private lessons to his children twice a week. Their ages range from 7 to 7; and they have not only learned a great deal, but have become so greatly attached to me that their parents and those of the other children are anxious to have me start at least a half-day school. I propose to do it, if I become chaplain.

Assured that you will do all in your power for the education, secular and religious, of H. H. McKinney— as you have always worked for the truest and highest interests of your country and its army— I remain, Sir,

Your Most Humble Servant,

T. Meyler,

Pastor Cong. Church, Buffalo, Wyoming

U. C.

Church Saloon,

Buffalo, Wyo., Aug. 28, 1894.

Maj.-Gen. Oliver O. Howard,

New York City.

Howard, Sir,—I hope you will recall our brief interview in the parlor of the 1st Cong. Church in Omaha last June, during the Annual meeting of the Cong. Home missionary Society, concerning my work at H. H. McKinney, Wyo. I asked your sympathy and aid in securing some government appointment for regular religious work at the Post. You will remember that I have preached there since last November once in two weeks (not to mention many an occasional service prior to that date), and last autumn I organized a Sunday School which I have attended, conducted, and taught every Sunday.

The only obstacle in my way at the time of our meeting was that Col. Jas. J. Van Horn (87th Infantry, U. S. A.) did not seem then to favor
I append below some general statements in regard to the needs of Fort McKinney, which will be, I am sure, of interest to you, and to the War Dept.

1. Population — including, besides their (3) Companies of Infantry, and two (2) Troops of Cavalry and their officers, the families of officers, enlisted men and civilians (indispensable to the Post) — over 500 souls, 75 of which are children.

2. The nearest Church or School-house is 2 1/2 miles distant, and — as a matter of fact — very few can, or do, avail themselves of these uses.

3. Up till 1870, I think, Fort McKinney had a regular Chaplain, but none since then. Until last spring they had at least a Common School, taught by a soldier; but he was drunk part of the time, and now is discharged. Hence, there will be no school whatever this fall, unless a Civilian is employed.

[Many children, even of the Officers, have not been to a school of any sort for two years and more, because they cannot go to town (especially in the winter), and they could not learn anything at the Post School.]

Will you kindly take this matter in hand, and secure for Christ’s sake, the needed religious privileges for the many needy souls at the Post?

You will confer a great favor, if you will answer the following questions: — 1) Does the Col. have any authority to engage a civilian as teacher and preacher at the Post? — 2) If not, in what other way can I secure such an appointment? What formal steps must I take in the matter?
Camden, N. J., Aug. 28, 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

We are running a series of "War Sketches" in the Gazette; they began June 2, 1894, with an article by Gen. James F. Run-ting of Trenton, and have continued since.

Two weeks ago we published a letter from you in the Gazette, which I believe was published in the Independent, and this led me to write to you to ask you if you would not contribute an article for our "Series of War Sketches." I know there are great demands on your time, but I was in hope you could find time to favor us. Mr. Auerhans knows (one)
Dr. J. B. Grant, my father, very well.
Father has chaplain in the 10th
Regiment. He has written many
sketches. The series has met with
great interest, and will be con-
tinued for another 3 months.

Now, general, can't you squeeze
triumph in to furnish us with
a sketch somewhat similar to
Gen. Rushing's (or of any kind
you may prefer, as long as it
relates to army life).

Yours truly,

Alfred

Refer to Dr. J. M. Buckley, of Christian
Advocate, Frank T. Nagle, and
Geo. Lee Monroe, of Augustin Stith
et al.
The Chautauquan,

Aug. 29, 1894.

Dear Gen. Howard,

I now remind you of your promise made to me at Chautauqua to give me one or more pictures or photographs of yourself that I might have a cut made to accompany our interview in "The Chautauquan.

I shall thank you to send me at your earliest convenience whatever photographs you prefer. If I remember correctly, you spoke of one taken at the close of the war in full uniform and another, your latest photograph. I shall be glad to have both of these, and if you wish it I shall see to it that they are returned after the engravings have been made.

Inasmuch as these are designed for use in an early number I shall thank you to let me have the photographs as promptly as possible.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

Gouverneur's Island, N. Y.
Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Education,  
Washington.  
August 29, 1894.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge, with thanks for your kind courtesy, the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 24th instant enclosing letter addressed to the Adjutant General U. S. Army; also list of publications:--- Reports of Bureau of "Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands" (Freedmen’s Bureau), now on file in your library.

I have forwarded your letter to the Adjutant General, U. S. Army, to The Honorable the Secretary of the Interior asking him to transmit the same to The Honorable the Secretary of War with the request that the needs of this Bureau may be complied with in so far as is practicable by that Department.

I am, Sir,

very respectfully, your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Commissioner.

Major General O. O. Howard,
United States Army.
I have the honor to acknowledge with pleasure to you your letter of February 16th, 1894, containing the request that the Secretary of War will be informed that the Secretary of the Interior will be present at the meeting of the Board of Refugees.

According to your request, the Secretary of the Interior will be present at the meeting.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Secretary of the Interior.
Washington, D.C., Aug. 29, 1894.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Sir: Please find inclosed draft for $48.00, payment in full for "Part II.--Dalton."

Respectfully,

John W. Elroy.
The National Garment

The Great National Garment and House Weekly Newspaper

1250 New York Avenue

Minneapolis, Minn. 1904

Dear Sir,

I enclose four thousand dollars for the

respectfully,

[Signature]

[Note: The handwriting is partially legible and appears to be a letter or a note. The content is not clearly readable due to the quality of the image.]
465 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Wednesday August 29, 1894

Answered
Apr. 5/94

General B. G. Howard,
Dear Sir,

Some three or four years ago, when I was Louie Shepard
I taught dancing for three seasons, on
Governor's Island, and among my
pupils were your two little grandchildren,
Otto and Helen. I saw you frequently,
both in the class room and on the
Island, and you were always so kind
to me, that I have always wanted
your photograph and autograph. I
have tried to purchase a photograph
in several galleries, but have not yet
been successful, and I thought I
would ask you if you would please
tell me where I could get one, and

affectionate
Willie Shepard

P.S. No word.
if you would also please be so kind as to give me your autograph. If you would not consider these favors a presumption on my part, and would be willing to grant them, I shall be very grateful indeed.

Very Respectfully yours,

Mrs. S. H. Gillespie

May I trouble you, please, to forward the enclosed note to Miss Amy Howard as I do not know her address.
To West 93rd
New York Aug. 29, 1894

My Dear Mr. Howard

Dear sir,

My love Re:-

A. S. McLeod has been
between life and death for some time. He is now recovering with
alacrity. I thought you would wish to be informed
if I could visit you. I feel instantly that
I must see you if you were in this vicinity and could consider it
a call. He stopped over to New York any day while I was
there. I knew the
5 men I thought of and they all came to see me. And I have something
tell you.

Mrs. R. W. Gardner.
30 Aug. 1894.

Maj. Genl. O.Howard
Governor Iowa

Dear Sir -

The Congregational Club of Pittsburgh will hold its meeting during the week of the GAR meeting here. We hope that you can make it convenient to be with us, if you are to be in the city, and can arrange our date to suit you, if you will let us know when you can best be present. Tuesday or Thursday, the 11th or 13th of Sept., would probably be the best dates.
Hope you can be with us. Our churches here occupy a peculiar position, and stand in need of the unceasing sympathy of the rest of the denomination. I believe we have a specially valuable and important work to do in this respect, and that it would be of interest to you and great benefit to us to be together.

Awaiting your reply, I shall look forward to it in every way.

Yours sincerely,

Henry M. Bouder.
Copy of letter sent.  

September 1st 1864.

Dear Sir:-

In the absence of General Howard, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, and in reply to state that it will afford me pleasure to lay your letter before the General immediately after his return, about the 6th instant.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) W. W. Wotherspoon.

Aide-de-Camp.

Rev. Henry M. Bowden,
First Congregational Church,
Braddock, Pa.
September 1st, 1909

Dear Sir:

In the absence of General Howard, I have the honor to extend to you my congratulations on the occasion of your return at the 50th anniversary of your service, and to request you to be present at the General Assembly of the Society, which will be held on the 2nd of October, and to pay the General Assembly a visit at the Society, even though you are already a member of the Society.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. W. Watkins

Rev. Henry M. Rooker
First Congregational Church
Bradford, Pa.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON.  

August 30, 1894.

Dear General:

I do not want you to think that I deliberately neglected your recent letter with enclosure. It was received in due course of mail, but in the tremendous rush of the last six weeks the matter was not attended to. When the President comes back in October I will look after it for you.

Hastily and truly yours,

[Signature]

General O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, New York.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

[Handwritten text]


[Signature]
My dear General,

The Insurance Co., who had losses by the conflagration at Panama on June 1st last, are contemplating or considering the advisability of sending an adjuster from here. Mr. Arthur Bell may be selected to go there. He says he met you recently on the Cars while returning from Kansas City.

Should he go, he will have some days on his hands to spare — I have talked with him about looking after the Coal property — if there is anything that anyone can do, he would be glad to do as it is in his power. I have been looking over some Panama Maps which I found at the Columbian Consulate Office. I cannot find the "Rio Indio," which is the only thing that impressed itself on my mind. I have mislaid the printed Circular — probably my Aunt Mary has one — I do not remember the location of the "Miners." If the distance should be too great for Mr. Bell to reach, we can take no interest in
If you please, the missus.

I am going to be away for a while. Can you come to see me, please, and check on my work, if you can? I am afraid it will be quite a while before I can return.

I hope you are well. I shall write to you as soon as I can, but in the meantime, please be sure to look after yourself.

Thank you for your continued support. I will keep you posted as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]

[Address]

his projected trip — but if you should see that we could use Mr. Bell in any way — it may be worth while to consider the matter —

The next steamer goes on Sept. 10th; so there is time to post him on anything —

Very Truly Yours,

J. Temple
Columbian Liberty Bell Committee

WM. O. McDowell, Chairman
C. Lincoln Park

[Signature]

Aug 28th
1894

To dear Sir,

In the recent issue of the Magazine of American History, it was announced that the society will be moved to a new location in the near future. I was greatly interested in the announcement and wrote to the editor to express my concern with the move. I understand that a new location has been found and that the society will continue to thrive.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Genl. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N. Y.

My dear General:

I received yesterday, August 30, from the War Department, a medal of honor for services rendered just 30 years ago to a day. I am indebted to you for this. Your last letter to the War Department covered so fully the points in controversy, that the order was given at once, granting the application.

You do not know my dear friend, how much I appreciate this, for without the aid rendered me by you, the application of my friends would have been turned down. I can only thank you and wish you all the happiness that can come to one whose life has been devoted to good works and whose services will be remembered for ages to come.

Very sincerely, your friend,

[Signature]

Alexandria, Va., August 31, 1894.
Dear Mr. Howard,

Governor of Indiana, M. Y. Griffin, Secretary of War, has transmitted to me a request from the War Department to have you write a letter to your friend, Governor of Indiana, expressing the appreciation of the Government for his services in the present crisis and the good work he has done.

You do not know me, but I am sure you will appreciate this letter from your friend in Indiana. I am only a small part of the war effort, but I believe that every little bit helps.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
August 31, 1894.

Major Gen. O.O. Howard, U.S.A.
Governor's Island.

My Dear Sir:—

I have been considerably impressed with a certain special personal value in the art note-books of Mr. Edwin Forbes, with whose etchings, "Life Studies of the Great Army," you are familiar. The personal bearing I refer to is on the military record of General Slocum. Mr. Forbes's sketch-notes contain much data relating to Slocum's work at Gettysburg and Chancellorsville—in the form of rapid sketches, made on the ground (and that from pretty well towards the front, where Forbes kept himself), with pencilled memoranda as to the identity and number of the various commands. General Slocum, who had previously had only a general knowledge of Forbes's work, saw these notes only a short time before his death, and was profoundly impressed with their value as bearing on his own record.

It has occurred to me that, in this particular relation, it might interest you to look at Mr. Forbes's unpublished notes, which would doubtless have a more general interest for you, also. If it would be agreeable to you, I should like to bring Mr. Forbes over to call on you, at some time convenient to you for an examination of these sketches.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]
Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 31st. 1894.

General 0.0. Howard.

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The Committee on Toasts, as well as the Executive Committee, greatly desire that you will respond to a toast in this city on the evening of October 4th. next at the Grand Hotel at the banquet given at the meeting of the Society of the Officers of the Army of the Tennessee. I beg to request you to select your own subject and to notify me at your earliest convenience. Permit me to say that the committee and our citizens here generally, and I can have no doubt the officers themselves, will be very greatly pleased if you will favor us upon this occasion. There are many soldiers in this part of the country who served under you, particularly while you were in command of the Army of the Tennessee, who have bright recollections of their service under you, and who will feel honored by your presence in this locality. I am able to say for General G.M. Dodge, the President of the Society, that he will be greatly pleased if you can accept this invitation.

Truly yours,

[Signature]
STATE OF IOWA
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
IN THE NAME OF

Commissary Department, Iowa, August 30th, 1839

Governor O.T. Howard

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Committee on Toasts, as well as the Executive Committee, with the greatest pleasure, intend to meet at the Grand Hotel at the City of the metropolis of the State of the Tennessee, I beg to request you to select your own Army of the Tennessee, and to notify me of your earliest convenience. Permit me to say that the committee and our officers are generally pleased if you will leave me when this occasion. There are many opportunities in the army who could not be reached unless you, the army of the Tennessee, who in actual practice you were in command of the Army of the Tennessee, who have received recognitions of their service, when you, and who will feel honored by your presence in this locality. I am able to say for General G.M. Dodge, the President of the Society, that he, I am sure, take

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name]