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

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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 foot ball, debating, the stewardship of the fraternity, my regular library work and work on a committee which is soliciting subscriptions for a Y. M. C. A. Building. 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 undergraduate body, will show our interest sufficiently to raise an endowment fund of ten thousand dollars. We have already sus-

ceeded 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 developement of college societies, and other college interests the lack of a single center which will bring the men together, and that, so 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 men-
tioning 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 hun-
dred dollars ($4700.00)
and we are obliged to
keep it constantly in
mind and approach

all whom we can reach & who will be at all interested. 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 myself what I started for I 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 foot-ball 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 wished to talk with you. I am preparing to write an essay in competition

on the "Duties of Christian Men in Relation to Government", also two other essays on subjects which I wish to discuss with everyone I can 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 if possible, 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 so I 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. B. Howard

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With the hope that
you and yours are
well and that you
may have a
Happy Christmas
I am ever,
Yours faithfully.
Anne Neale.

Kittanning,
December fifteenth
'97.

Dear General Howard,
Thank you
for Isabella of Castile
and for my share in
General Taylor. I have
enjoyed reading these
books and especially

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Isabella [illegible] tale about
whom [illegible] know
very little and in
whose history I now
feel a great interest.

Your visit gave
us so much pleasure
and we only hope
it will not be long
before you repeat it and
if Mrs. Howard will
join you, we should
be delighted. I have
read Miss Holloway's
book and will know
you personally, so
much better when
you come again.

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.

Kittanning, Pa., [Sa. Dec 15] 1897

My dear General.

I fear you have wrought trouble in the "Neale" household. When your delightful volume of "Isabella of Castile" came and Mrs Neale found that it was entirely hers, there was no end of rejoicing on her part, the exultation that the fact of exclusive ownership often excites. My consolation I expected later, when the life of my boyhood here would come, that I could claim as all "mine" mine, but lo! the consternation when Mrs Neale pushed the flyleaf under my eyes 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 regretting 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 less favorable circumstances of coming up from the ranks. What a gratification it must have been to you to have had him near you winning spurs 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 woman. In Sacramento Cal: there is a beautiful group in sculptured marble, 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? Little was known of him before Mexico, subsequently 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 series 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's 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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have remained longer. We shall be ever happy to see you and in that hope would include the wish that your excellent wife should also be with you. The Scotch-Irish of West. Penna do not lack in loyal friendship, nor in faithful homage to the defenders of the Union.

I hope your experience 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.

Mrs Neale expects make her acknowledgements for her Isabella as well as for her mother of Gen. Taylor. We unite in the expression of our most sincere regards. I humbly remain

Very sincerely Yours

James B. Neale.

Gen.
O O Howard

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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,

Redfield Proctor

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

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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,

W. C. King

Rev. S. G. Whittemore,
Stated Clerk,
Florence, - - Arizona.

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Major Genl O O Howard
My dear Friend & Brother

Yours of the 9th inst is just received. It gladdens my heart - I can assure you - & convinces 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 weak things of this world to confound the mighty" &c 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 for so many years answered my poor prayers

& keeps doing it every day that I go forward feeling that the work is his — not mine — & calmly persistently advance thanking him for the many & influential friends he has raised up to assist & encourage me in the work.

I thank you for the suggestions you have made & 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 ten men whom I could secure.

Again thanking you for this very encouraging letter & for any others suggestions that you may make before I leave — thanking in advance —

I remain very sincerely & fraternally
Your S. P. Whittemore

P.S. I shall copy your last letter & send to Bro Cook to gladden his heart.

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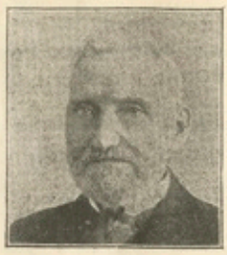

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Addison, Vt., Dec 16th 1897

Gen O O Howard

Dear Sir

I see by the Middlebury Register that the "Western Vt. Long" Club have had quite an interesting ~~meeting~~ 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 wheeling just at that time. I have been the friend of the Negro since 1845. I was then a young man and as the slavery question was then being agitated I entered into the cause with all my might mind and strength. I was connected with the ~~abolition~~ slavery newspaper the "American Freeman" for about fifteen years in Wis and until Abe Lincoln made his famous proclamation freeing the Negro in the U. S. About four years I published a history of the Olin family in the U. S. and in connection with that I published the anti-slavery part of my work as an appendix in the latter part of the book. I became personally acquainted with a good many of the most eminent anti-slavery men of the

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within the name of most of them you will find recorded in the book that I send to you by this mail I have known you as one of the Gen of the American Army and your connection with the "Howard University" and since your return from that position and in the interest you have been taking in the Am Home Missionary Soc. you have certainly done a great work for them in the way of raising money I too am a Congregationalist and a life member of the Am Association I send to day with this letter a copy of my Olin history in which you will find in the appendix some of the work done by our western antislavery men during the 10 years from 1845 to 1860 to the commencement of the civil war Perhaps you will think it a little strange that a western man of 60 years in the west should come to Vt. to spend the remainder of his days - I am a farmer in the "Champlain Vally" and expect to remain here the ballance of my life - This land of course is not like the western prairie, not so easy to cultivate nor as productive but the land is good for grass and the water is just splendid so that to shunt together makes most excellent butter and cheese So Vt. is destined to be a most Excellent Butter & cheese State I shall be in Burlington I expect in a few week and will

Eat at your home and get book which I send you

Very Respt Your

C. C. Olin