Farmington, Me.
June 5, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Burlington, Vt.

My dear brother:-

My dear mother left us this morning at half past twelve. I am glad for her, but this will be home no longer - She has been my care, night and day, for nearly two years and a half - and I do not yet understand how I can live without her. To be sure I have my children to live for, and they are a real comfort and blessing! but my

brothers have no one to help them bear their loss –

My brother Howard especially has lived with her all his life. very dependent upon her on account of his ill health all his younger days, and mother equally dependent upon him these last years –

It is very hard for him –

Henry came home two weeks ago to day. We shall probably lay her in her last resting place on Monday –

You will remember us on that day. I know –

Affly Helen

S. B. Bradford. G. A. Huron.

Bradford & Huron,

Attorneys at Law.

Central National Bank Building.

vs. No.

Your No.

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Topeka, Kansas, June 5, 1896.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

New York City, N. Y.

My dear General:-

The Department of Kansas G. A. R. has designated Topeka, as the place and Sept. 28, 29 and 30, and Oct. 1, 2, and 3, as the time for holding the State Reunion. Many of the old boys in blue remember you vividly and would like to have you with us at least one day during that period. A general committee of fifteen has the matter in charge, and a sub-committee, of which I am chairman, has been appointed on invitation. The matter has not been brought before the general committee, but as a member of the sub-committee and chairman, I write to know if it will be convenient for you to attend at least one day during our Reunion. If you conclude that you can be with us on that occasion, a formal invitation, with a request for information respecting transportation and entertainment will be forwarded to you.

Will you do me the kindness to write me on this subject at your earliest convenience?

Yours most respectfully,

S. B. Bradford

Chairman.

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E. B. Ferguson

Chairman.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS
13 ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK.

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June 5, 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:--

Dr. Albert Shaw, the editor-in-chief of this magazine, and I have been discussing where we might obtain a really valuable account of what part military discipline plays in the general education of schoolboys at the military schools of to-day. We want to get a short article on this subject to publish in front of some descriptions of particular military schools which are to be printed in our advertising supplement of the July issue, and the descriptions themselves will be paid for. I had no hesitation in asking you if you will find it convenient and congenial to write such a short article in this connection, because we have had some well-known gentlemen who helped us in the same way, notably the eminent architect Mr. J. Cleveland Cady and the famous "Adirondack" Murray. Of course there would be no chance of confounding the part of the feature which your article represented with the advertisements themselves.

We feel that you know better than anyone else, and can say in 1,500 words more clearly than anyone else, just the value which the drilling, uniforming and disciplining of boys by military methods has in helping them to become good scholars and preparing them to be fine men physically and mentally. If you can make an essay on the subject of 1,500 words we should be exceedingly obliged to you. We feel that the readers of the "Review of Reviews," many thousands of course of whom have boys whose schooling they are interested in,

and many of whom are considering the military school, would be exceedingly interested in getting some specific information on the part which the military feature plays in the education of the boy.

We are sorry that there is very little time left to us to get this article into the hands of the printers, and if you can do it we should be very much obliged if it could be gotten to us within a week. We should be glad to offer you as an honorarium $20. per thousand words, and you could write anything between 1,000 and 2,000 words that you cared to make it.

Thanking you in advance for anything you may be able to do to help us in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Charles D. Lanier

Business Manager.

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Business Manager.

U.S. Infantry & Cavalry School.
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

June 5, 1896.

Dear General:

I take the liberty of writing to ask a favor of you — a favor of such importance to me that I sincerely hope you may be able to grant it.

I intend to place on file at the War Department an application for appointment as major in the Adjutant General's Department, and if you can give me a favorable letter to file with my application I know that it will greatly increase my chances of success, and I shall be obliged to you beyond measure.

I have been a commissioned officer twenty-one years, and I believe that during that time my service has met with the general approval of my superiors. I served under you when you were in command of the De-

partment of the Platte, and I have met you on several occasions in Omaha, at Fort Douglas, and at Fort Leavenworth. You are perhaps acquainted with the nature of the work in which I have been engaged at the Infantry and Cavalry School, and I hope I am sufficiently well known by you, personally and by reputation, to justify you in favoring me with the desired letter.

My hopes of appointment rest almost entirely upon the commendations of my military superiors, and if I can include among those commendations a letter from you, I shall deem myself very fortunate.

With sincere regards, I am, General,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Arthur L. Wagner,

Captain, 6th Infantry.

To

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

Burlington,

Vt.

NORWICH UNIVERSITY.

President's Office.

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Northfield, Vermont, June 5, 1896.

Gen. O.O.Howard,

Burlington Vt.

Dear Sir;-

Your letter of June4th containing check for $500 has been received .I hope that you will be with us at comencement. A substantial gain has been made in the past year,affording encouragement as to the future. The proficiency of the corps in all military subjects is greater than for a long time past. I think that you will be pleased with it's appearance.

Truly yours,

Charles Dole

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Truly yours,

Charles Bell

N.Y. 22 East 49
5 June 1896

Maj. Geo. Howard
Burlington Vt

My dear General

Last March you were so good as to give me a letter directed to Col. Ainsworth giving additional facts upon which the Asst Sec. of War, tho' 2 or 3 times refused, could give me the Medal of Honor.

The letter was so strong and so kindly commend atory that I was loath when I saw the opportunity to show the asst Sec from personal interest the wrong clinch the matter even with this administration.

Please drop me a line that I may retain the letter until the next administration and I will be greatly obliged.

I go next Friday 12th inst to Europe by the "Touraine"

to have it nullified by another refusal that I hesitated & thought too, or rather worringsome & foreseen it my self. But my sorry to show I should it overlooked my Tuesday duties conduction until its government the next administration. On the forms that this administration is sincerely hostile, and that another refusal

with so valuable a letter would be to destroy my last chance - except of course upon a personal interview and influence with the ass. Sec.

As the letter was directed by you to Col. Ainsworth I do not feel at liberty to withdrew it except upon your authority - should it be in some way

and any letter directed to me here will be duly forwarded.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours truly

G. Grant

Boston Mass. June 6th 96.

Dear General.

I should like to ask a favor of you in this way. I have a friend of mine Henry E. Maker of No 48 Harvard St. Dorchester. Boston Mass. — who was at the Military School at Carlisle Pa. and was assigned to the 4th U. S. Artillery. Battery M. and served the full term of 3 years in the field, — now what I would like to say is to this he has papers in Washington for an increase of Pension. something over

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two years and has not been
acted upon probably due to
a Democratic Administration
well if we live God grant
a change. Could you on your
way to the Office stop in and
see how you they have got
with a good Republican
Soldier like my friend
Henry. Maker. Pension ask
for. You would confer a great
favor for the writer an old
friend of yours and a brother
Church Member of the old
Christie St Church. N.Y. City
and friend of John Jaeger

Yours Truly
J. C. Spengeman

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PRACTICE IN THE COURTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
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SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE NEGOTIATION OF LOANS,
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Washington, D. C., June 6th. 1896.

Dear General Howard:--

I called at the hotel to see you three times on the day after the lecture and I regretted very much that I failed to find you. I learned, however, afterwards that Mr. Brown had you out to his school and I suppose you were visiting other friends.

I wanted to see you especially inreference to the result of the lecture. I was terribly disappointed, because I had worked hard to make it a success. As I had stated to the friends on whom I had called, not only because we wanted to make a little money for our Colored Young Men's Christian Association but because we wanted to do honor to you who had had been so long a friend to the young colored men of this City.

I sent you an article that I wrote for the Colored American here, in order to reach some of the young men whom I felt should ever be grateful to you and aid in anything in which you were interested. I had visited personally nearly all of the colored ministers and some of the white ministers in this City to interest them in our lecture.

I had advertised most extensively with large posters in addition to sending out over 2,000 invitations to prominent people whose presence I had reason to expect. I personally visited Gen. Miles, Judge Harlan and many others with the hope of having them present on the occasion of the lecture.

With the Star, the Post and Times I advertised to the extent of $26. With circulars, posters and invitations I advertised to the extent of $43 and paid $50 for the Hall. regular price $100 You may imagine my disappointment when the audience numbered only seventy-seven people and the receipts from the same $34.50. Of course I had already paid these bills in cash and as the Association is poor I can scarcely expect them to refund me the money. This I do not grieve over, however, as much as I do the fact that the audience was not what I expected, nor what it should have been under the circumstances that many of our people understood. This was your first appearance here and you had been instrumental in days gone by in helping hundreds of young men here in this City who might have made a sacrifice to attend the lecture for your sake, if not for the sake of the Association.

Of course, since the lecture is over many of them have come to me expressing their regret and sorrow at not being able to come. I know that many entertainments occurred on the same night of the lecture that drew away the people.

First of all the commencement exercises of Howard University a

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Of course, with the receipts from the lecture we could not pay the rent and the expenses of the Association, but we had hoped to do so and return some money to the Association for your work. We made a mistake in not having a reporter present to take down your lecture and publish it in the papers. We had hoped to do so but we had not the money to pay for it.

Yours very truly,

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and then the entertainment for the benefit of the five firemen who had recently lost their lives at a large fire which occurred on La. Ave., several weeks ago.

We had two reasons for not putting out tickets on the occasion of your lecture. The first was, it did not occur to many of us that such a scheme was necessary when it was announced that Gen. Howard was to lecture that his name alone ought to be sufficient to draw the people, especially if it were thoroughly advertised.

The second reason was that usually it is difficult to collect the money in time to meet the expenses in case of renting a public Hall, where payment is required in advance.

I can say this Gen. Howard that I am not alone in realizing the fact that a large number of people did not attend, but should have done so. Many of these folks have been to see me since, expressing their regret and sorrow and said that if the lecture should ever be repeated they will take a personal interest in seeing that an audience is secured. Brown, Shadd, Smith, Russell and many others say they will take their coats off and redeem the effort of May 26th. if an opportunity is given. It occurred to me that if next fall you would be good enough to give us an opportunity of redeeming ourselves we would take a great deal of pleasure in doing so and I believe that we can do so with great credit to ourselves and with great honor to you.

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I wish to say further if you are willing to come to us next fall that we may have an opportunity of redeeming ourselves, in the matter of the lecture, that we will send you a check for whatever the amount may be in advance as an evidence of our good faith as well as a determination to make the lecture a success.

With the very best wishes for you and your family,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

J. H. Meriwether

I would have written before but I knew you were going to Hartford & other places from here. I hope this will find you at home.

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Yours truly,

James H. Merriwether

I would have written before but I have been very much hurried of late from home.

The National Tribune.

(ESTABLISHED 1877.)

The Great National Soldier and Home Weekly Newspaper.

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Washington, D. C., June 6, 189[6]

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Springfield, Mass.

Comrade:

The issues , copies of which you requested, in a pervious letter were forwarded you at Burlington, Vt., about a week ago. To-day we received a letter from you requesting copies of the issue mentioned before. Did you not receive those sent you at Burlington? If not, we will make an effort to find copies for you.

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THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

Newark, June 7th, 1896. 107

Dear Harry;

Your letter about the die came. Iwill attend to it. This is a new typewriting machine which I am trying for my use at home. When Mr. McEwan, my stenographer, writes for me at home, he will use it. It is a Blickensderfer, the latest and lightest machine out; visable writing; two sets of type; one small like this, one large for manuscript, which can be put on in two minites. The machine weighs 6 pounds and does its work as well as the best. Its cost is $35. It is made in Waterbury, Ct. This is my first attempt with it. The key-board is different from others. That does not bother me because I do not know any; but it troubles other persons who have used other machines. It is what is known as the rational or speed key-board.

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Sunday June 7. [1896]
56 Howe St.

My dear Lucile Howard, -

I want to thank you for the books which came to Mother and myself yesterday. We shall prize them very highly and enjoy them very much. I am already deeply interested in "Isabella". And I am so glad to have that and your other books in my own little library, especially with the added value which they have for me in being your gift.

We often speak of the week past, and the pleasure your presence gave us. It is such friends as yourself which make life worth while, and we

thank God for them, and take courage.

You have had several callers since you left us, and the card which I enclose was asked to be sent you.

We know how glad your people are to have you with them again, and we recognize our loss to be their gain. Please remember us all very warmly to them, and tell them how earnestly we desire to know them.

We hope you will pass one way soon again. In the meanwhile we all send you our love, and our appreciation of your friendship.

I shall try to have my

little book worthy
of the honor you
do it. Pray for its
success — not that
it shall be famous
but that it may do
some little good in
the world.

Good night,
When you are not too
busy, write to
Your very earnest little
friend
Alice B. Mitchell

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