Walnut Hill School, Antick, Massachusetts.  
February 15, 1877

Gen. O. O. Howard:

My dear General Howard,

Ella tells me that you expect to be in Boston this week, and I am happy to have this opportunity of asking if you will come out and take tea with us any evening which may suit your convenience.

If after supper you could speak to the girls a few minutes, perhaps on the missionary work, I am sure they would be glad to have you do so. At any rate it would give me a great pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting you.

The trains run every hour or often from Boston, and we are only seven miles out.
We are greatly interested in Ella, and quite feel that she gives promise of being a very useful and kindly woman.

Miss Bigelow joins me in the hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you at the school.

Very sincerely yours,

Charlotte H. Conant.
March 16, 1897

Dear A. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir: We issue a special inaugural number of Boston Ideas, which will include contributions from prominent men and women on subjects pertinent to the inauguration of President McKinley. Should you have any thought or idea appropriate for the occasion, we should be pleased to hear from you. We issue this special number Saturday, February 27, 1897.

Yours very truly,

Boston Ideas,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Genl. O. O. Howard,

156 College St.,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear General:

In reply to your letter received last Saturday (but without date) I have to say that I should be glad to comply with your request if I were well, but I am suffering from nervous exhaustion and weakness the result of a four weeks siege of the Grippe, and am unable to fully perform the duties devolving upon me. In fact I may have to suspend work altogether for a short time.

The subscription book which you used is in the safe and I know of no reason why it could not be forwarded to you if you desire it, but it will be impossible for me to give any thought to it.

I think the better portion of the American people understand that your work for Howard University was of great magnitude; greater than can be expressed in figures.

Regretting exceedingly that my health is such that I am unable to serve you, I am as ever,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

J. B. Johnson
In reply to your letter received last Saturday (but without date) I have to say that I cannot do anything to comply with your request. If I were able, but I am satisfied from previous experience and knowledge the present state of the condition and materials to carry out the object and so remedy the faults present, the situation existing at the present time.

The expectation you place on me, as the sole person I know to the scene and I know of no reason why I should not be competent to you if you believe it, and it will be impossible for me to give any opinion to it.

I think the better position of the American people is evident.

To resume: you are as ever,

Yours ever,

[Signature]
Gen. O. O. Howard,

Vermont.

My Dear General;—

You very likely will not remember me by name, but you will recall the young man who was detailed by the National Republican Committee to join the "Old Generals Special" at Chicago, and attended to reporting the various speeches, taking care of the local press reports, etc., and who was with the party until they disbanded at Detroit. Your great kindness to me while on the trip prompts me to ask if you would not be willing to send me a short letter stating that my work in this capacity was entirely satisfactory to you; that is, of course, if you feel you can do so consistently.

This is a small matter to you, but it may mean a great deal to me just at the present time, and I sincerely trust I am not presuming too much on your time and good nature, and that you will feel disposed to comply with my request.

Very respectfully yours,

J. H. Smith

Please address
J. H. Smith,
c/o Pickands, Mather & Co.,
Cleveland, O.
Dear O.O. Howard,

Vermont

My Dear General:

You may already have received my name, but you
will recall the name which was presented to the National
Representatives for the organization of the Independent
Division of the National Guard, and our enthusiasm for
the organization of the organization. We are now
with the party until the Independent
Division of the National Guard.

Your greatest kindness to me while we were in the
field prompted me to ask if you would not be willing to send me a short letter
suggesting what work I might consider as auxiliary assistance
for your great task. At the same time I feel sure you can be gratified
if I were to present to you, and if I may seem a great deal of
interest to the present time, and I sincerely trust you will feel
able to do much on your time and good nature, and that you will feel
wished to comply with my request.

Very respectfully yours,

please address

C. H. Smith
Co. D, Bn. B, 1st Regt. O. O. Howard's
Cleveland, O.
Washington D.C.
Feb. 16th, 1877

My dear Genl. Howard:

Thank you most heartily for your very kind and cordial letter of congratulations.

It is more than gratifying to me to receive such words of commendation for so noble a man as splendid a soldier, as yourself.

Yours very sincerely,

Genl. O.O. Howard

Burlington N.J., Jan. 1st, 1877
I am truly in receipt of my affectionate friends and my wife and children unite in love to you and hoping soon to receive a letter from you, I am your Comrade and believe me as your Faithfull

Michael C. Carney

New Lexington Ohio Feb 16, 1867

Major General O. Howard

Dear Sir,

You will probably be surprised at my addressing you in this manner but as the subject of the communications is one which I have not had an opportunity of referring to in a formal interview and is besides of such a nature that motives of Comrades' comradery might prevent me mentioning it at all in conversation I request your candid attention to my statement to some particulars of is your attention in Sept. 1863 the 61st Ohio along with the Eleventh Corps was transferred...
to the Western Army under General Grant at left Brande Station near Virginia Sept 26th and drove at Brightsfield Alabama Oct 1st Soon after the 61st Regiment got into a fearful fight at Wauhatchie Valley in which action my Captain William McDoole was killed. Where Commanding the Perry County Company A 61st Ohio Regt.

Now General can you recollect of one Michael C. Carnes of your Pioneer Corps whom hewed the logs for a Church for you on Wauhatchie Valley in the latter part of October 1863 and also hewed the extra sleepers for the Pontoon Bridge across the Tenise River over to Chattanooga to take that large Canon across which was stationed on the Knob near the City of Chattanooga and destroyed the Rebel Works on Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain.

Now I became a Chipper by hewing those Sleepers for that Pontoon Bridge and am a Chipper all the days of my life you may Guzzle I am the Man that drove your Dress Wagon to the Battle of Tullahoma and there was the loss of both Black Horses. And when you left the Corps, what was called the dear Old fighting Eleventh. I understand the Pioneers of your young, Transferred to Old fighting Joseph Hookers 20th Army Corps. Now I wish to no what has become of General Gomez of your staff. Now do you recollect the day you and staff rode along with the Fortifications at the Battle of Chattanooga. When you or your horse came one of being shot by a Rebel Sharp Shooter I saw that Rebel Shot Out of a fine Tree that don the Shooting at you as it was supposed.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., Feb. 16, 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 10th, announcing the subjects for your addresses, was duly received. Will you kindly let me know by return mail at what time you will arrive here. I enclose mileage book for your use.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

General Secretary.
Dear Sirs,

Your letter of the 10th announcing the subject for your anniversary was with regret. Will you kindly let me know the nature of what time you will arrange here. I enclose minutes book for your use.

Very Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

E. R. B. Read, General Secretary.
City. On the occasion of the
American National Council
at Syracuse in 1895, your
face appeared in the papers,
as you were expected here, and
you were very much missed.

And you will join us on
Monday evening, April 19th, for the
Club and April 20th in the
Home Mission Convention? If
those dates are inconvenient will
you name others when you can?

Very truly yours,

Prof. Henry W. Kimbell.

220 Kellogg St.,
Syracuse, N.Y.
Feb. 17th, 1899.

General O. D. Howard:

My dear Sir,

As Secretary of the Congre-
gational Club of Central
New York, I am asked by
the Club, and by the
Ladies' Missionary Union
-Home and Foreign - of our
Churches of Central New
York, to invite you to

P.S. For the benefit of your
own friends, which you may
be to be present at our
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address the Club on an evening in April, the week following Easter, and address the Union at their Curriculum next day.

They desire to honor you and yourselves by your presence that evening having in mind the public address that has impressed you to the nation, and have the subject of your after-dinner speech a reminder to you.

I regret that we can only offer to reimburse you for your expenses for your visit, but we would request of you that your Council would be of great benefit to Congregational Alleluia in New York State. You are aware that we have been gaining a little of late, and hope now six Churches in New
Coming Feb 17, 1897

Gen O.O. Howard

My Dear General,

Some time ago I wrote you a few lines. I had the pleasure to receive an acknowledgment from your private secretary saying that you were away on a ten-day visit with other generals. You probably do not remember me. It is not my wish to annoy you, but it has been my thought to often since the close of the war to write you and renew former acquaintances. I was a member of Co F, 106 P.V. I am sure you will remember our Captain Timothy Clark, the Christian soldier who was mortally wounded at the battle of Antietam Sep 17, 1862, while on his knees praying. Our orderly sargent who was mortally wounded was also a Christian man. The reason
I remember you so well, I was one of the corporals and on the retreat to Har-
-aim landing I was detailed to take charge
-of the Pioneers ... you very often
talked to me Capt. Clark also Lieut.
Farr. afterwards Captains of the 106 told
me, you had on several occasions reques-
ted them to have me promoted, at the
battle of Gettysburg, you ask Gen. Gibbs
to send you the 106 Regt, which was
ded you. I had charge of the brigade
Pioneers had been detailed by General
Gibbs on the 20th to remove fences and
cut down bushes so as to give the artillery
a chance, here myself & Pioneers were cap-
-lured and recaptured, just in front of the
or bloody angle.

High water marks reenlisted and was cap-
-lured in front of Petersburg, and taken
To Andersonville, see Sickles.

Yours in C. L.

Lobias A. Rubright.
1641 Audubon Pl.
New Orleans, La.
Feb. 17th, 1877

General O. O. Howard
156 College Street
Burlington, Vermont

My dear General: Of all men in the United States, I most prefer you to represent us in Constantinople at this critical time. Your glorious career as a soldier, as a patriot and as a Christian, throws about you an environment which would make for rightminded and peace not only among the Turks but also among the representatives of the Great Powers which are assembled at Constantinople.
The very thought of sending you these
thrills, my soul.

I am quite sure that if you will
accept the appointment, President
McKinnis will promptly make out
your commission.

Your faithfully,

E. C. McCabe
Your space of freedom has been
limited and I am afraid that the
situation may continue to get
worse. I am writing to you to ask
that you take immediate action.
I hope you can help me with this
matter. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,
[Name]
[Date]
Pine Bluff, Ark., Feb. 17, 1897

Dear Rev. Howard,

Your letter embarrassed me. I did not think that you desired the position.

I know that Mr. Knudsen wants to make the Ministry to Turkey into an Ambassadorship. I think there is neither you nor I have any chance. He has three others seen in his mind. Mr. X is charged.

I cannot do any more work. I must be done no sooner if I had known that you were even thinking of it. We must let the matter rest with God. He will guide us with his good Counsel.

Very kind regards,

Alma Trulock.

Robert Trulock.
My Dear General:

I received a marked letter this morning in which your name was mentioned as Minister to Turkey. Since I saw you I have been at work upon my own application. Monday I returned from Washington.

I have secured the indorsement of all the influential men at home here — a splendid affair — and of 8 out of 12 of our Congressmen. The Senator, Hon. Gov. Pres., Senate, Speaker, House Chairman, State Com. Member of National Com. have all indorsed me.

It all rests with the Senators now and they will not decide any thing before March 4th.

If you have the least idea that the Turkish mission will be offered you or that you will accept it I should like very much to see you in reference to it as I should like to try for the position of Secretary of Legation.

The
pay is small (only $1800) and the position under the circumstances as doubt me of considerable responsibility or it might become such if the Minister was for any reason absent, but the climate is good and I should particularly enjoy working with you. What do you think about it? I find in Washington that the Minister to a Country has no more influence (other things being equal) than any body else in the appointment of the Secretary. Each stands upon its own legs and each place goes to reward some one whose service and backing get him there. It is perfectly arithmetical what a demand there is for offices of this sort. I think however that the endorsement of my own State and your aid would get me the place. There is a movement in favor to send me elsewhere which may or may not come to something; I should like very much to have a talk with you. Are you going to be in Boston soon? If not I might run up and
My dear General,

Yesterday I had the pleasure to receive your kind note with its enclosure (the letter to Major Sherman). Most sincerely and gratefully do I appreciate your interest in my behalf to enable me to secure the appointment to Honolulu, and I thank you so much for your very complimentary letter of introduction and commendation. My Petition with letter of endorsement have been placed in the hands of our Senator in Congress, Eugene F. Boyd, who...
I think I will have the cooperation of the delegation in presenting my name to the President & Scott, and I anticipate being in Wash. soon after the Inauguration when I am sure your letter will be of great service. If I succeed in this matter I shall feel that your letter has contributed materially to the result.

We are all fairly well and expect to continue our visit here. I shall write General [illegible] for an interview and hope to have someone join me in kind regards to you Howard & yourself.

Gratefully serving Yours

W.T. Ferris
My Dear Dr. Hawes:

My reply to your favor of the 15th inst., has been somewhat delayed by absence from the city. Having just returned from an interview with Mr. McKinley on Saturday, I am able to say that he desires a man for Constantinople possessing the following qualifications: 1. He must be a man of experience and skill as a diplomat. 2. He must have intelligent sympathy with the missionaries. 3. He should have ample knowledge of international law. 4. It is very important that he should speak French, and 5. very desirable that he should be a man of independent fortune. The last consideration is mentioned because there are only three things that impress a Turk: Force, a bribe and show. A man who lives economically, or what we would call economically, would be considered by the Turks of little consequence and representing a government of little consequence. Ex-Minister Straus told me that he spent, while there, $30,000 more a year than his salary. How many of the desirable qualifications enumerated General Howard possesses, I am not aware, but he lacks the first great essential, he has not had large experience as a diplomat which, I am sure, is regarded as sine qua non. Mr. McKinley, I think, sympathizes entirely with our Committee on American Interests in Turkey in the judgment that the appointment at Constantinople is the most important in all our foreign service. He said to me repeatedly: "I want for that post the largest man to be had in the United States." General Howard possesses the intelligent sympathy with missionaries, which is essential, but lacks the training of a diplomat.

Yours very cordially,

[Signature]

Secretary.
Communicate on American Interests in Turkey.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to discuss with you certain matters relating to American interests in Turkey. I have been informed that the newly appointed ambassador has arrived in Ankara. I believe that he will be in a position to advise you on these matters.

With respect,

[Signature]

Secretary.