

JOHN FIRTH,
7 PINE STREET.

NEW YORK,

Dec 11 1896

Dear Father:

[Gertie's husband.]

I met Mr Crawford, yesterday
& he told me that he tho't
Mr. Wanamaker would be glad
to take up the Chamberlain Bicycle
if called to his attention.

The papers today have had
noticed that the "Pope Mfg Co. is
after the Howard Chamberlain". This
statement is being discussed but
it merely arises from the fact
that the Receiver of My Company
made a speech in open court
the other day in which he stated
that the "license from the Pope Co."
was in his estimation "beneficial".

The papers have gotten hold
of this statement & enlarged upon
it. Now I thought it would do
no harm for me to take a letter to
Mr. Ogden, whom you know. He is the

head of "John Wanamaker" of N.Y.

It would be my plan to take Mr. Firth with me. He has arranged to buy the business from the Receiver, but as soon as the arrangement, ^[is completed] he will want more capitalists to come in with him.

Can you give me a letter to Mr. Ogden saying that your son Chauncey has run into a snag in his bicycle business & has got to get more capital or give up? I will lay the details before him.

You might write the letter to John Wanamaker but I would prefer Mr. Ogden.

Your loving son
Chauncey

84 FAIRMOUNT STREET,
LOWELL, MASS.

Dec. 11, 1896.

My dear General:

The Rev. F. K.
Stratton, pastor of St.
Paul's M. E. church
in Lowell, the largest
and most important
of the five churches
of that denomination
here, desires to have
you come to Lowell
and give an address
on the occasion of

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the reopening of an
church edifice, which
has been rebuilt.

I take pleasure
in endorsing Mr.
Shallon's request,
and he will inform
you as to the de-
tails.

Yours sincerely

Geo. A. Morden

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Boston, December 12th, 1896

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My Dear Sir:-

I write in behalf of the Middlesex Club of Massachusetts to extend to you a cordial invitation to be one of the guests of the Club at its banquet to be given in Boston on the evening of April 27th next in commemoration of the birthday of Gen. Grant.

The Middlesex Club is a Republican organization, including in its membership many of the public men of Massachusetts. I enclose a list of its officers and members.

Among its meetings it each year celebrates the birthdays of Lincoln and Grant. It has in the past entertained many of the prominent men of the nation, including Gen. Grant himself, and we shall be glad to add your name to the roll of its honored guests.

Trusting that you may be able to accept our invitation, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. D. W. Prickett
Pres. Middlesex Club.

Major-General O. O. Howard

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December 18th, 1862

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Wm. Brewster

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,
CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

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1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
CHICAGO.

Chicago, December 12, 1896.

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Ans ^{12/12/96}

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Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard

My Dear Friend

Can you procure me a R.R. pass from Buffalo to N.Y. City and return good for six months. I have a nephew living there but my main object in going is to procure views of N.Y. City and study up the subject to lecture on. The world's fair is out of date. I was out three months in northern Pa. but got ahead but little as I traveled and did my billing, now I shall write and make engagements. I raised this year eighty bushels of buckwheat, some sweet corn for the canning factory, and my cellar is well filled with apples and potatoes

I'm in a loan association
and all of my pension has to
apply to them to pay the loan that
I got on my farm. I owe some
small debts and wish I could
make something. My farm consists
of forty acres I have four head of
cattle and three horses - my team
and a colt. I think I received a
letter from you from Burlington
Vt. but am not certain so I will
send this to N.Y. and it will
be forwarded to you.

Yours truly,

Geo. S. Torrance,

Gowanda,

Leath. Co.,

N.Y.

G. W. BALLOCH,
PATENTS, CLAIMS, INSURANCE,
P. O. Box 557.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12th 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear General, I have just received the report of the meeting of the Society of the Army of the Potomac for 1896. I am more than delighted with all of it. All the speeches are excellent and are much better than those of any other reunions. Gen Smith's oration is certainly a valuable historical document. I never realized before, how ~~much~~ ^{much} the Army of the Cumberland owed to that element from the Army of the Potomac injected into it. I know the Staff Department (especially the Subsistence) of the Army of the Cumberland were in a state of demoralization when we went there. no system, no daily reports, or in fact anything else which a commander needed for his information. As to the Subsistence branch, Col Porter with my help soon put that on a "war footing". The Commissioners did not take to the innovation very kindly at first, but they had to come in. And the Chief C. S. of the 11th Corps furnished the model for them to work by. Gen Smith's tribute to our dear Genl. A. S. Williams is very touching to me, who knew and loved him so much. Sincerely
G. W. Balloch



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St. Johnsbury, Vt.,

Dec. 12 1896

Gen. O. C. Howard:

Burlington Vt.

Dear Sir: -

Our Religious work Committee is arranging for a series of Sunday afternoon meetings with addresses by speakers from out of town. We would be pleased if you can accept an invitation to come and give us a talk of a patriotic nature about Feb. 21, or 28th. Will you kindly advise me if you can so favor us, and what your terms are, as we should of course expect to pay all expenses. Awaiting your

reply I am Very truly yours

E. B. Read
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we if you can, we feel we must
have these are, as we want of some help
in our efforts.

Very truly yours,
J. C. Baker