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Now I have closed my office and am free to give the work all of my time. Heretofore I have given it only enough time to cripple my practie and jeopardize my property.

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Other valuable men will become trustees when we can show promise of permanency. Mr. Edmonds, of Baltimore, a man of large influence in the South, is one of these.

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I do indeed want to receive the Master's power, and want much of it. I ask for it every day and I shall ask my pastor to intercede for me, and I ask that you will keep me in mind in your petitions. Ask that I may have the power, the fullness of the spirit, and the wisdom to do this work effectively, for God's glory and not for mine. I feel that I have been providentially called to this work, and I feel conscious of a considerable reserve power, but I need to have the way opened to bring it into action. Seven years ago, my mind was first turned to Cumberland Gap, and step by step the plan for this work grew until I outlined it to you a year ago last March: and all this before I viseted Cumberland Gap, or knew of Mr. Myers' plans. Then, when you visited Cumberland Gap, you found the situation all in harmony with what I had planned and found that Mr. Myers had planned similarly and was looking for assistance. And you afterward told me that you regarded the place and time as a rare opportunity to do a great and useful work. Others who have visited the place have told me the same. All this seems to be providential, and if it is , God will surely open the way for success. I ask only for the

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I enclose a list of our Directors as you request. We have a charter from the State of Tennessee. This makes provision for 33 directors, if that many are desired, and it is our intention to add good men from time to time, and particularly to give those who aid us an opportunity to take or name representation on the board. For example, if the prospective arrangement is made with the news-paper men, we shall ask them to name several of their ablest members to become trustees, and if some man gives us a considerable amount of money, we shall give him the opportunity to name one or more trustees.

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Wed[illegible]day, Sept 15, '91

Dear Uncle Otis,

Having some time to wait here I take this chance to thank you again for the use of your West Shore, and Nickel Plate "annuals", and return the same herewith. I have had a comfortable and uneventful trip thus far and ~~expect~~ hope to be safe in my little bed at Williamstown in a few hours. I see the mail leaves shortly so will send this along. With love to all the family

Gratefully & affectionately

E. B. Howard

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Bristol, Vermont.
Sept. 15, 1897.

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

Dear Sir,
Our county convention of Christian Endeavor meets in Bridport Sept. 24 and 25. I am looking for a speaker for the Friday evening meeting. Dr. Roberts of Burlington suggests you.
Could you speak for us, on some theme suitable for young Christians, at that time? Bridport is about an hour's drive from Middlebury. You would come to Middlebury on the afternoon train and be carried by team to Bridport.
If you can come what would you ask for payment?

Brattleboro Vermont
Sept. 15, 1897.

Jas. G. Stewart
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir
Our County Convention of Christian Endeavor meets in Bridgeport Sept. 24 and 25. We have arranged for a special meeting for Rev. Dr. Roberts of Burlington. Can you possibly come? Could you return at that time? Hoping you will be able to come and be with us, I am

Yours very truly
Harold Jones

Please answer at once as the time is getting short now in which to act. We want to print programs as soon as possible.

Hoping for a favorable reply tomorrow I am

Yours very truly,

H. A. Kinzie

Pres. Addison Co. C.E. Union.
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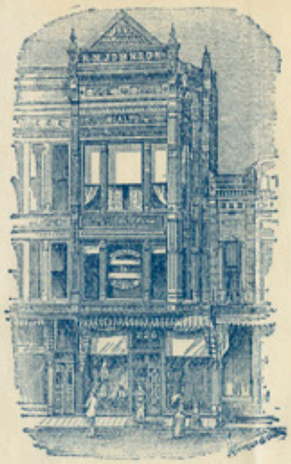

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ELKHART, INDIANA, September 17th. 1897.

Major General O.O.Howard

Washington,D.C.

Dear General:-

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But now General, I wish you to allow me to call your attention to another occurrence which took place at that battle on the morning of the day before the circumstances I have referred to, and that is the part I and my regiment acted in driving in the enemy's cavalry in our advance on the enemy on the morning of March 19th, 1865, as described in the sworn application of Captain Eli J. Sherlock, Company "A", 100th Indiana, herewith enclosed to you and which I request you to read, and if you can conscientiously do so, attach a letter giving my regiment and myself such credit as you may think we deserve. It is hardly likely that you can, at this late date, remember all the details. But you will doubtless remember some of them and possibly may remember the critical situation in which you and Generals Logan and Woods with your various staff officers were placed and how, by the movement described by Captain Sherlock, you were all saved and the effort of the Confederate commander of the cavalry to capture you turned into a rout. The facts stated by Captain Sherlock are substantiated by some twenty officers and more than one hundred men who were present and eye witnesses of the occurrence. I do not wish to annoy you with reading their statements, but send you that of Captain Sherlock, the historian of the 100th Indiana, and a sketch of my military life together with a copy of the History of the 100th Indiana, so that if you choose and can find time to do so, you may see what has been written and published in reference to this matter and possibly refresh your

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Now, General Howard, I shall be not only glad, but esteem it the great honor of my life to be favorably mentioned by you for my conduct on that occasion. And yet I do not wish you to do so unless you can do it heartily and cheerfully. You endangered your life to save me from what I believe would have been certain death if you had not done so. I believe I jeopardized my life and that of many of my command to save the lives of Generals Logan, Woods, yours.lf and those of your staff officers. The fact is well attested. The movement was more than an ordinarily brilliant one and is believed to have been the only one which would have accomplished the result attained. I hope you may be able to lend a helping hand to secure me this Medal of Honor, for I believe I am entitled to it under the law and the facts. It is not much for the government to grant, in one sense, and yet it is a great deal in another. It is not much to recieve for the exposure of one's life for the protection of one's country, in one sense, and yet it is of immeasurable value in another. If you feel that I am entitled to be thus favorably considered by the government we helped to save, and will write a letter in my behalf to be attached to the application and other affidavits attesting the facts, you will lay me under additional obligations, but cannot increase my respect for and the gratitude I bear you as one of the greatest of American patriots. Please return Captain Sherlock's application, with such letter as you find it in your heart to indict, and regard me as ever,

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R. M. Johnson
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Yours truly

G. W. Schroeder

Sixth Cav. Troop 100th Ohio Vol Inf

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Dear General Howard

Your kind favor enclosing pictures with autographs is at hand the likeness is excellent we thank you very much for them my wife has set her house in accustomed order again and tho somewhat tired is getting rested up again, we all enjoyed your brief stay in our home so much and shall always cherish the memory of it with great pleasure - Grace and Joseph are at their home in Jamestown Pa. we expect them here in a few days when she will be pleased to get your picture her husband has gone to Philadelphia - Everyone enjoyed the meetings and have only good words for the speakers. the spirit in the community indicates that good has been done. there seems to be a growing desire among Christians for right living it is manifest in the pulpit and in the prayer meeting - we all feel it in some

measure - I'm sure I do myself, and our pastor Mr Keams has gotten a real uplift and is looking forward to a fruitful season as the result - we all feel like saying "God bless you in every good word and work and grant you the desire of your heart filling you with His Spirit and giving power to your testimony wherever you may go -" with love and best wishes for your welfare in everyway in which my wife joins believe me sincerely yours

James McGranahan

Kinsman O. Sep. 17. '97.

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I have received your letter in answer to my inquiry. In reply I am obliged to say, much to my regret, that we will not be able to make our arrangements to have you speak at our C.E. Convention at Bridport next week. We are too poor in this world's goods. But perhaps the time will come when we can hear you.

Yours very truly,

W. A. Kinzie

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Pres. [illegible] Co. [illegible]

Bureau. What I write I will submit to you for your approval.

George is working for an appointment: he would like the paymastership but would like the Inspectorship or the Quartermastership. These are the only three appointments open to him.

I trust you & yours are well. and I beg to be remembered to your home circle. Faithfully yours

Laura C. Langford.

Brooklyn, Sat. Sept. 18th.

[1897]

My Dear Friend.

George is hoping and working to get an appointment in the Army and I have the promise of help from Tennessee, in which state I have been for some weeks.

Now, I learn that the President is to be near you (at North-Adams) next week and I am wondering if you will go and see him for me. It is much to ask, but

of such a generous heart as yours.

I am to have a petition signed by the Tennessee Congressmen. Both the Senators will see the President or write him. I am promised the endorsement of an Agency of the War, but I do not know how much good all of this will do. I must more on the personal application of a man known & respected as you are by the President than unknown political influence or, I should say, endorsements.

While in Tennessee I contracted to write the "Life of Andrew Johnson" and as soon as possible I will be at work upon it. Of you I must write in that connection and I will be very glad to bear testimony to the good work you did in connection with the Freedmen

29 Broadway
Newyork, Sept 19/97

Genl O. O. Howard
Burlington Vt.

Dear General:

I have written Pabst in accordance with your note to Hoag. The letter goes down in the mail leaving tomorrow. Trusting it will provoke an early and decisive reply, and with kind regards to all. I am

Faithfully
Clem Gazzam