With kindest regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Ed Rugglet.

General O. O. Howard,

156 College Street,

Burlington, Vermont.



WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

December 29, 1896.

My Dear General:

Your letter requesting the detail of your son John, at Beloit, was received some time ago and duly submitted to the Secretary of War. There has been a great deal of influence brought to bear in regard to the matter of the detail at this college, people high in authority being interested; and the Secretary informed me that the matter had been about determined upon.

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Samuel O. Pearre,

126 College Street,

Burlington, Vermont.

a happy New Year.
Hildegarde and
Mamie are building
houses and making
paper furniture
for their rooms. They
are having a nice
time together.
We had a letter from
Mamie Wilcox few
days ago. She wanted
to know when you
would be in New
York again, so that

Tuesday, Dec 29th
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Dear Father
It is nearly time
for Jennie to come
home and that
means dinner,
but I shall be home
a few minutes
in which to thank
you for your good
letter and wish
you, Mother and all

she could see you. I should like to know too, for if you never come over to see us, I shall go over to New York and see you there. Jennie is going to move in the new building "Bowling Green." She is going to be on the 16th floor, so you see he is ambitious and goes higher and higher. All the Asphalt companies are going to be in the new building and have rented the entire floor. We had one book sent us by the publisher: "Cupid Jr." I think it is called. I have not had time yet to look at it thoroughly, but I saw your picture in it. Here is the dinner bell. Much love from all and a happy happy New Year. Your loving daughter Bessie

"As soon as Berea College will raise $150,000 for additional endowment I will add $50,000 to it.
I make this gift to all humanity, and especially to the loyal people of these mountains." D. K. PEARSONS.

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Berea, Ky., Dec. 29, 1896.

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I think you do not have so well in mind some of its present conditions.

President Fairchild was an old man, and it is many years since his voice was heard in the North. He built up no substantial clientage like that which Armstrong secured for Hampton, and during the years of his feebleness, and after his death, the college was without effective representation or executive management.

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The most discouraging thing of all was the fact that its old friends had died, or, like yourself, had ceased to feel a personal responsibility or practical interest in the school.

Still more serious was the fact that from lack of energetic management the white students had nearly disappeared so that Berea's proper distinction of being a Southern school which recognized the brotherhood of man was in danger of being lost. We still had the white students of our town, and a dozen white students from the north, and a dozen more from the mountains.

I rolled up my sleeves and went to work. We have now one hundred white students from the north, and over two hundred from the mountains. Not a few students from well-to-do families in the "blue grass" region are finding their way here, and, while the number of colored students has not increased, the quality has been perceptibly raised.

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The enclosed leaflet shows the thought of the Trustees. I also mail you two copies of the Berea Quarterly, which has been of service to us in securing friends, and which contains articles which will, I am sure, repay a moment's attention from you.

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New York, Dec. 30, 1896

H. S. Howard, Private Sec'y.

156 College St.,

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Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 29th inst. we have pleasure in sending you under separate cover the plate that you asked for. I will ask you to return the same as early as possible, as we desire to use it in a pamphlet that is now being prepared for the press. I cannot say whether the picture was taken from a photograph by Garber. Mr. Abbatt attended to the making of the plate, and I do not know where he got the picture.

Yours truly,

Franklin Webster

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We send contract etc.

COLONEL ROBT. H. HALL,
FOURTH U. S. INFANTRY.

Fort Sheridan Illinois
Dec. 20. 1866.

Genl. O. O. Howard.
U.S. Army.
156 College St.
Burlington. Vermont.

Dear General: I am about to file with the Adjutant General of the Army an application for appointment to the grade of brigadier general.

As my prospects for the appointment would be materially advanced by a letter of recommendation from you, I write to ask ~~the~~ with your knowledge of me and

and of my service, you can and will send me a letter of that nature.

I hope that in asking you for a paper of such great importance to me I am not interfering with any views or plans of your own.

Respectfully yours,

R. O. Tyndall

Colonel 4th Infantry.

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Lowell Dec 30, 1896.

My Dear Sul-

Was it the fault of your last but one missive that I misunderstood your purpose, or was it my dullness? We will not stop to question. You do not say to me in plain language that you will come at your usual price $100, & will give us $50. of that amount back for our benefit. This is right. I will proceed at once on this assurance from you.

Please let me have at once your subject just as I will publish it & all suggestions that will be helpful to me in making our enterprise a success. Yours in haste

F. K. Stratton

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Boston, Dec. 31, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:-

It has been definitely decided that the eleventh annual reunion and banquet of the Vermont Association of Boston, will be held at the Hotel Vendome, on Tuesday evening, January 19th, 1897. You will recall that representing the Executive Committee of the Association, I called upon you some weeks ago at Burlington, to invite you to be present with Mrs. Howard as guests of the Association. You were kind enough to say that should your engagements permit of your so doing when the date was fixed, you would be pleased to accept the invitation, and I therefore hasten to advise you of the date, with the hope that you may find it possible to honor the Association with your presence. We have a splendid organization, numbering upwards of 350, and the annual reunion has always been a very pleasant affair. We expect that Governor and Mrs. Grout, as well as other honored guests from Vermont will be present, and Governor a nd Mrs. Wolcott of Massavhusetts have already accepted the invitation to be present.

Permit me to say that if you can find it possible and agreeable to attend, we shall be pleased to bear all expanses of yourself and Mrs. Howard, and I regret that our Association is not of such a nature that we can offer you additional remuneration. I can say, however, that when your new book appears, it will give us very great pleasure to circulate its prospectus among all of our members, and to be of any other service which we may be able, to the end that its sale among Vermonters in Boston may

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be large.

The formal invitations to our members will be sent out early next week,and I shall hope to have your reply by early mail,indicating your acceptance of our invitation.

Meantime,believe me,

Very truly yours,

Elmer E. Silver

Secretary.

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No. 88 Nassau Street,

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Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Genl. Howard:-

Your letter of the 24th inst. was received on 26th inst.

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# Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D. C. Dec. 31st, 1896

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and the Indian Conference, on the 20th of January, 1897, at 10 A. M., at the Ebbitt House, this city.

Very respectfully,

E. Whittlesey,

Secretary.

Thanks for the paper with your fine address to the Army of the Tenn.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
Burlington Vermont.

Dear Gen. Howard,

We received today a request for renewal of H. M. subscription together with money order for sixty cents from the Sarah Guild of Northfield Vt. As the order is made payable to you will you kindly transfer it to

Yours very sincerely
Wm B. Haviland, Treas

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Rev. G. Stanwood
Secretary Pacific Branch
Dear Sir, Stanwood

We received
today request for renewal
of M.M. Gutierrez's legal
authority as Mexican Evangelist
with Mexicans in Santa Cruz
of Pittsfield. If it be order
simple prayer is yes will
you kindly transfer it to
Rev. Manuel Gutierrez

Yours truly
Alex. H. Clapp