



Youngs Hotel  
Boston

Sept 10/1901

Dear General Howard

On our arrival here yesterday we found your list of Contributors for which many thanks.

We have made a list for Boston & vicinity.

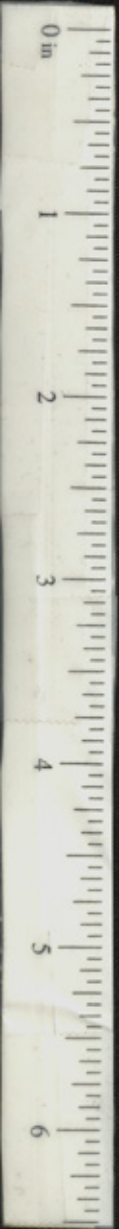
On our way, at Dactin, picked up \$100.00 & found \$33.00 here from old Cleveland friends and today Henry Woods added \$100.00. We are both red and will push the work.

Someday we must have a fine building - or day Chapel -  
Midst the L.M.U. pile  
to mark the Realization of your wishes

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Old  
Berks  
M  
1900





Youngs Hotel  
Boston

Your prayer - and indefatigable  
labor - "Howard Chapel"  
a House of prayer - through  
all generations - should be a  
gate to heaven - where you are  
still growing in grace in the  
Paradise of God's Elect -  
where loyal hearts and true  
hands are in the Light -  
All replete through and through  
in God's most Holy Light  
I hope that you have recovered from  
your cold. With kindest  
friendship in loving regards  
Faithfully yours  
Genl A Howard Smith B Army  
Burlington H.



Old  
Berkshire  
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CHAS. HAMILTON,  
COUNTY <sup>and</sup> SURVEYOR,  
C—S.  
BRANCH COUNTY.

Bronson, Mich.,

Sept.

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1907

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir & Comrade.

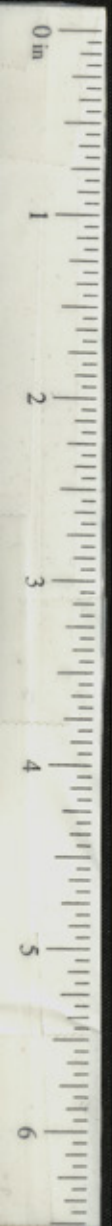
I am in receipt of a copy of the Farm-Field and Fireside published by the Howard Company of Chicago. Ill. containing your account of the crossing the Rappahannock River by the 7th Mich. in response to my letter to you of an earlier date.

The account seems to be so thorough and correct that it leaves nothing to be added; and as the representative of the surviving members of the Regiment I wish to convey to you these sincere thanks for your favourable notice of this request.

Respectfully Yours.

Chas Hamilton.







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Randolph, N. York,  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, '01.

Genl O. O. Howard,  
My Dear Sir:—

Last Dec. I received from you a very kind, encouraging and helpful letter, promising me your influence, in case I'd come to N. York and find a suitable opening, &c. — I did not do so for two reasons:

1<sup>st</sup>. I couldn't spare the money, incident to such a trip, with the uncertainty involved.

2<sup>nd</sup>. My throat was much better and I entertained the hope, I would be able to take work in my profession, either by way of lecturing or preaching.

The first condition, through economy, has improved & I could now come providing I had some assurance of success, even in a small way.

A very meagre remuneration, added to my little income, would enable me to maintain my



good wife and myself in comfort.

My throat (Chronic Pharyngitis) for which I receive a pension of \$6.00 is worse and I cannot do public speaking to any extent - indeed it is wholly out of the question to think about it. So I am driven to something else. ~ I have one resort, which if I can summon the right sort of influence, I will avail myself of, viz.: - The Soldiers' Home, of Va. I was there two years ago & remained 30 days, just long enough to gain a residence, when, because all places were filled, I left on furlough, & have been on furlough ever since. Governor Woodfin, who died on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> ult. promised me a position if I remained, or when I returned, & wrote me some months ago that if I returned "this fall" a place of trust & emolument, as he expressed it was open to me. As he is now gone & a successor has not been elected, this promise will not hold. My present furlough expires Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & I am making preparations to return next month if nothing else offers itself. There are very pleasant positions in the Home, which, considering one board, &c., are supplied, pay a fair salary & enable one to live and save something besides.



Then, the climate is very helpful in Catarrhal, or bronchial troubles. During the short time I was there I was greatly relieved, & this is better than money. Since Governor Woodfin's death I've written to Gen. Sewell, 1<sup>st</sup> vice Pres. of the Bird of Managers; & his Sec'y wrote me he would do what he could for me, when the Gen'l returned from Europe. What I need now is a testimonial or letter commending me for position, which in addition to those I have, will secure me work, when I return to Home. I am sorry to make this application to you, but I believe a word from you to Gen'l M<sup>c</sup> Mahon, (532-4 N. York Life Building, N.Y.) Pres. Bird Managers, N. Homes D.V. Soldiers, or a letter (only a few lines would do) which I could present in person, would do the work. As I commenced this letter before our noble President was shot and laid it aside, pending the issue, it is not just as I'd write now, but as I inclose my article, written on the 10<sup>th</sup> (last Tuesday) & printed in our home paper Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, I'll not change it. This is the cruellest stab our nation has ever had, and it is time our government banishes this class of enemies from our



borderers. Banishment is the only remedy.

When you have time please read the inclosed article & if you can help me to anything, I will be most grateful for your influence.

Thanking you for your friendly words (though I've mislaid your letter, which if I could find would perhaps be all I need) and wishing you many years of unalloyed pleasure, and hoping for the best, for our sadly stricken country, I am,

Yours most respectfully, &c.  
in "F.C. & L."

M. D. Pittain,  
Box 442.

I desire to go to Washington, D.C., where I have relatives & friends, & then probably direct to "Home" within ten days or a fortnight. — A letter or a word to some one of your many influential friends in Washington, might aid towards securing something I could do. — The Home is my last resort, though position there is better than nothing.

M. D. —



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Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Sept 19 1901.

My dear General:

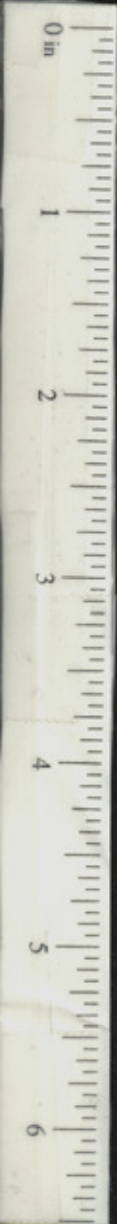
Yours of Sept 17,  
at hand. Give yourself no  
uneasiness, when I speak  
of the "best young people."

You cite the Dinnys. This  
helps me explain. Robert  
Denny is a sample of  
what I mean by "best"  
young people. George Denny  
his brother is of the opposite  
class, and we waste money in such.

It has fallen to my lot  
to stand here in the opening  
days of this work and receive  
every kind of opposition that  
a crazy jealous man could,  
by every conceivable  
method foment. I have a  
record of being a success  
of and for the people.



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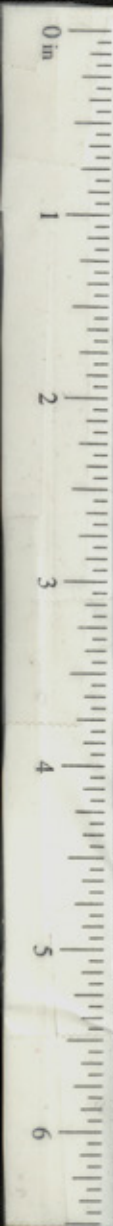
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Do I appear to you or to any  
of the board as one who  
curries favors of those in  
power or of the rich and  
aristocratic? Did my 18  
years in a church of  
the people in Providence  
show me as a man fawn-  
ing before the "aristocratic"?  
Did I not raise a little  
storm last year by ~~discharging~~  
two aristocrats who would  
not come on the common  
level and do their share  
of the poorer duties? Have  
I not stood up for Maggie  
L. ? and you may rest  
assured that I shall never  
drop the contention <sup>until</sup> the lord  
of the "manor" acknowledges  
her as his lady.

Did not the aristocratic  
class of the Gap undertake to  
dictate terms to me last winter  
as to the Home School, and now  
they stand as a man by me



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side, and have said to me, "You  
did your duty!"

I have today a solid patriotic  
backing to that I never could  
have had but for the  
peculiar troubles which I  
have been through.

The students of Mount-Lee  
marched as a body to town  
for the first time yesterday  
since they were pierced a year  
ago, and they were royally  
received and got the respect  
of all at the Gap inn.

They filed into the church  
and filled every vacant space.

Mr. M—— has lost his  
partner with the "best" people  
I mean best as God means  
it. He controls Mr. Oesterlin  
somewhat and this makes  
the Ex. Com. business hard.

My class I refer to that Mr.  
M. has gathered, is mostly of  
little girls of poor families, and  
this does not trouble us.



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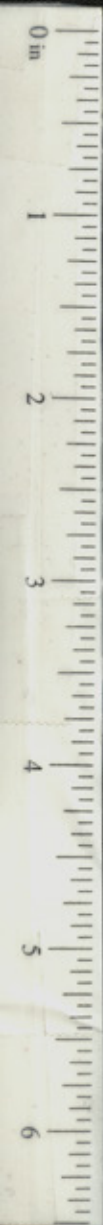
Of course it confuses the North,  
but you can very easily  
rectify that. I shall certainly  
do it myself if he dares  
to do another year what  
he did last. I have no reason  
whatever to fear him or those  
associated with him. Any man  
who strikes at my reputation, will  
for my own sake and the sake  
of my family find me ready  
to face the whole country.  
And I say all this in the spirit  
of Prayer.

Now General, we have  
a splendid school, but we  
are obliged already to say  
"We cannot find room for  
you." Somebody is responsible  
for the fact that we have  
not a roof to cover students  
as they apply. Now my dear  
Sir, think of me as sweet  
in spirit as I am to what  
is to follow. In seeing all this  
I planned to meet it,  
and planned with you.



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I have your letter asking me  
to make requisition etc. and  
\$600. would be sent to me  
to make the purchases of  
tools required to do the woodwork.

It was sent, but not to me  
as plainly promised. It is doing  
nothing, neither are we doing  
anything, because of the lack  
of these tools. A great work  
is delayed. It makes my heart  
ache to see such a waste of  
time and energy. You have  
full authority to have that money  
paid to me and to demand  
of me an exact account.  
My salary can be held for it  
if necessary. Don't you think  
that faith should be kept  
with a man in my position?

I have tried to get the Comm.  
together. Col. Patterson goes South  
in a day or so for his health.  
I am utterly tied up, helpless to  
act. I shall wait no longer for  
the Comm. To-day I start to put up  
a building for machinery to do the  
wood work. The Mechanical Dept  
can earn enough on the Dormitory



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to pay for the machinery. If they  
cannot I can raise it  
in fact I know where half  
the amt is now. I must  
close for there is so much  
to see to, but I will write more  
fully in regard to the building  
later. I feel that it is your  
duty to see that that money  
is placed to my drawing.  
I know the Ex. Com. will  
review my acts when  
they get together. They have  
always done so when  
at last they have seen  
the working out of my plans.

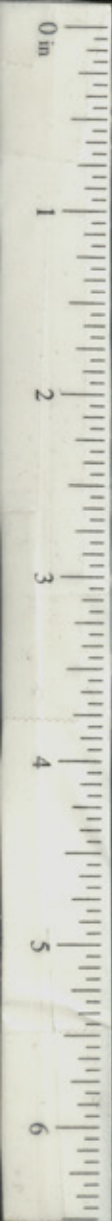
Mr L joins me in  
kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,  
Wm Hale Lacey.



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Before since I  
did not believe the  
matter need be  
agitated by me  
too long in advance.

I will be grate-  
ful to you for  
whatever you may  
do or be able to get  
some one else to  
do for me -

With warm  
regards to you &  
family -

Sincerely

Alfred C. C. C.

Benicia Arsenal  
Sept 19. 1901. Cal

My dear Genl Howard

Something over  
two years ago you  
were kind enough  
to express your will-  
ingness to assist me,  
in so far as you were  
able, from being  
passed in the select-  
ion of a Chief of  
Ordnance -

At that time  
my senior was  
appointed, so I



was not slighted.

Now a vacancy occurs again, this November and I am the Senior Col of Ordnance and in fact of the entire Army; so I am come again to ask your assistance.

My entire service in the Army, in both Peace & War has been more prominent and important and

more faithfully & continuously performed than that of any Ordnance Officer living, and it seems to me that if my case could be properly presented to the Secty War, for I believe he is the important one, I could not be passed over.

I have not written of this