AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

10 East 23d Street,

NEW YORK, May 15th, 1896

Major General Oliver O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:-

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that at our Annual meeting on Wednesday, you were unanimously elected President of the American Tract Society, in the place of our beloved Ex-Justice Wm. Strong, LL.D.

We trust you will accept the position, and live long as a valiant soldier of the Cross, to hold the fort and carry the Gospel banner into new regions.

Yours faithfully,

W. W. Rand
Sec'y

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O.O.H.

Albany
May 15th 1896
May 15, 1896

My dear General

Your last letter was received a few days ago.

You speak of being disheartened about the whole business; certainly, I have more reason to feel so.

In looking over the letters (received from you the past year) I find a good deal said about a Mr Muller, to whom your excellent friend Mr Gagnam seems to have entrusted the affair placed in his hands — I also read that the papers and maps were forwarded to Bogota, thus giving some one the advantage of Mr Temple's discovery, and

back to me — But I must be content & suppose, although it is hard to feel so, the clear headed's work may have been in vain, at least to me, about to be rent. If he had such facilities in the Mines as our Rev. Ultimate value — feeling I trust he may more effort you are going to make to have me title confirmed — Sometimes the light comes when the darkest is most dense & let us hope as your lawyer — as you hear from Re Panama lawyer — Title — time separate to the Pomarada

Truly & Most sincerely yours D. Hamilton

investigations etc -

In Mr Muller's letter to Mr Gwynn which you sent me to read) he speaks of the great value of the Mines, also that several persons had their eyes on them and that they could only be secured to Mr Temple's heirs, by again denouncing them. This denunciation he had very little doubt of securing and he said if Gen Howard (as the representative of the Mines) did not put in a claim, he would do it for himself, thus securing for his own, that to which he certainly had no right.

Why he done so, do you think? That does not appear. Did he consider that Congress would confirm the Mexican Land act - I answer, which you can be his friend, supported him to do so? Assuredly very clearly it seems to me, that the Muller (Cunning Jew friend) interest in the Amalgam did not take time to have a Decree Dismissed - Consequently with - You know in the letter and also that letter, I've sent you, you have had to the Government to return and settlement in the Mines - Continue all other very

R. H. PRATT,
Capt. 10th Cav'y., Supt.

A. J. STANDING,
Assistant Superintendent.

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Carlisle, Pa., May 16th 1896

Maj: Gen. O. O. Howard
Ft Ethan Allen
Vermont

Dear Sir.

Before leaving for the West Capt Pratt desired me to write to you, thanking you on his behalf for the very excellent portrait of yourself which you sent to him.

It has been substantially framed and placed in Capt's office, where the sight of it will recall to all of us the very memorable and pleasant visit the School received from you at 1896 Commencement.

Very truly Yours
A J Standing

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Third Army Corps Union,

Portland, Maine,
May 18, 1896

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington Vt.

Dear General:

In behalf of the officers and committee of the 3rd Corps Union, we extend to you and your family a very cordial invitation to be present at the Reunion of the survivors of the old 3rd Corps and the officers and men of the 3rd and 4th Divisions of the 2nd Army Corps, to be held at Portland Maine June 24th and 25th.

On Wednesday June 24th members and guests will be given a drive on the Cape Shore, Thursday the 25th a sail through Casco Bay is proposed and in the Evening of the 25th a Banquet.

Trusting that we shall have the pleasure of your company with us on this occasion,

We have the honor to be,
Very respectfully and truly yours,

Edward Moore
Chairman of Committee

John O. Rice
Secretary

73 Madison Ave. N.Y.
May 18th 1896

Dear General Howard:

On May 1st the property at Monterey, Berkshire Co. Mass. was sold at auction for just enough to pay the first mortgage and interest due.

The mortgage was raised for my sister's benefit, at her urgent request, and every penny of it spent by her. There now remains to me not one dollar of the $10.000 my husband provided for me!

If Adelaide had been my own child I should have fought to protect her interests, but after my husband's death I was very unhappy, and allowed myself to be over-persuaded

by my mother, sister, and aunt. I now feel so bitterly towards my mother, that I have resolved never to look upon her face again in this world.

It is impossible for me to live upon my pension in New York or elsewhere, in any other way than by keeping house, and doing my own cooking. But I have no furniture, because all mine, horses, cows, china, silver, books, all I possessed upon earth, was sold to pay my sister's debts.

By September I shall have become steadily self-supporting, by writing, and then shall go on to improve my education.

In the meantime, I have neither money, nor clothing. I have written for the last time to Colonel Cochran, enclosing the notice of sale.

I shall be willing and glad to support myself when it is possible, but until then must perish without some help.

$100 would furnish a room and keep me alive until the last of the summer.

At present I am spending my little income in advance.

My mother and Adelaide are still in Los Angeles, sewing, and doing what they can.

Please do not think that I am asking more of you, who have always been so kind, than a word of influence, if you think best and wise to use it.

Respectfully and gratefully
Emily Murdock

Albany
May 18th 1876
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My dear General

I have just received your letter, with the enclosed from Mr Lagham — I am glad to hear you are doing all you can with regard to the Mines and do hope your efforts will be crowned with success — Let me hear please what report your Com has to give you as soon as able to do so —

Sincerely Yours —
Mary W. Temple

Then the unlucky duel with Gorey & Ford and into which I was more or less forced by circumstances spoiled my further aspirations. We were all, principals and seconds cashiered and the House has only lately passed a bill for an honorable discharge for me. I have valued your letter to the Governor of Mo very highly but have lost it by fire, when my house burned, and I asked you for a copy or something to the same effect, in place of same. I know it by heart and read as follows,

Mr. R. William Grebe
Captain & Aide-de-Camp.

Capten Permit me to thank you for your service while on my staff as Aide-de-Camp. You have done important duty in one of our most instructive campaigns and I am pleased to state you will fill any office the Governor of Mo may tend you with honor to yourself and credit to the state. You have been brave and faithful, ever willing night or day to carry my orders and I take pleasure in acknowledging it.

O. O. Howard Maj Genl Commanding Army of Ten

Bonner Springs Kans
May 19 1896

Genl O. O. Howard Esq
156 College Street Burlington
Vermont

Dear Genl.

I took the liberty writing to you a few lines, but in answer your secretary, Mr Ellis stated that you were just leaving on a lecture tour in the west and not having had the time to read my letter, but would do so and tend to it on your return from your trip. I suppose the letter has been laid aside and it has escaped your memory. I was your Aide-de-Camp in your Atlanta campaigne, from Atlanta down to Lovejoy Station. I had been Mc Pherson's Aid

till his lamented death. My regiment was the 4th Mo. Cav. Vol and I was Capt in Comp F of the same. I was as you probably remember one of the german officer who came over on half pay and leave from the home government to see the war and leave and after given a position in the 4th was ordered to report to the Genl commanding the Army of the Ten. for Aide-de Camp. When my leave expired I asked for more and was ordered home. I did not want to leave my new comrades in the time of great peril and Genls McPherson and Sherman asked me to stay, promising me a position in the regular army ~~during~~ after the war. I resigned my commission in Europe and stood by our beloved flag. At Lovejoy Station I received a letter from St Louis, telling me of a new Cav. Regt which was then raising. Sherman and his brave was then preparing to go on their triumphant march to the sea, and I was sent to St Louis with high recommendations from you, Blair, Logan and Sherman for the command of the new regiment. Arriving Genl John B. Gray, Adjt Genl of Mo took me to the Governor Williard P. Hall and was told after examining my recommendations to wait till the regt was ready. In the mean time Governor Hall appointed me Aide-de-Camp to himself with the rank of Major.

Now dear General I would like to have a copy of this, by yourself so that there was no doubt of it being genuine, I wish to frame it for my family and future sons of Veterans.

And, dear General, I have another wish. While on your staff on ~~August~~ 2nd September 1st 1864 at Jonesborro Ga, you ordered me when the Rebs had several times attacked our position to get a ride back and get a Cav Regt which we (our Gene and staff) had just passed. This Cav Regt was standing dismounted in a Ravine. You ordered me to bring it dismounted into the Rebell trenches which our forces was occupying. The Rebs had attacked them several times and were preparing to attack again. I done as ordered. I brought the regt into line. My horse was killed, you remember the fine chestnut sorrel I rode. All my horses were sorrels. In trying to extricate myself I received this rupture, in fact I had a small rupture already received in Ky, but this made it worse, My rupture is very bad now and I can not lift anything. I have never

applied for a pension, because I had no honorable discharge, but would like to do it now. I do not know of anybody but you I could prove it by. My Orderly was with me, he is dead. He got captured at Lovejoy Station and I came near the same result that day. Of course we were young, and I did not notice the injury much then. It did not pain me, but made me sick at my stomach. Our surgeon, was not his name Dunlap, gave me some medicine, which pursed glorious Kilpatrick liked, and I did not mind it much after, except at times when riding to much and hard but now it is bad. I know you will remember it, and you can state on the affidavit as you do remember if of course. But I will call this to your memory. When after the battle was over and I had reported to you at your tent the case, you excused me for duty although I was willing to carry an order to Gen. Blair. I have filled the affidavit to save you trouble. – Gen. I have made a piece of poetry using your name in it, would you [illegible] You as ever
[illegible] Orderly.

Affidavit

NORWICH UNIVERSITY.

President's Office.

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Northfield, Vermont, May 19th 1886

Gen O. O. Howard,
Burlington Vt.

Dear Sir:

Mr Cushman has decided to take the price we just offered him for his lot East of the University grounds, the trustees have voted to buy it - at $800.00 We should have paid $900 - but fair, but nothing less than 1000, would buy it then - If you will send us the balance remaining for that purpose - we will close the trade. I consider this lot quite desirable as I think do you.

Very truly yours
Charles Dole

Northfield, Vermont, May 15th 1899

Hon. W. W. Stewart,
Rutland, Vt.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in which you say that Mr. Wade has not yet entered upon the duties of his position, but is reading in the law office of Mr. Wade's father, and that he will be ready to begin work about the first of June.

Very truly yours,
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General Oliver Otis Howard.

My dear general:-

Now that the people of the entire country are resting on the hope that our next President, whoever he may be, will succeed in placing our land on a firm, progressive basis, we are gathering expressions of opinion from men whose representative positions in State, financial and business circles qualify them to determine, as to what, in their respective judgments, will be the first, decisive step to be taken by this new Head of the Nation, in order to relieve the universally felt want of prosperity.

These contributions of thought, we will embody in a symposium, for publication in

the principal papers throughout the country in a short time.

We respectfully request that you favor us with a short sketch of your idea as to the method to be employed for accomplishing so glorious a result. We beg to assure you that the kindness would be thoroughly appreciated. We will be pleased to mail you copies of the article, when published.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply, I am,

With high regards

Very truly yours,

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William J. Bok

Ans
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NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

S.C. JONES, C.E. SUPERINTENDENT. CAPT L.J. GULICK, U.S.M.C. COMMANDANT.

CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.

May 19th 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard
Burlington.

Dear Sir:-

Our commencement exercises will be held on June 10th. We will graduate a fine class of young men, most of whom will enter College in September.

You have kindly allowed us to ~~y~~ use your name as a reference, for some years. If you have no other engagement, we would be delighted to have you attend Commencement and address the graduating class. I feel sure you would be glad to see what an improvement we have made in every way, and I assure you that you would be favoring not only the cadets but also the officers of the school.

Will you kindly telegraph me whether you can accept or not

Yours very truly

S. C. Jones

Dear Dr. Jones
Dear sir/Mr.

May 14th 1896

Mr. G.C. Stewart
Washington.

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If you have kindly allowed us to use your name as a reference, for some years. If you have no other engagement, we would be delighted to have you attend commencement and address the graduating class. I feel sure you would derive a great deal of pleasure from the trip, and I assure you we have made no hasty way, and I assure you would be favoring not only the cadets but the officers of the school.

Will you kindly telegraph me whether you can or not?

Yours truly,
[illegible]

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Boston, May 20th 1896

Gen. R. C. Howard, Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

The Fourth Annual Reunion of the Department of Mass. Womans Relief Corps, is to be held at Nantasket Beach the last week in June. The exact date depends upon those whom we hope to secure as speakers, and I am instructed by vote of the committee of arrangements to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend this gathering, and give us an address.

Should we be favored with pleasant weather the gathering will be a large one, — the beach is one of the finest on the coast — we have exclusive use of a large hotel for our guests — also an Arena seating a thousand or more, and hundreds can hear, that may not be seated.

We learn that you are to be in Maine June 25th at Third Army Corps Reunion, and we earnestly

HELEN A. BRIGHAM, President, HYDE PARK.
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hope you may be able to accept our invitation.

Should you do so, a committee of comrades will meet you on arrival, and care for you while in our city. Permit me to say, that the membership of our Order in Mass is now 13,812 and our relations to the Grand Army to whom we are auxiliary, are delightfully happy and pleasant.

At this annual reunion we desire not only to have a social gathering but that our loyal hearted women may get a fresh inspiration to duty, in the noble work of careing for the needy veterans, and their dependant ones. I address you at the last given address as furnished by Adjutant General Dalton from U. S. Army Register — An early and favorable reply will be appreciated

Respectfully Yours, Sarah E. Fuller
Chairman Com" Arrangements.

Address as per letter heading

Howard University,

Washington, D. C.,

May 20th, 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

Now in a strait between two. I must give the dilemas to my Normal Department next Tuesday evening. Nor can I hear your "great lecture on Metzerott Hall"? Nor can the hundreds of our students who would like to be there?

Yrs. truly

You will, of course, beat the Trustee meeting on Tuesday. The year has been a very prosperous one; the future is full of promise.

With kind regards

Very truly,

J. O'Hanlon.

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J. P. MORGAN & CO.,

P. O. Box 3036.

New York, May 20th 1896.

O. O. Howard Esq.

156 College St.

Burlington Vt.

Dear Sir ,

We are in receipt of your favor of the 12th inst. enclosing Trust Receipt for the following securities of the Northern Pacific R. R. Co., viz:

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Yours truly,

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G. C. Howard Esq.

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Bridgeport, Ct.

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New York, May 21, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear General:-

I have more business in my line than I can look after promptly myself, and I would like to have you associated with me. This is a business that has come to stay, and I think there is the greatest field in the world for building up a large and permanent income.

When you come to New York I would like very much to see you. Perhaps Harry would be in a position to make some arrangement with me.

With kind regards to all, I am,

Sincerely yours,

David F. Harbaugh

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With kind regards to all, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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To Gen. O. O. Howard Burlington Vt.

Will you kindly telegraph at the Journals expense your view on President Elliots criticism of the G. A. R. He is quoted as saying "Members are always looking for an opportunity to pass adverse criticism upon a public speakers view of what they call patriotism. No politician particularly no member of Congress dares to speak his mind regarding an organization which does little more than get what money it can from the government"

Boston Journal

Bridgeport, Conn.,
May 21, 1896.

Ans'd May 23

Gen. O. O. Howard:
Dear Sir -

Even since learning, a month ago, that you was to come to Bridgeport to speak on Memorial day, I have proposed writing to you.
I have wanted very much that you should learn the particulars of the will case in which your Society came to have such a prominent part.
I wrote to you about it a year ago and you very kindly paid attention to the subject. I was in hopes that something more might have come of it.
When I received your last letter I had just returned from the Christian Endeavor Convention in Boston.
You may well believe that a subject, the very thought of which rankles in my mind and if I would permit, drives out every pleasant thing, was one I did not care to consider at that time.
And so the over present busy moment

have stated.
Settled by law? Law covers more sins than charity ever did.
In law, what plea so tainted and corrupt,
But, being season'd with a gracious voice,
Obscures the show of Evil? In religion,
What damned error, but some sober brow
Will bless it, and approve it with a text
Hiding the grossness with fair ornament?

I wish that you may learn the facts fully because there may be more law in the case.

I am Sir, with esteem,
Sincerely Yours
M. E. Prosser
174 Fairfield Avenue.

has demanded its work and I have neglected the matter.

You wrote to the Chairman of your Executive Committee. He seems to have made a plausible presentment of his status to you. But in doing so he went to a brother counsellor who would be likely to uphold another of the same profession and not having been on the ground, would know only what he was told.

My complaint is not, as your letter of last July would intimate, at the amount sized by the legal representative of the Society. The injustice is in the way he, or the Society, conducted the case and the treachery shown both to Dr. Palmer and the contestants in court.

I maintain that it was a dishonorable thing to any religious society and that they should relinquish at once that which they have gotten unfairly and by misrepresentation.

Your next Anniversary is to be held soon, and in New Haven. I very much wish that you could meet them the Rev. Dr. Palmer. He has always been interested in your Society and has done much for it, until this affair.

He counseled letting this matter alone, when his advice was sought. He has been alienated from the Society by its action. The church has withdrawn its contributions. He knows the inwardness of the whole thing and will set you right about it.

You have faith in the integrity of the Executive Committee and do not believe they would knowingly do wrong. Then they do not know. I sent every one of them a letter on April 16, 1895, in reply to a circular signed by them and found that some of them knew nothing about the circular to which their names were signed. The Society must be managed by a few men!? and one of them writes "I have nothing to say as to the merits of the question, which has now been settled by law. I will not comment on the position of a missionary Society who settles things by law without regard to merit, the facts being absolutely and incontrovertibly as I

Honorary Secretary,
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The
American Missionary Association,
Bible House, Ninth Street and Fourth Avenue, New York.

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New-York May. 21. 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
156 College St.,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Gen. Howard: —

Dr. Strieby is at Hampton attending the Anniversary exercises, but I think I can answer the questions you ask.

The first day school at Hampton for Freedmen was opened Sept. 17, 1861, by the Am. Miss. Assoc.

The teacher of this school was Mrs. Mary S. Peake. The Tract Society has published a little memoir of this first teacher. We have several copies.

Mr. Tappan's correspondence was with Gen. Butler, but Mr. Lockwood on going to Virginia called upon Gen. Wool.

I enclose an extract from an old History of the Association now out of print, which shows my authority for these facts. I also enclose a very brief History recently gotten up.

We are glad to give any information we can regarding those early days. Very sincerely yours,

E. M. Hotchkiss
for Sec'y Strieby.

Extract from History of A.M.A. 142.

" But the first systematic effort for their (The Freedmen's) relief and instruction was made by the American Missionary Association; and the honor of the initial steps is due to Lewis Tappan, Esq., then its Treasurer. This gentleman had been identified with the anti-slavery movement from the beginning, had endured his share of obloquy and persecution, and was one of the originators of the Association, whose Treasurer he had been from the beginning, giving his services gratuitously. He began the movement for the Freedmen by a correspondence with General Butler, whose famous dictum, (May 27th, 1861,) pronouncing the escaping fugitives "contraband of war," gave them safety at Fortress Monroe, and prepared the way for relief and schools from the North. Large numbers of them were gathered at Fortress Monroe and Hampton, and, in consequence of the burning of the latter place, they were homeless and destitute. Mr. Tappan wrote to General Butler, (August 3d,) making inquiries and suggestions as to the means of relief. General Butler replied, (August 10th,) showing the necessity for the colored people to remain South, and welcoming any efforts in their behalf."

" The Association commissioned Rev.L.C.Loclwood as a missionary, and sent him to make investigations. He reached Hampton September 3d, called immediately upon General Wool, who approved of the enterprise, and gave him authority to enter upon the work immediately: and in the evening, while conversing on the piazza of the hotel, he overheard music, and following the sound, came to a long, low building, just outside the entrance of the Fortress, where he found a number of colored people assembled for prayer.

Extract from Mrs. Lincoln's Diary

(Dec. 1862)

"But the first systematic effort for their relief and instruction was made by the American Missionary Association, and the honor of the initial steps is due to Lewis Tappan, Esq., then its Treasurer. This gentleman had been identified with the anti-slavery movement from the beginning, had endured his share of obloquy and persecution, and was one of the originators of the Association, whose Treasurer he had been from the beginning, giving his services gratuitously. He began the movement for the Freedmen by a correspondence with General Butler, whose famous letter (May 27th, 1861,) pronouncing the escaping negroes "contraband of war," gave them safety at Fortress Monroe, and prepared the way for relief and succor from the North. Large numbers of them were gathered at Fort Monroe and Hampton, and, in consequence of the burning of the latter place, they were homeless and destitute. Mr. Tappan wrote to General Butler, (August 24,) making inquiries and suggestions as to the means of relief. General Butler replied, (August 26th,) showing the necessity for the colored people to remain South, and welcoming any efforts in their behalf.

The Association commissioned Rev. L. C. Lockwood as a missionary, and sent him to make investigations. He reached Hampton September 24, called immediately upon General Wool, who approved of the enterprise, and gave him authority to enter upon the work immediately; and in the evening, while conversing on the piazza of the hotel, the overtures music, and following the sound, came to a house, low ceiling, just outside the entrance of the fortress, where he found a number of colored people assembled for prayer.

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