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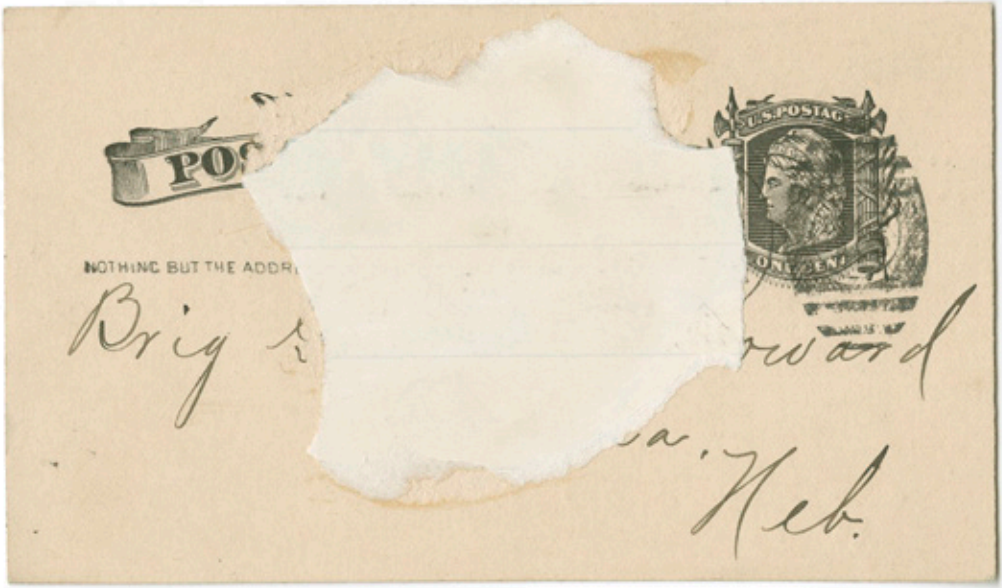
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Genl. O O Howard
Dear Sir
I Recieved a letter from your lawyer here in Washington Concerning the Note of $16.00.50 and it Surprise me very mutch as you had told me Not to send you any more money Not to inconvenie my self to send you any But if I had any to Spare I Could send and if Not you Was Satisfy and all so you Sed you Would tell your agent Not to ask me for-anty and then I had paid you $12 00.30. tweene hundred and 30-- and I thought you Was Satisfied and New Exactly how Mutch

Was paid and after you
left Washington I paid your
agent one hundred $100. P-
Dollars. More. thinkin you
had been so Cided I could not
pay you enough. I did not think
you intendid me to 16. hundred and
50. dolars for a small house of
4 rooms and a small Chittchen
I thort that you Chorged that
amount Because you thort that
I Would not pay for it and When
I ask you if you Would take a
deed of trust you sed know you
Was Building the house to help
me and Now at the expiration of
9 years you send to me for a
Settelment I have been down
With rheumatism for 5. years in my
Wright arm this is the Best Winter
I have had for 5. years. Barly able
to earn enough to keep —

Provision and fire I have
Suford so mutch I did not
think I Would Be living this day
Only through the Mercy of god
he is not Redy for me yet
Pleas answer and let me hear
the Worst as I can doe nothing
tards satisfien the debt I have
not Seen your lawer I Wanted to
hear from you first I did not
know you Were in the City till you
Were green) general Pleas answer as
soon as posable as I have Worid
dredful about this and shall
Continue to untill I here from
you

yours Respectfully
Mrs A. Wallace

Pleas the No is 4.23 first st
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Gen O. O. Howard
Cmd 6th & 7th Calls
Omaha Nebraska

Washington D.C.
5 April 1885

My dear General

I learn from my son that the understanding at Omaha of the order from the Secretary of War for transportation to Washington of the "effects" of the late Col. Taylor covers only the usual allowance of 1800 pounds, I believe, for an officer of his rank changing station.

I do not think myself any such limitation can be fairly, or must be necessarily put upon this order.

An officer is allowed in every change of station a certain limited amount of transportation, and if the order had read transportation for the usual allowance of baggage, professional instruments books etc. such limitation would be necessarily observed.

But when an officer has made the last change and an order from the Secretary of War himself allows transportation of his remains and his "effects" certainly it may be construed liberally and in accordance with its precise words and intent, which in this case I feel sure was to transport to the home and refuge of his family his household goods, books etc.

There are not so great in quantity bulk or value as to tax greatly the resources of the army he so long and so gallantly served.

I am my dear General
Your friend & servant

W. C. Meigs
Quartermaster
Retired
Brevet Major General

General Howard
U. S. A

Meigs, W. C.
April 5, 1882.

Apr. 6 '85

South Bend Ind Apl 6/85

Dear Sir

Your favor of March 6 with enclosures has awaited my return from the East for acknowledgment. I regret that Gen Howard had or has (if so) nothing more of more importance for me. But I thank you for your prompt compliance with my request. May I ask you to bring it to Gen Howard's notice on his return with the view of seeing if there be something more

Yours very truly
D. J. Hallister

Guy Howard
Aide-de-Camp &c

Hallister, O. J.

Answ. by Lec. 47.

South Bend, Ind

April 6. 1885.

5. In your judgement, what methods of temperance work has the closing century tried and proved?

6. What is the strongest argument, in your view, for or against the new "Liberty party" of prohibition?

Name,.....

P. O. Address,.....

Date.....

SYMPOSIUM ON THE TEMPERANCE CENTENNIAL.

From Rev. W. T. Crafts.

106 East 81st Street, New York, Apr. 6th, 1885.

Inasmuch as the leading Temperance societies have decided to celebrate the first Centennial of Temperance in this year 1885, (not that there were not individual abstainers before 1785, and even churches which advocated abstinence, but that the temperance utterences of Dr. Rush in that year are related to the modern temperance movement very much as Robert Raikes' Sabbath-schools are related to the modern Sabbath-school movement) it has seemed appropriate to gather for publication and general circulation, into an inexpensive pamphlet, a symposium of the opinions of living temperance leaders in all departments as to what we ought to learn from the mistakes and defeats and successes of our first temperance century, that the second may be still more victorious.

May I ask, then, for a brief answer (before May 10) to the above general question, and, also, to some one or more of the following more specific questions. [Several of the pamphlets will, of course, be sent to all contributors.]

1. In your opinion, does the past teach that abstinence from alcohol in the new century should be really "total," including abstinence not only from [1]distilled liquors, [2]ale, [3]wine, [4]lager beer, [5]new cider, *but also from* [6]*alcoholic foods, and* [7]*alcoholic medicines**?

**The Popular Science News or Boston Journal of Chemistry*, J. R. Nichols, LL. D., editor, a high scientific authority, said, editorily, in 1884: "The banishment of alcohol would not deprive us of a single one of the indispensible agents which modern civilization demands. Neither would chemical science be retarded by its loss. * * * In no instances of disease in any form is it a medicine which might not be dispensed with and other agents substituted." This declaration that it is no longer nescessary to make exception for the use of alcohol in medicine and the arts, since science has available substitutes in each case, seems to me to flag the highest peak reached in our first century, and if the people can be made to believe it, we may in the second century leave out of pledges and prohibitory laws these harmful exceptions.

[Over.]

2. In your opinion, does the past teach that prohibition should also be *total* in the new century,—not for Sunday only, or minors only, or local option towns only, or States only, but also for the Territories controlled by the national government, and *without any exception allowing the manufacture or importation of alcoholics for use in medicine and the arts* ?*

* See foot-note on 1st page.

3. In the last and best movement of the closing temperance century, that for compulsory education in the public schools in regard to the nature of alcohol and tobacco, do you not think that *opium* also, (in view of the recent rapid increase in its use), ought to be specifically named for special attention; and is it not desirable that public school teachers should be required to explain, (annually at least), all the State laws relating to children and youth, in order that such laws as those forbidding the sale to minors, of liquors, tobacco, corrupting papers etc. may be known by the children themselves ?

4. In your judgement, what methods of temperance work have been weighed and found wanting by the closing century ?

[Over.]

[Apr. 6 ?]

106 *East 81st Street, New York City,* 1885.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find several copies of a threefold petition to Congress against needless Sunday work in government service and "interstate commerce." It has been decided by the courts that the control of Sunday trains (except those which begin and end their journeys in the same State) belongs to Congress. Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Clarke estimates that 400,000 *men are robbed of their Sabbath rest by American railroad corporations, which have no more right to use the Sabbath for works of gain than factories. The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at its last session, called upon the national government to give a consistant example to other employers by stopping the needless Sunday work required of United States soldiers in Sunday parades, and of postal employees in handling of mail. Other organizations should do the same In this day of agitation against the wrongs of workingmen it should not be forgotten that few employees are so over-worked as government letter carriers with their thirteen or more hours per day for six days, besides night-watching in turn, and Sunday work.*

These petitions are to be made weighty, rather than bulky, and so, instead of rods of unknown names, it is proposed to gather a few yards of weighty signatures—partly well-known names, but chiefly the official signature of organizations, authorized by vote, and accompanied by the names of President and Secretary. Please secure such official signatures from any organization, religious or otherwise, with which you are connected—from conferences, conventions, associations, churches, societies, clubs etc., giving locality and number of members in each case.

I am devoting to the promotion of this petition, some of the author's profits on "The Sabbath for Man," all of which are to be used for the promotion of Sabbath observance.

Please return petitions, as soon as signed, to my address, to be attached to others, for presentation in advance of the next Congress to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

Respectfully Yours,

WILBUR F. CRAFTS.

3. In the last and best movement of the closing temperance century, that for compulsory education in the public schools in regard to the nature of

Fonda, N.Y.

Oswego, N.Y.
April 7. 1885.

Answered

Oswego, N.Y. Apl. 7th, 1885.

Genl. O. O. Howard, USA.
Omaha,
Neb.

General:

Permit me to trespass upon your attention once more: but briefly.

Upon terminating a connection of some years with the Erie Railway at New York I returned to this place, where, as stated in a communication several years ago, I had by a business reverse lost my fortune, which I have not, so far, been able to retrieve.

The U.S. Engineer Corps is building an extensive system of breakwaters at this port and the construction will extend into the next half dozen years. Col. Geo. T. Balch at present residing at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

, to whom I am permitted to refer, is endeavoring to interest Genl. Newton in my behalf and to have me attached to the Engineer office here in some capacity (I have not forgotten my drawing and mathematical course) and suggests that I should request you to write to Genl. Newton Chief of the Engineers in my interest, as it would add greatly to my chances of success, in which he is kind enough to say he is thoroughly interested.

With the hope that you will not consider me importunate,

I am, with highest respect,

Very Sincerely Yours,

P. Forda.

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Washington, D. C., April 7th 1885

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear General,

Your letter of the 2d Inst duly recd. Thanks for the Check for $100 - encd. I have seen Mr J. T. Lenman and arranged for a new Deed of Trust, on the 7th St House for $3500 - The $500 - to be paid by you on April 30th and papers all dated that day. I will send Deed to you to be signed, also the Notes, in due time. I find I can do nothing with the Smith Note unless I endorse it, and this I do not care to do. With a new deed of Trust, and the old one out of the way I think the 7th St property will be in such shape that I will stand a better show to sell it, and, I hope to realize more for you. In collecting

Washington D.C. Nov 17th 1865

Hon. C. C. Hewes

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 2d Oct. rec'd. Money for the Fifth Quarter has been received. Please see Mr. Stanton and request him to issue a Duplicate Warrant for the balance of Bounty. Mr. Stanton is now in Philadelphia & will not return for a few days. He will probably be on Thursday next. Meanwhile I will see Mr. Stanton & request him to issue a Duplicate Warrant for the balance of Bounty. Please write me if you do not receive the Warrant in a few days.

Yours truly

Allan Rutherford

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Gen'l O. O. HOWARD, U. S. Army.

Washington, D. C., 188

The rent due on the 1st Inst I may met with a Plumber Bill for repairs caused by bursting of the Water pipes & Water Closet during the last Cold snap. I investigated it and found that it had to be paid so got it down as low as possible and paid it. The Bill was $18.43/100, this was very reasonable considering all that had to be done.

I should like to be informed as to Rev J. M. Brams note as soon as may be convenient.

Very Truly Yours
Allan Rutherford

Rutherford,

Washington, D.C.

April 4. 1885.

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EDITORIAL·DEPARTMENT
THE CENTURY·MAGAZINE
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April 7/85.

General O. O. Howard
Omaha, Nebraska.

My dear Sir,

In accordance with our understanding when you were at this office, I subjoin memorandum of the papers which we desire you to write for the Century.

First, a paper of four to five thousand words on the attack by Jackson upon the Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville; second, a paper of eight to ten thousand words on the first day at Gettysburg; and third, a paper of eight to ten thousand words on Sherman's march from Atlanta to Savannah—

in detail as arranged on your memorandum which we have. For the first we are to make you compensation of one hundred dollars ($100); for the other two we should expect to double this amount.

We have communicated with General Slocum, and find him not disinclined to describe the concluding third of Sherman's Campaign; but this cannot be definitely announced until we have had an interview with him.

From General Logan we have not yet heard.

With thanks for your kind suggestions concerning the Campaign, Yours very respectfully,

Robert U. Johnson.

Associate Editor.

N.B.

Would your reminiscences of Gen. Grant be sufficient to warrant you in writing them out?

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Washington, D. C., April 8th 1885

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Genl.

In my letter of yesterday I forgot to ask Mrs Howards name, also if she is with you and can execute mine and at same time. Please advise me at once

Very Truly Yours,
Allan Rutherford

Washington, D.C.
April 8th 1885

Gen. Hunt:

Will you please to call the Honorable Secretary of War's attention to the enclosed letter, and oblige

Yours Truly,
Wm. Rutherford

J. N. Cassell.

DEALER IN

HARD AND SOFT COAL,

Box 296. Brick Block, South Side.

Aurora, Neb., Apr 4-9 1885

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Gen O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th is at hand. I will bring the matter before our Post Meeting on the evening of the 15th. We think the evening of Decoration day will guarentee the best house. and think we will observe Monday as such unless orders to the contrary. If so can you not leave Omaha Sunday evening and come over from Central City or Grand Island Monday Morning. and deliver Oration at 11 o-clock. Thirty Minutes long enough Not to exceed Sixty? Provided you can leave there Sunday evening you would loose no more time than leave Monday Morning. We would like very much to have you. but do not wish to encroach too much on your time and strength. If you can do this please let me know by the 15th. and terms. We can give you $50. easily for both performances Yours Truly J. N. Cassell

Post Commander

Cassell, J. T.

Aurora, Neb.
April 9. 1885.

Answered

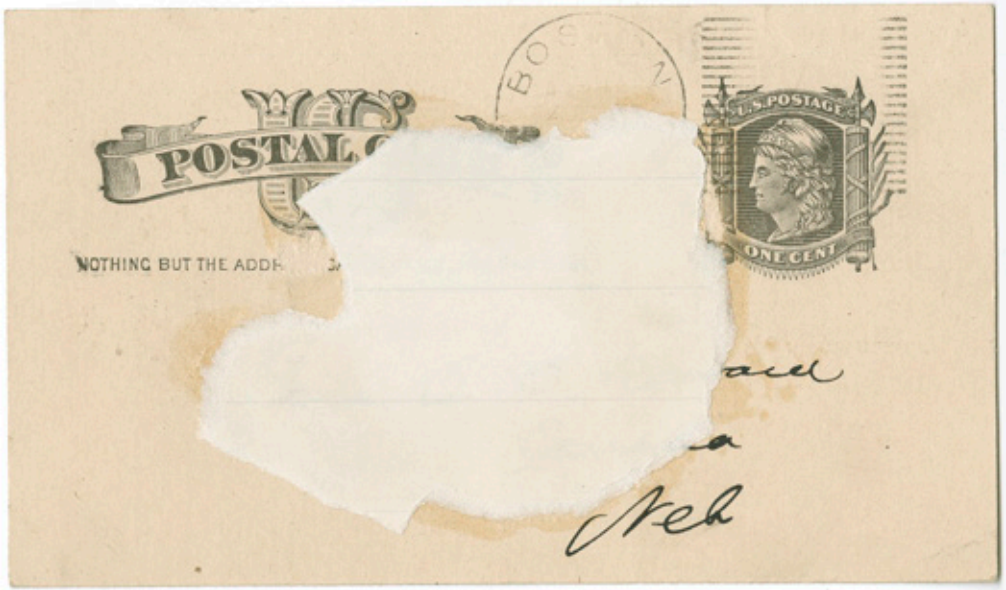
Peace Rooms, No. 6 Congregational House,

BOSTON, April 9, 1885.

HIS EXCELLENCY, DON ARTURO DE MARCOARTU, of Spain, a distinguished advocate of International Arbitration, has consented to address the friends of Peace at the above room, **Monday, April 13, at 3 P. M.** He will be remembered as the nobleman who gave a prize of $1,500 to our countryman, Mr. A. P. Sprague, for the best essay on Arbitration. His influence helped secure the arbitration clause in the Spanish Treaty.

You are cordially invited. We will be glad to see lady and other friends with you.

R. B. HOWARD.
H. C. DUNHAM.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Parke, Lt. J. G.

Fort Sidney, Neb.
April 10. 1885.

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Fort Sidney, Neb.
April 10 1885.

My Dear General:

I take the liberty of writing to you to ask if I may refer to you in an effort I intend to make in the event of a war between England and Russia to go as a correspondent for some newspaper in this country in order to witness it.

Having served for several years at Vancouver while you were in command of the Department of the Columbia,

I trust the opinion you may have formed of my capacity for such an undertaking may be favorable enough to secure your recommendation.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully

your obt. servt.

J. S. Parke.

City Hotel,

FRED WIRTH, Prop'r.

Omaha, Neb., April 10th 1885-

Genl:

I called upon you yesterday- you was away- I saw Capt. Sladen, he, although willing to do all he could for me, could not give me any encouragement unless I could find some vacancy-

Every where that I try for a place they say, as at your Hd Qtrs, also at U. P. depot, "We would like to help you to a place but, we have no vacancy. The different R. R. Companies here employ lots of common Clerks &c., but, they have no vacancy. When some of the big men of the Roads want a man put on, they find a vacancy very quick-.

Going into the Army at the age of 18 years deprived me of the

City Hotel,

FRED WIRTH, Prop'r.

Omaha, Neb., 188

chance for a trade or profession —
My right arm being partially disabled by a rebel bullet at Gettysburg prevents my doing any hard work.
I have had considerable experience in Bookkeeping - selling goods &c.,
I consider myself a fair clerk, (not an expert) I can also do a pretty good days work at anything that is not too heavy.
Gent.- I have even been obliged to sell the best of my clothing at quarter value to keep from starving.
I Cant steal - I wont beg for anything except work. I wont receive charity - When I have money I pay for my meals - when I dont have money I go without meals.
I have been 24 hours without one mouthful several times the last month.

City Hotel,

FRED WIRTH, Prop'r.

Omaha, Neb., 188

Last week I earned $14.00 then had to give up my place on account of my damaged right arm. for particulars of above I refer you to the Steward of the Millard Hotel.
Genl. Howard I am completely disgusted and disheartened at this fight for a bare living. Could I only get even a temporary place so that I could earn enough to go East, where I have good friends, where I have a good name, where I can always get a place it would be a God send to me.

My father and both of my brothers were Soldiers through the war. My wife is a Soldiers Orpham. My first Regt. the 6th Mass, was the first volunteer

City Hotel,

FRED WIRTH, Prop'r.

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Regiment that arrived in Washington in 1861. Genl. It seems hard that an old soldier, one of the very first to take a gun in defence of our flag, and who is willing and wants work, should really want for the common necessities of life, but such appears to be the stern fact.

Unless I can get some thing to do, and that very soon, I shall be obliged to walk the street at night, and upon an empty stomach.

Please pardon me for writing you such a letter as this. My necessities compel me to do so. I blame myself that I am not game enough to starve and say nothing.

City Hotel,

FRED WIRTH, Prop'r.

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but for my family's sake I cannot do that without making my case fully known to you first.

I am, General

Yours very respectfully

Joseph Faye Tobbetts

formerly Sergt, Co. H. 33d Mass.

Genl. O. O. Howard

Comdg. Dept. Platt.

Omaha, Neb.

Pibbetts, J. F.

Omaha, Neb.
April 10. 1885.

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1147 Grant Ave.
Allegheny Pa
April 11th 1895

Gen O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

I am very much interested in making a collection of the autographs of the distinguished men of this country. And would esteem it a great favor if you will allow me to add yours to my collection. And would doubly appreciate a line over your signature

Very Respectfully yours
W. L. Washington

Washington, W.L.

Allegheny, Pa.

April 11. 1885,

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Washington, D.C.
April 11, 1885.

To
General O. O. Howard,
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter, for which I am most thankful, reached me this morning. I presented it to General Drum, whose reception of me was very cordial.

I shall study to deserve your favors.

My prospects of appointment are much improved of late.

With kindest regards to your family, I have the honor to be

Sincerely yours,
Paul Egton.

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Washington
April 11. 1885.

A. L. Strang, Pres't. D. O. Clark, Vice-Pres't. N. C. Tomkins, Sec'y and Treas.

920, 922 and 924 Farnam St.

A. L. Strang Company,

Steam, Water & Railway Supplies

Omaha, Neb. April 11th 1885

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Genl. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I have the honor and pleasure to inform you that this morning I commenced upon my duties as Check Clerk for this firm — I assure you I shall try hard to warrant a good name. Should I fail, it will be from lack of ability.

Genl., I thank you, and I know it will give you pleasure to know that one old soldier will sleep tonight, thinking that the world is not so very black after all.

Very respectfully

Joseph F. Tobbetts.

Omaha, Feb. 8th 1888

Dear Sir:

Have the honor to inform you that the morning I commenced refine my dentin ed Chart for the Jaw — I assure you I shall try there to merit a good income. Thanks I feel it will be from both of entity.

Hoping that you will find that our first patient will fully justify, satisfactory that the work is not of my hands of the art.

Very respectfully

Joseph F. Morris.

[ca. Apr 11, 1885]

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Amateur Theatricals
at
Fort Omaha, Neb.

Saturday Evening, April 11, 1885,
Will be presented the play of
"Caste."

Yourself and family are respectfully invited to attend.

W. H. Torrey
Manager.

Performance at 8 o'clock.

Powell, Maj. 9th

Ft. Omaha

April 11. 1885,

United States Land Office,

Vancouver W.T.

April 11th, 1885.

Recd April 11th 1885

My dear General

I have just heard from your daughter Mrs Gray that you did not receive my letter thanking you for your kind and complimentary notice of me in your Memoirs. I regard it as a very rare thing to receive notice by a Genl in the Union army who bore so conspicuous a part in crushing the rebels. and of placing my name in a niche where it may go down to posterity that I was one of the defenders of the Union, under our Genl "true and noble woman" Did you ever expect to see or hear of a rebel Dis-loyal (very strong) confed uniform heard (also in coffee house) by a Rebel Lieut Genl, taking part in a procession on inauguration day

in Washington 20 years after their surrender. Such a spectacle from women is about as impossible, as was a procession in honor of the Prince of Wales in England composed of "Hangmen" and "Bibend men". An officer who has just come hither from Genl Slocum's staff as aide has just informed of the above, and further said that Lee "stood a great ovation from all any other officer". Does such a spectacle bode good or ill to this nation, I would not make any objection to the Yaos & their Genl if they would not flaunt their aristocratic insignia in my face, and next in order decorating the monument in honor of that rebel Thompson. Gone my blood boils at the base thought. Thank God you again for your kind medium, and asking you any life and the promotion you desire

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Nevolon, Ks. Apr. 11, 1886.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that you are contemplating a visit to Mr. Hazard in the near future. In the event of your coming, can the Presbyterian ladies secure your services for a lecture? If so, please advise me as to topic and probable date of the lecture.

Hoping to have the pleasure of listening to you again, I am

Yours truly,

S. P. Bailey.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D. C.

Dailey, D. P.

Newton, Kans.

April 11. 1885.

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Howard

New Bedford
Mass.
April 11, 1885.

Award

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New Bedford, Mass.,
April 11, 1885.

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

I am desirous of securing an appointment in the army and, believing that a letter of recommendation from you will assist me, I take the liberty of asking for the same and will feel extremely obliged if you grant the request.

I have a mother and two sisters who are, beyond what a pension received by my mother in recognition of my father's services is able to do toward their support, dependent upon me, and they, as well as I, will be grateful for your assistance.

I shall, of course, get letters from civilians as to certain requirements possessed by myself, but think that yours, also, will greatly assist me.

Very Respectfully,

Edward Mower.
Son of Major Gen. J. A. Mower.
Late U. S. A.