Williamstown, Mass.
Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1897.

Dear Uncle Otis,

The passes which you so kindly secured for me arrived yesterday. Thank you very much. I was very sorry to learn from your secretary's note that you are not perfectly well. I trust that it is something that you will soon throw off. I have had an exceedingly happy and helpful term. At present I am
in the midst of preparation for the semi-
annual examinations. Other things outside
the curriculum work that have taken a
good deal of time and energy this term are
football, debating, the stewardship of the
fraternity, my regular
library work and work
on a committee which
is soliciting subscrip-
tions for a Y.M.C.A. Build-
ing. This last is perhaps
the most important
thing I have had much
to do with and besides
being vice-president of
our college association
I am secretary of the
committee. We have
now practical assurance
that certain persons
will give the money
needed for the building,
some 35,000 dollars
if we will, the under-
graduate body, will
show our interest
sufficiently to raise
an endowment fund
of ten thousand dollars.
We have already sus-
needed in raising or getting pledges to raise over half this sum but we find it no small task. The need for the Building seems especially great at present with the development of college societies, and other college interests the lack of a single center which will bring the men together, and that, as far as possible, a Christian center, has been keenly felt. We have our Christian organization among
the fellows, but find ourselves considerably handicapped in the work of getting hold of the men as a whole and holding them together. We feel that such a building as we plan would give us a more tangible position in the minds of some, would bring the fellows together much more than is possible now, in short give us the greatest assistance in spreading what we believe to be a real Christian influence.
I had no thought of writing thus when I sat down, but mentioning my occupations that I thought you would be interested in it occurred to me that you would like to hear more of this and might possibly be glad to help us. It rests upon a comparatively small number of us now to raise four thousand seven hundred dollars ($4,700.00) and we are obliged to keep it constantly in mind and approach...
all whom we can reach

Every contribution we can
get and every suggestion
or help in any way as
to getting more will be
a great help and most
gratefully received. Though
I have written rather
much already I'm going
to finish telling of my-
self what I started for
haven't been as good a
correspondent or neighbor
as I ought to have been

even without the great
kindness to me of every
member of your dear
family. During the football season I played on our varsity team and enjoyed perfect health, without being seriously injured at any time. I have debated twice this term the last time taking the affirmative on the question: Resolved that the standing army of the U.S. should be increased. The side for which I was leader won both debates. I was greatly helped in preparing for the latter by your article in the July Forum as well as one a year
or so back and both yours and Gen. Schofield's Reports the year of the Chicago riots. I had offered to debate either side of the question, but on studying it up became thoroughly convinced that the side my opponent had preferred I should take was by far the stronger. Having started thus at length a great deal more has come to mind of which I wish to talk with you. I am preparing to write an essay in competition.
on the "Duties of a Christian

men in relation to government," also two other essays on subjects which I wish to discuss with you of everyone who has thought much. Then I wanted to talk with you of my life work. I am planning now to go through a theological seminary, but of course cannot feel that what I shall do in the end is finally decided. I start for home, thanks to your kindness. Tuesday, December 21. The vacation lasts three
weeks 203 shall probably be here again by January 12, 1898. Please give my love to all of the family in Burlington and tell Bessie I mean to send her a Christmas present.

Affectionately your nephew

L. R. Howard
With the hope that
you and yours are
well and that you
may have a
Happy Christmas
I am ever,
Sincerely,
Anne Keats.

Sittingbourne,
December fiftieth.

Dear General Howard,

Thank you
for Isabella of Castle
and for my share in
General Taylor. I have
enjoyed reading these
drinks and especially

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Isabella, tell about whom very little and in whose history I may feel a great interest. Your visit gave me so much pleasure and I only hope it will not be long before you repeat it and I. Mr. Edward will join you; we should be delighted. I have read Miss Holmwood's sketch and will know you personally so much better when you come again.
Kittanning, Pa., Dec. 15th, 1877

My dear General,

I fear you have brought trouble in the Neale household. When your delightful volume of "Isabella of Castile" came, Mrs. Neale found that it was entirely her, there was no end of rejoicing on her part, the exultation that the fact of exclusive ownership of the exciting My consolation I expected later. When the life of my boyhood Hes would come, that I could claim as all "mine" own, but left the conclusion when Mrs. Neale pushed the flap under my eye and boastfully claimed a joint ownership. I much fear that it will require your personal presence to bring her into proper subjection.

I read at once "Howard" with extreme pleasure, regarding its one defect that...
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it did not in extenso present your full life. I think this a just criticism that many readers might make. It was interesting from the first to the last page. I am anxious to know more of your brave soldier brother who must have won his stars under the difficult circumstances of coming up from the ranks. What a gratification it must have been to you to have had him near you when the crisis and fame on the same field,

Mrs. Neale has generously permitted me to read her Isabelle. I have not yet finished it. It is beautiful, but I may say every page betrays the author. Noble too, man. In Sacramento Cal. There is a beautiful group in sculptured mouth, a grateful tribute to her memory.
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In the reading of General Taylor, I promise myself great pleasure. In glancing through the pages, the problem is suggested, how and where did you acquire the material, let the war known of him before Mexico, in the great by his life was so short that the curtain closed upon his career before he was fairly known to the American people. I can hope that for the same reason you should be called upon to write the life of Sherman whose place in American history you so eloquently describe at the conclusion of "Sherman March to the Sea."

I cannot tell you how much we enjoyed your presence amongst us. We would have been delighted could you
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I am surprised to hear that you will be away longer. We shall be ever happy to see you and I hope that you and your family will include the wish that our dear and beloved wife should also be with you.

The Scotch-Irish of West Penna. do not lack in loyal friendship, nor in fact fill homage to the defenders of the Union.

I hope your experiences after leaving Kittanning were of the most pleasant character and that you are now enjoying in your beloved family circle all the comforts of a well earned rest.

Miss Neak expects me to acknowledge my thanks for the kindness as well as for the courtesy of Mr. Taylor. We write in the assurance of our most sincere regard. Humbly yours,

Very sincerely yours,

James B. Neale,

Egan

00 Howard
Dec. 15th, 1897.

Dear General:--

Glad to hear from you, and to know of your interest for Mrs. Baylor. I am already enlisted in her behalf, and will ask Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate Com. on Pensions to advance the case for immediate action if possible, and will also speak to Judge Powers. If there is difficulty with her bill, it will be because of the large number of special bills already in based on the same good reason. There is a very conservative tone in the present House on these private acts, but if the Senate pass this bill it may have some moral effect at the other end of the Capitol. Other bills of a similar nature have been passed, and this may be just the obstacle in this case. But there's nothing like trying, and I will acquit myself as well as possible in the face of the objection that has heretofore been raised against bills of this nature.

Very truly yours,

Gen. C. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.
Maj. Gen'l O.O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

Esteemed Sir:— By today's prepaid express I send you a copy of "Our Elder Brother," thinking that it is a work which would interest you and that you would like to add to your personal library.

In acknowledging the receipt of the work would be pleased if you would add your autograph rather than that of your secretary, as we would like to have your autograph in our collection. If you feel that the book is worthy of a kind word, we will appreciate it. We have many very strong endorsements from the leading people of our country.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
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Major and O.D. Howard
My dear Bruce & Brother

Sirs the 9th Inst. is just received. It gladdens my heart. I can assure you & convince me more more that the hand of the Lord is prospering my mission. The hope of success lifts the burden of responsibility & makes it easy to bear.

I thank you & the Lord who prompted you for the assurance of your help in carrying forward a project so difficult for a man of so small a calibre as I am.

But as He chooses the make things of this world to confound the mighty we so much the more glory will redound to him when the task is accomplished.

I realize that it is by prayer, perseverance, humble reliance on the Lord & in no other way can the scheme be made successful. He has so many years answered my poor prayers.
I keep doing it every day that I go forward feeling that the work is his and mine and they persistently advance thanking him for the many influential friends he has raised up to assist and encourage me in the work.

I thank you for the suggestions you have made and shall improve them. I shall endeavor to secure your presence as soon as may be needed after I reach the Capitol City. I regard your influence as of more importance than any the new name I could secure.

Again thanking you for this very encouraging letter and any others suggestions that you may make before I leave thanking me advance.

I remain very sincerely fraternal,

Yours J.P. Whitmore

P.S. I shall copy your last letter and send to Doc Cook to gladden his heart.
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Addison, Vt., 5th 16th 1897

Dear O. O. Harvard,

Dear Sir,

I see by the Middlebury Register that your "Waterford Song" blabber has kept quiet an interesting friendship in Middlebury in connection with the Negro question. I did expect to attend that meeting but as I would have had to go with buggy across the country from here I found it impossible to attend on account of the bad weather just at that time. I have been a friend of the Negro since 1845. I was then a young man and as the slavery question was then being agitated I entered into it with all my might, mind and strength. I was connected with the abolition newspapers, the "American Freeman," for about fifteen years in N. Y. and until the Lincoln made his famous proclamation freeing the Negroes in the W. B. About four years I published a history of the Olin family in the B. B. and in connection with that I published "William Lincoln," part of my work as an apprentice in them. The path of this book I became personally acquainted with a good many of the most unusual and leading men of the
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