

SOUTHERN ART CO.,
107 CHAMBERS ST.,
NEW YORK.

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Gen Howard

Dept of Missouri
St Louis

Dear Sir:

We are about to publish
an Album containing pictures
of Generals of the US and all Foreign
Countries & We desire to include one
of yourself.

If you will kindly advise
us on the enclosed addressed ^{Postal} ~~envelope~~
the name of your Photographer
giving his address also, so that we
can procure a photograph of you
in military uniform we shall
be obliged to you for same.

If you have a photo yourself
that you would prefer to have us
use, kindly send same as promptly
as possible.

Yours truly
Southern Art Co
O. P. Clark

SOUTHERN ART CO.
101 CHAMBERS ST.
NEW YORK

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1/17/96

Dear Sir:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of the book "The Art of the Book" by Mr. John Carter. I have the pleasure to inform you that the book is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for shipment in a few days. I have also the pleasure to inform you that the book is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for shipment in a few days. I have also the pleasure to inform you that the book is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for shipment in a few days.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

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CYRUS KEHR,
1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
CHICAGO.

Chicago, December 17, 1896.

General O.O. Howard,

Burlington, Vermont.

Dear General:-

This forenoon I had a rather long interview with Dr. Pearsons; but he did not give me an opportunity to urge directly that he make a loan to us of the amount needed for our payment on the Four Seasons property. I told him about the proposition of the other organization to consolidate with ours, and he went on at length to comment upon that and give his views regarding it and point out what disadvantages there might perhaps be in a consolidation. It so happens that he knows a man who is prominent in the Order of Railway Conductors and gives it all his time. Dr. Pearsons then went on and talked further about how we should manage our school and what we should aim to accomplish first, laying stress upon providing for the poor young people of the mountains, giving them a low rate of tuition and opportunity to earn all or a portion of their way through school. He says that from that mountain country great good must come to the country at large; that the inhabitants of the mountain country always possess native strength not possessed by people of other localities. Then he told me that not long ago Pres't Frost, of Berea, came to him complaining that another ~~organization~~ ^{institution} in the mountain country is being organized. Dr. Pearsons told him he should pay no attention to that; that there was room and plenty of work for both and that the new institution would help Berea. From this interview I am more convinced than ever that Dr. Pearsons will help us after a while. He told me that just now he is trying to "lick the Mount Holyoke trustees". Recently he gave them \$40,000 and they say they need \$100,000 more for building purposes and do not know how to get it. In his quaint way he stated that he is trying to lick them into a practical way of getting this. He says they are conservative and lack push. He read to me a letter which he has just written in which he urges them to have the history of the founder of Holyoke presented by the ministers in all the New England churches. He says this history is one to stir these congregations into action.

Yours very truly,

Cyrus Kehr,

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

Chicago, December 14, 1886.

CYRUS KEHR,
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CHICAGO.

General O.O. Howard,

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Yours very truly,

Cyrus Kehr

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Island Road N.
Dec 17th 1896

Gen. Oliver O Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General,

I have your favor of the 14th. And sincerely
thank you for the very kind assurances
of help contained therein. I have planned
to file my letter of recommendation with
our delegation in Congress, when I
go to Washington, to the inauguration
so that if you will kindly send me
a letter of recommendation which I can
add to those I have from Hon. Jos. F. Edmunds,
Hon. Edmund Miles, Gen. Eusty, and Wilbur,
Hon. Hale, Mr. Pingree, Hambleton and Barstow
and nearly two hundred others, I should
feel under great obligations.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Mansur

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New York.

^{Dec.}

Dec 17th 96.

Dear Genl. Sumner.

I have been
sick in bed for the
last two weeks, and
just able to sit up
now. or I would have
written to you before
and thanked you for
the. ~~the~~ press clippings
you sent. My wife and
I have read them
together with a great
deal of pleasure, and
consider ^{the clippings} them the best
that have been returned

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Write more at this
time, hoping this
to find you and
yours in the
best of health. I
am as ever with wife
yours in love
Chas. H. Shephard

"He maketh me to lie
down in green pastures."

(2)

By any speaker during
the late campaign.
I hope to be able
to get out next
week some time.
My doctor tells me
that I must be
careful. soon or I
will have a relapse.
During my illness.
Several of my friends
from Bethany called
also. Mr. Richards
Jesse Lubmache.
Who also sent me
a very nice bunch of
flowers from the
Church. I can not

1821 Sixteenth Street.

Washington D.C.

Dec. 19th / 1896.

Dear General -

I have consulted
Mrs Saxton concerning the
person alluded to in your
note, and we are of the
opinion that it must be
Mr E. S. Philbrick of Boston

He certainly was
eminently successful as an
educator, for the colored
people, but how far his

Secured pecuniarily
I have no means of
knowing, as I was
absent from duty in that
department before he had
done anything in a
speculative way -

I have always
regarded him as a very
excellent gentleman and
a staunch friend of the
freedmen. Very truly yours
Geo. Q. A. Howard, Rufus Saxton

not able to attend the first time
and shall enjoy going. We like
our house very much with this
pretty lawn to look out upon &
the hills above us. I wish you

could use influence with the
next administration to get James
into some good position. If he
could once break away from his
present business with a salary
that would support his family
comfortably, I think he would
ably fill any position in which
he might be placed. But

probably you do not see your
way clear to do anything

With much love to all the

family -

Your loving daughter

Grace Leavenworth

451 Leith St.
Portland
Main

Dec 20. 1886

Dear Papa -

There is an express
package (presumably a book)
at the Wells Fargo office here
sent ^{charges} prepaid by Uncle and
Wagnells - The Co. is holding
it subject to your order. What
shall I tell them to do about
it. May want down to see about
it and they will hold it until
we hear from you -

We are pretty well - Grace at home
for a few days with sore throat.
Last evening some young people
were in to spend the evening
and played games -

James goes to Washington

We feel very sorry that you did not retain the note endorsed by Warren. ^{It was as} good as gold, & was part of the purchase of our farm on the Columbia, which has been cleared & improved & is now very valuable property —

Mr. Word advised very badly and I am sorry you consulted him. You might have asked James about it first. But of course there is nothing now to be done. James feels very sorry indeed about

the loss of the money paid out needlessly — etc — He will not be able to visit Burlington or even New York, he says.

Miss Ruth Dolph made her debut yesterday. We were invited to the reception

but could not go. James has no proper suit to wear, and my physician has forbidden me to go to any social functions or even make a call until some time in the coming year — which will be probably not before several months elapse. I am feeling pretty well today however, and begin to feel quite energetic again —

The children have been to S.S. and Christian Endeavour, ^{Junior} and may go down to church this evening — I do not know yet. May is growing very fast —

We have a few little gifts for each one, and expect to have a guest — Vmas — There will be an entertainment at the church repeated in which the children take part Wed. evening — I was

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1321-9th Ave. Oakland Cal. Dec. 21, 1896

Major-General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Being president of the C. F. M. S. you have at least some responsibility for the conduct of that society, and I am sure that you must have a great influence over those who have the closest relations to it, and therefore I take the liberty to write to you concerning that society. And I shall not express my own views only, but views which many share with me.

I protest against the present organization and seeming wasteful methods of the C. F. M. S., may be a waste of time on my part - being poor and unknown, but it is perhaps better to send it directly to headquarters than to put it in public print. One thing that has seemed strange to me for years, is the fact that I have seen no statement published of the expenditures of the

N.Y. office. Why is that kept a secret?

Am. Rev.

Pardon me for calling attention to what seems to be a mismanagement - not a dishonest management necessarily.

I do not know the salaries of the secretaries, but we may suppose it to be \$3,000. a year; ^{it may be much more} and what is the rent at the Bible House in the heart of a great city like N.Y.?

Why not simplify the machinery of the society and save \$8,000. or \$10,000. a year?

The self-sustaining State societies should require no time or labor from the N.Y. office, except to have their report printed in the Home Missionary; and one secretary could do all the work needed to be done in the other States.

As it is now the Executive Committee apportions its expected income to the various States, why then should all applications from churches in these States go to N.Y. and take up the valuable time of these secretaries. The state missionary committees or societies know the field and the men to be employed, better than they can be known in N.Y.; and why should not their action on an application and a report be final.

in the aided states, as well as in the self sustaining states?

The greater part of the work in the N. Y. office must be the reading and answering of applications from churches; the reading and answering of reports from missionaries. These have all gone through state committees, and why pay men a large salary to go over the same ground a second time when each state as its own portion ^{of money} to spend; and the state boards are by position far better prepared to do such work than those who live in N. Y.

The societies business is largely done through the mail and the mail would reach it just as well in a locality where they would not have to pay more than one tenth as much rent as at the Bible House.

I believe the practice now is that all the superintendents shall be at the annual meeting. This is a great expense, when we consider that less than a ten cent stamp would carry their report to N. Y., which would be just as well. The expenses of these superintendents must be up in the thousands every year for this pleasant, but unnecessary pilgrimage.

Some of the money contributed to the society is the gift of very poor people who are denying themselves the necessities of life in order to give, and it requires that it should be used carefully to support the workers in the fields and not to be spent in keeping several well paid unnecessary officers in N.D. or elsewhere, nor for unnecessary office rents, or for pleasant journeys. God will not bless the wasting of money contributed involving great self sacrifice.

Perhaps now since the society is in great financial trouble, this may furnish food for thought, and in time bear fruit - be that as it may, I have written what I believe to be right; and I know many share my belief, though they may not be willing to make themselves known at head quarters.

I do not care to go into any controversy on the subject. I have called attention to an existing waste of dedicated funds, and I leave it with you and those who manage the society to give your answer to God.

Yours truly
O. T. Frickstad.

Wayton, Ohio,
Dec^r 21st 1896-

My Dear Gen^l. Yours of the
17th inst. received.

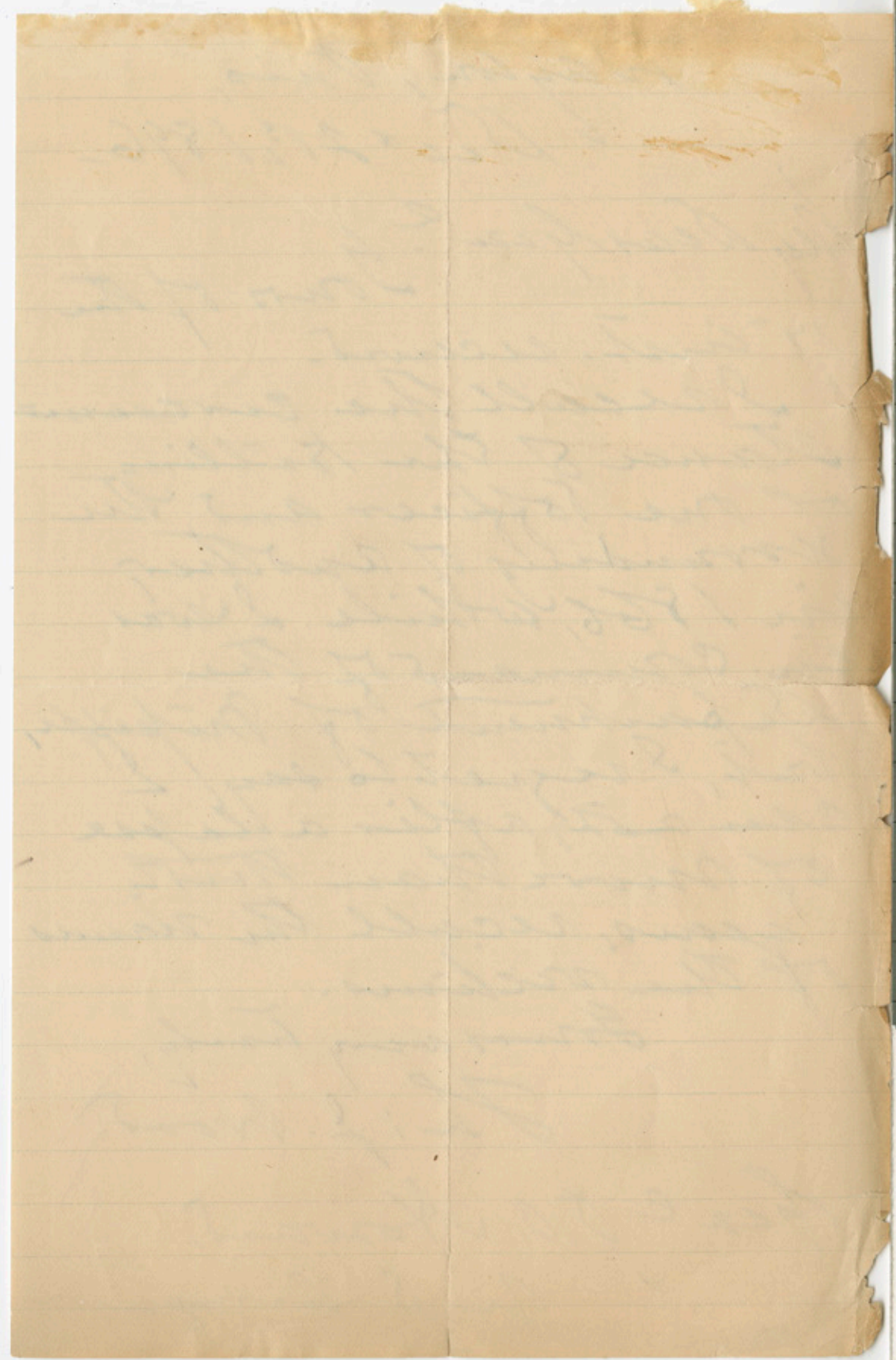
I recall the circumstances
of the killing
of one officer and the
wounding of another
in 1866, while I was
in command of the
Department of Mississippi,
but, I regret to say, I
can not, after a lapse
of more than thirty
years, recall the names
of the victims.

Yours very truly,

Thos. J. Wood

Gen^l O. O. Howard,

U. S. Army—



Sabine * Normal * and * Industrial * Institute, 746

W. H. S. SEALS, PRINCIPAL.

MRS. NANCY LEE, PRES. S. H. C.
MRS. ROSE STOKLEY, TREAS.
MISS L. M. SEALS, SECY.

WILLIAM WEBB, SR., PRES. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
SAM'L HAMPTON, SR., TREAS.
J. W. C. PINKSTON, SECY.

Gladewater, Tex., Dec. 21 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

West Point N. Y.

Dear Sir: -

Owing to the great work that you have done for our race the directors of our school desire me to ask you if you will consider us in 1897, among the Negro schools which have been subject to your kind and generous attention.

A few ex slaves desiring to better their condition organized this school in 1894. Since then they have secured ten acres of land and partially completed a frame school house 40x60 containing three rooms and a stage. We have at present one hundred and thirty pupils and three teachers. We need more and better buildings and apparatus.

We hope, Dear General, you will favor us in some way. Should you pass this way, or if you can make it convenient, the board, extends to you a cordial invitation to visit our school.

Yours truly

W. H. S. Seals.

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Bangor Me Dec 21st ,96

Dear Genl.

The books were printed in Harrisburg Pa and were distributed from there & N Y ,and it seems that a number of the subscribers have not yet rec them ,myself among the number, but the matter will be righted in a day or two, and in the meantime I have written to Genl Lockman to send you 20 copies from his lot, Exp paid

If you will turn to the National Tribune of four years ago ,you will see that the text has hardly been changed, for I have not been willing to include many statements rec since, which I do not wish to see in print, and are not required in my estimation

Concerning the attitude of Genl Schurz I have no reason to suspect anything but that of the most friendly nature He has not in the least attempted to bias my views, and has not given me much information on the subject

Yours Truly.

Aug. C Hamlin

Genl. E. O. Howard.

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