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A Young Man's Paper.

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January 8, 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

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My Dear Gen. Howard,

As I have written you before, we have undertaken to make a paper which may stand for a wholesome and strong Christian life, and which may be a strong factor in the Y.M.C.A., and for all young men. We desire to make the following announcement and publish it very extensively;

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Hon. Theo. Roosevelt
Maj. E. W. Halford
Col. John J. McCook.

and I write to ask if I cannot use your name as one of this committee, to whom the list may be referred. The answers will be received at our office, thoroughly classified and catalogued, and the list sent to each member of the committee, who can look it over and number in the order they think of the most importance, and indicate the best man to treat on the question. All these would then be submitted to Maj. Halford, who would compare the lists and make final disposition of the matter. I know you are a very busy man, but think this would not cause you much labor, and it would be of the greatest possible value to us. Would you not be willing to use your influence with ex-Pres. Harrison and urge him to allow the use of his name on this committee?

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Ober

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McQueen Jan 9th 1897.

To Gen O. O. Howard.

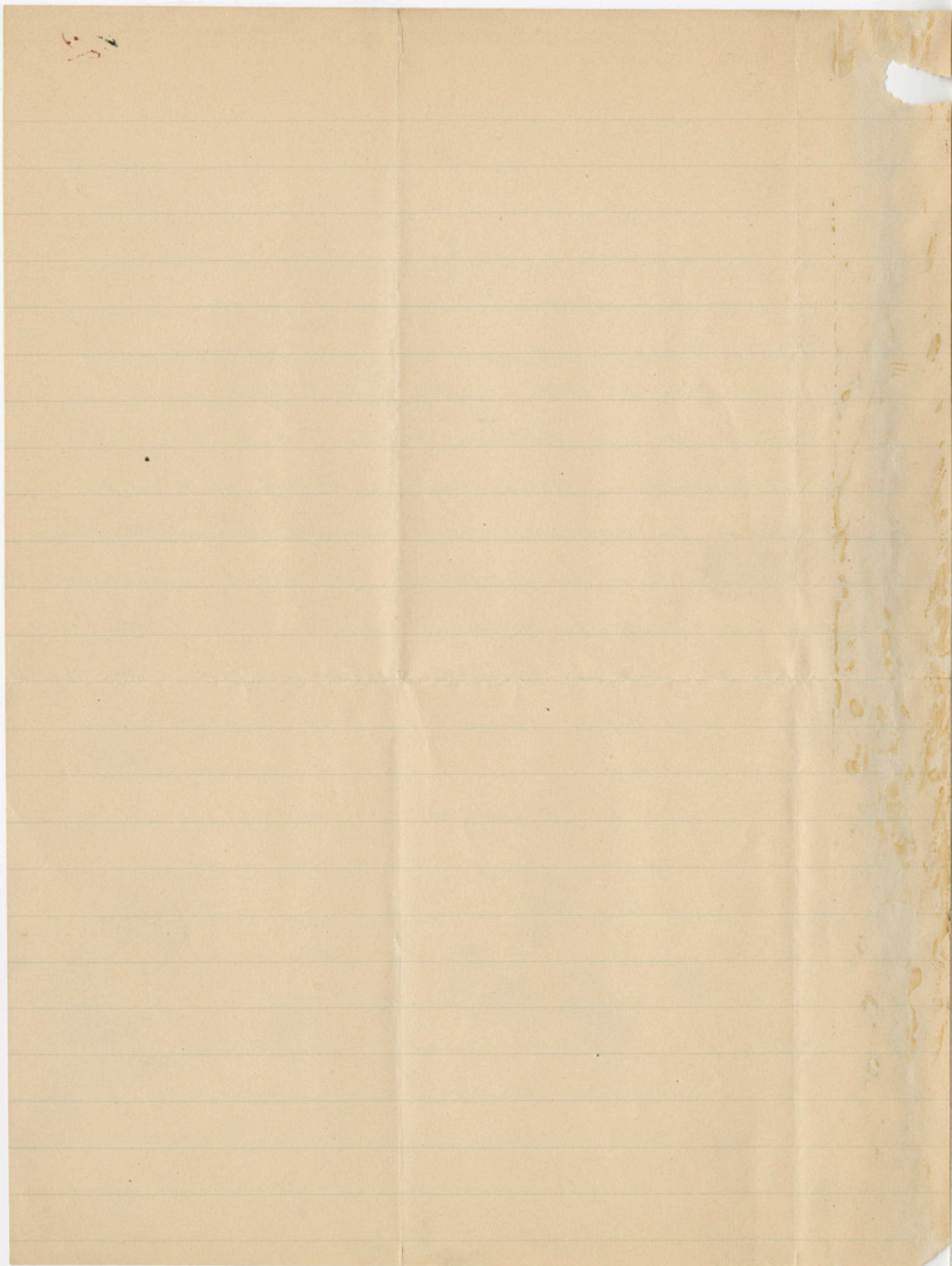
Dear General.

Capt L. M. Kelly whom you will remember as one of the reception committee for us in connection with our Fourth of July Celebration and also to welcome the Heroes Battalion, is an applicant for the position of Dept Commissioner of Pensions at Washington D. C.

Capt Kelly held a responsible position in the U. S. Pension office at Wash. During Pres Harrissons administration, and has had experience in the work of that Department. The Capt has the endorsement of our Congressman and U. S. Senator.

Capt Kelleys father and my own were near neighbors away back in the fortys. We were familiar as boys we enlisted in the same regt. in 61 as privates and served during the war. He has served two terms as Sheriff of our County, and as U. S. Indian Agt.

His records and life are familiar to me and in every place and position he has distinguished himself ^{for} faithfulness and ability.



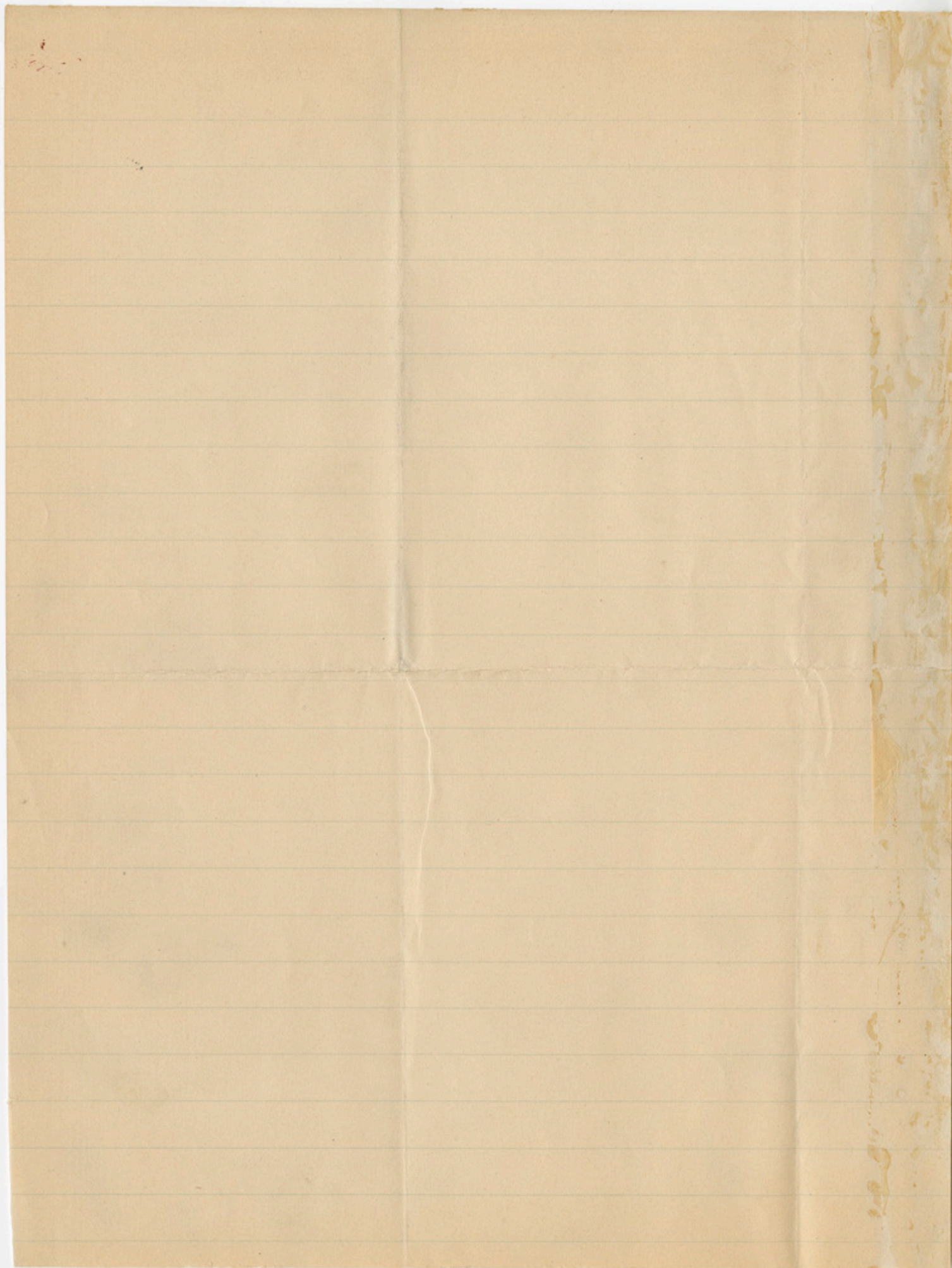
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Capt Kelly has the confidence of the old
Soldiers of this section and is their choice
for the Position

The Capt ^{feels} that your assistance
would be of great value to him.

Any kindness or assistance you could
give him would be considered
a personal favor for which I should
feel Grateful.

Very Respectfully Yours
John A McQueen.



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EQUITABLE BUILDING,
120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

January 9, 1897.

General O. O. Howard,
156 College Street,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General Howard:

I have your valued favor of yesterday with enclosed copy
of a letter from Dr. Cyrus Hamlin.

I do not personally know Mr. Oscar Strauss, but he is a
wealthy gentleman of this City, widely known for his benevolence,
and a partner I believe, in the house of R. H. Macy & Co.

I will find out more about him and let you know.

Yours very truly,

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Wager Swayne

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February 9, 1887.

General O. C. Howard,
108 College Street,
Washington, Vt.

My dear General Howard:

I have your valued favor of yesterday with enclosed copy
of a letter from Mr. Cyrus Smith.
I do not personally know Mr. Oscar Stevens, but he is a
well known resident of this city, widely known for his benevolence,
and a partner I believe, in the house of R. W. May & Co.
I will send you some more news of the city.

Yours very truly,

Wm. S. Swayne

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,
CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

CYRUS KEHR,
1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
CHICAGO.

Chicago, January 9, 1897.

General O.O. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

Dear General:-

I noticed by this morning's paper that Col. Henry Watterson is in the city, and called on him at his hotel. He received me cordially and talked over Lincoln Memorial University. He said that as he had told you in his letter, he is so much burdened in the care of his paper and his large family and other things, that he cannot possibly undertake anything which will require any amount of attention. He fully approves the undertaking and says that we shall at all times have whatever the Louisville Courier Journal can do for us. He says that if I will furnish matter for him, he will give us a good publication on Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday. He has a new portrait of Lincoln which was donated to him by some lady of the Italian nobility. He will publish this in connection with our matter, and also an unpublished portrait of Lincoln which Mr. Myers has had for a long time. He also gave me the names of newspaper publishers in several other cities and suggested that I send the same matter to each and state that he (Mr. Watterson) suggested that I communicate with them.

Mr. Watterson especially requested that I convey to you his regards and good wishes.

Yours truly,

Cyrus Kehr,

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

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Yours truly,

Cyrus Kerr

understanding of the moral
atmosphere of the ordinary
camp, I feel that one
needs the realization of the
methodist doctrine, of "com-
plete sanctification," to pass
its ordeal unscathed.

Our prime idea is that,
under existing rules, he
can rise from the ranks
to a commission; he is a
member of a Separate Co.
of the N. G. - has risen in
that & thinks he could in
the other. His mental exam.
placed him first in our N. G.
exam. but the loss of two or
three molars ranked him under
the other man. Now if you will

Condorsport, Potter Co. Pa.

Jan. 9. '97.

C. O. Howard, Maj. Gen. U.S.A.

My Dear Sir:

I have, for some
time, greatly desired to ask
of you directly some questions
and also to solicit your ad-
vice. You will, I trust, par-
don my boldness and the
intrusion a stranger's letter
may be upon your retire-
ment.

It is in regard to my
son's entering the Army
that I wish to consult
you. You will doubtless
suspect, to begin with, that
I, his mother, feel opposed

to his enlisting, mainly
on account of the common
opinion of the morale
of the regular army.

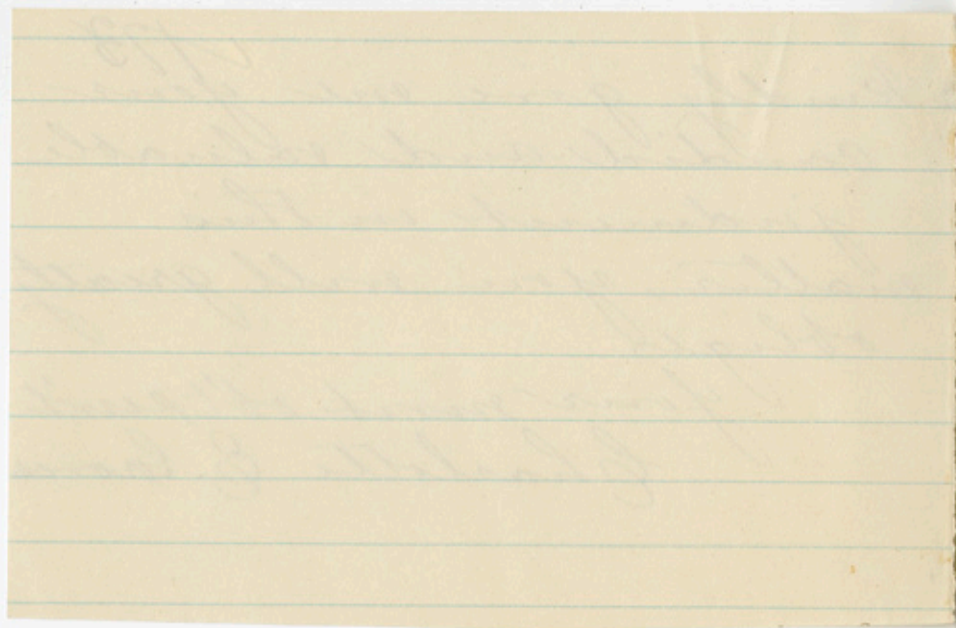
My son has from a little
boy shown marked interest
in everything military; I
don't it would pass with
childhood, but it has only
grown with his growth,
until now at 21, he can
think of engaging in nothing
else. He is, by competitive
examination, under appointment
as second candidate
for the cadetship at West
Point from this the XVI
Dist. of Penn. But we have
little expectatⁿ that he
will be accepted there
as the first seems likely
to pass the examinations.

If the first does re-
ceive the appointment,
my son is determined
(with his his parents'
consent) to enter the
ranks. Now, this is the
matter on which I wish
your advice. Would you
counsel us to allow it?

When I argue with him
on the ground of the
temptations incident to
army life, he cites you
as the conspicuous
proof that a man may
~~not~~ be a Man and a
soldier. He is a moral
young man — and more,
he is a member of the
Presbyterian Church, —
he does not even use
tobacco; but with my un-

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Kindly give me your
candid and valuable
judgment in this
matter, you will greatly
oblige

Yours most obt servt
Charlotte E. Groves



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Castleton N Jan 11 1891

Gen O.O. Howard. Dear Sir

Having been elected Post-Commander
and remembering how kindly you treated me
last-August-at-Fair-Haven. I want-to
ask you if you are engaged for an address
next memorial day and if not and you
could be persuaded to come here and address
us and what the expence would be to us
The Exercises will be in the forenoon as we
go to Hubbardton in the afternoon and hold
services there. The Normal and other schools
of this town unite with us here and at
Hubbardton the School children are all out

Please send me an answer soon
that I can read before the Post and
W.R.C.

Yours in F.b. and L

Ellis A Randall

Post-Commander

Capt of Co F, 3^d Maine Vols

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Seems q think our
master can accomplish
what they put their
whole life in his hands.
I hope to see you ere
long. I feel that my
pathway will be brighter
soon. And that many of
my troubles will be
overcome which I attribute
to my leaving the guiding
of my life in his hands.
Mrs D. joins me in
love to you and wishes
you and yours a happy and
prosperous year (1897).
Love Alice you.
yours sincerely. Chas. H. Phelps

W. Beekman St
New York.

Jan 11th 96

C.C-1897

Dear Genl. Ransom.

yours of Dec 26th
received. your days should
not be allowed to
indulge yourselves. ~~to~~ So
much in mince pies
and other indigestible
Christmas catables.

I am happy to say
that am feeling very
much better. And am
able to be about
my business. But
am still somewhat
weak. Yours the

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attack.

We had a very impressive
service in the Programing
Room at B.D. last Wednesday
evening. a Commemorative
Service to the memory of
Austin Abbott and also
Hector. Mr Lyman Abbott
one of the officers from
the University and Mr
Thomson spoke of their
Experiences ~~in~~ ^{their} in their
fellowship with Hector
Abbott. it was all
very touching and
showed what a true

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attack. We had a
very bright and sun-
shiny Christmas and
New Year's day. hear.
Emblematic of a coming
year of prosperity in
anything especially in
the forwardness of the
work for the Lord.
and that we do want
a general uprising of
the people of our land
for a closer walk with
God. and a more
moral and religious
Government. is very
evident from the present



The Vermont Association of Boston.

HON. ALANSON W. BEARD, President.
ELMER E. SILVER, Secretary and Treasurer, 110 Boylston Street.

BOSTON, Jan. 12, 1897

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

Your acceptance of the 6th, by your private secretary, of the invitation of the Vermont Association of Boston, to be present with Mrs. Howard as guests of the Association on the 19th, came during my absence in New York, which accounts for delay in acknowledging the same. We are very much delighted that you can be with us on the occasion in question, and shall endeavor to make it a pleasant one to you.

It was our plan this year to give special prominence to the military of Vermont and especially to her record in the Civil War. No set speeches have been prepared, but our President will be glad to call upon you to address the Association, and we shall be glad to have you occupy the time in such lines as you may elect.

Kindly advise me at what time you will reach Boston, so that I may arrange for your entertainment. I shall desire that you go directly to the Vendome upon your arrival, where you will find arrangements made for your entertainment. Tickets for railroad transportation will be forwarded in a day or two.

Very truly yours,

Elmer E. Silver
Secretary

Shawnee,
Shawnee Tenn. Jan'y 12th 1897

General C. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

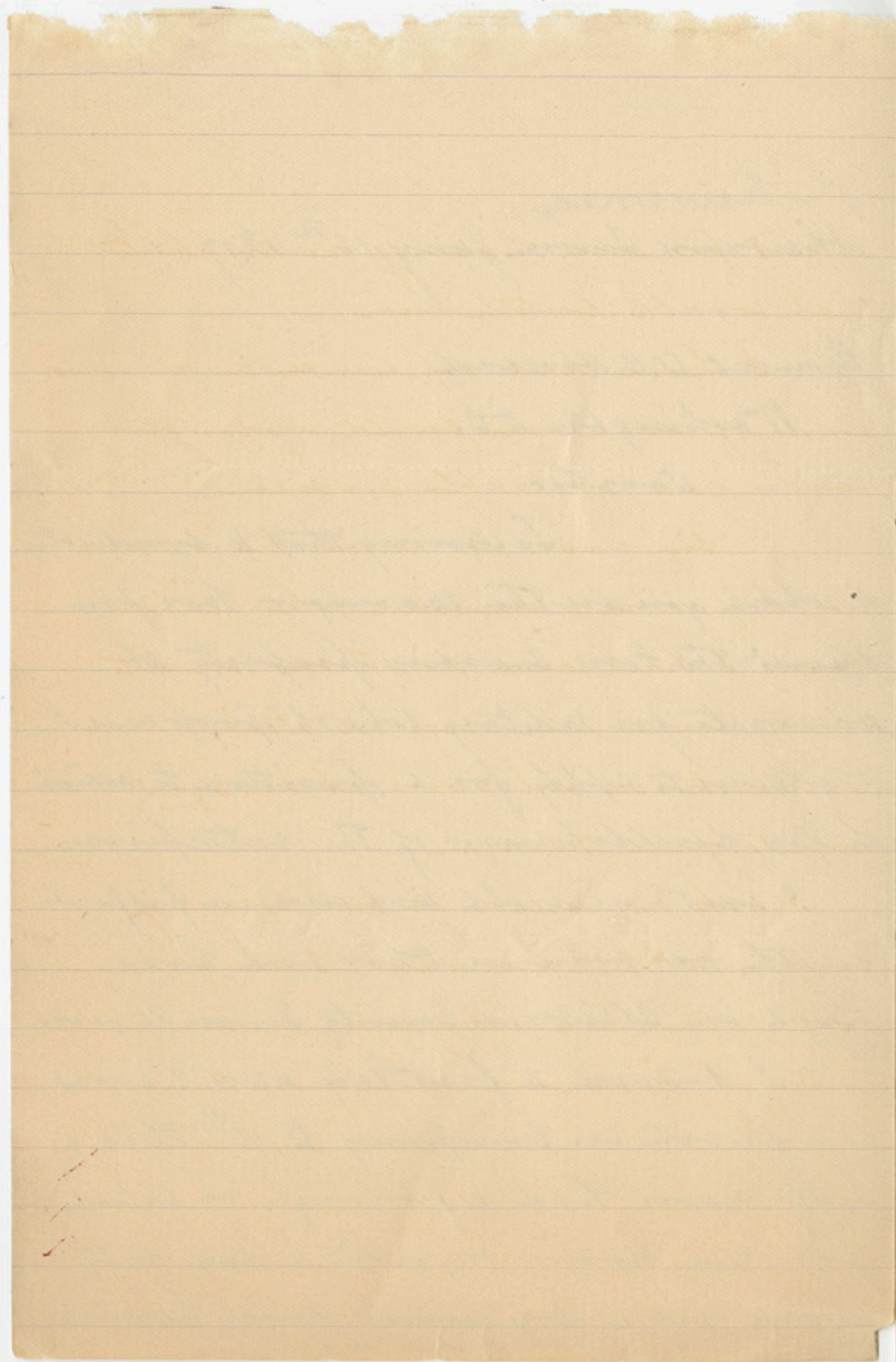
Dear Sir

Learning that a syndicate,
of which you are the Manager, has pur-
chased the four seasons property at
Harrogate for military school purposes, I
beg leave to apply for a position to assist
in the development of the enterprise.

I am 53 years old and am in perfect
health, was born in Ohio and have
lived in Claiborne County Tenn. 30 years.

I served a fraction over 3 years
as a private in Company D 10th Ohio
Infy, never had a furlough or asked
for one, never missed a days duty.

I am not a pensioner never having



applied for one, having no disability
that would entitle me.

I have had experience in various
kinds of work and could undoubtedly
render you valuable service.

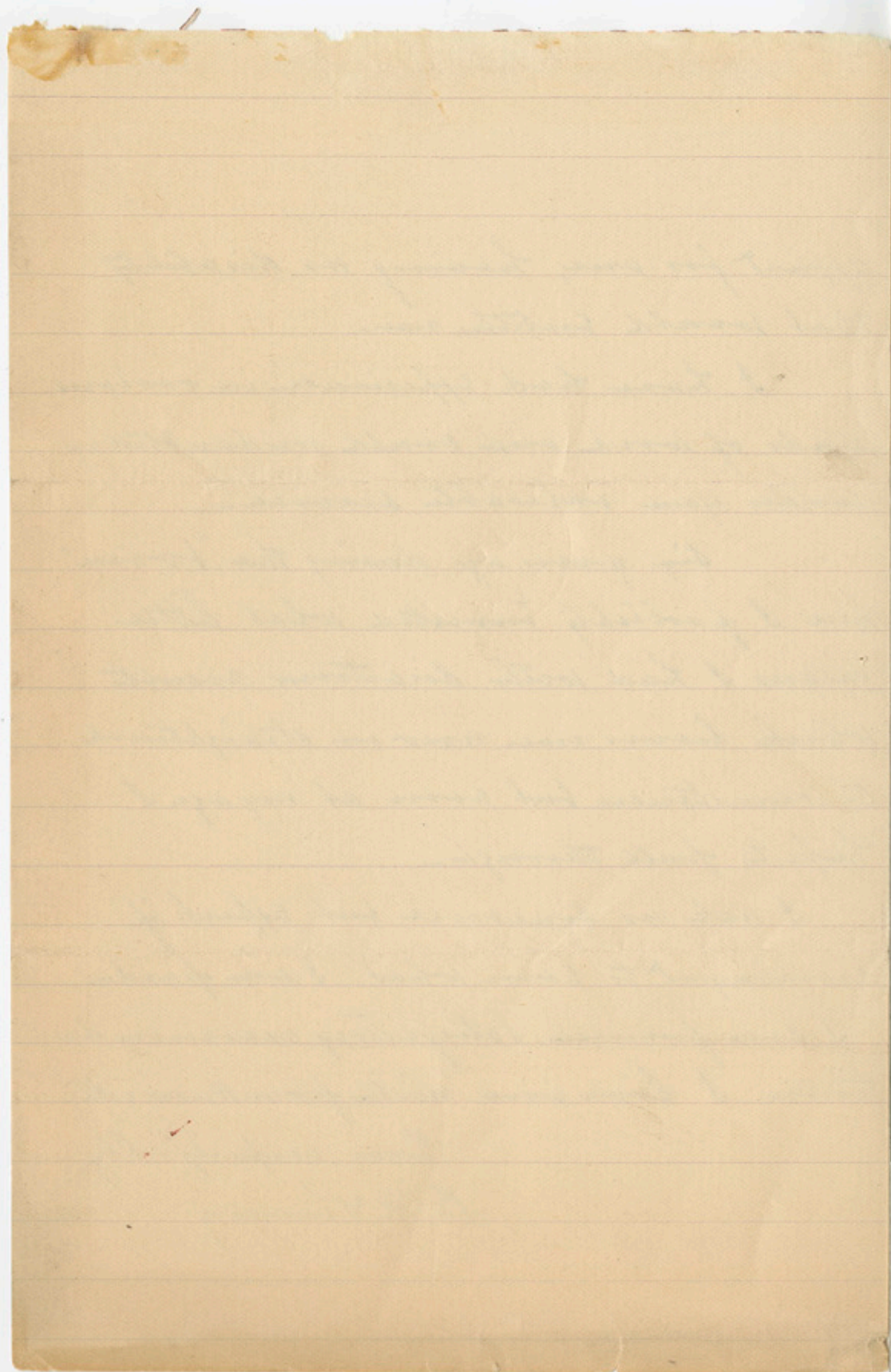
Six years ago during the "boom"
here I foolishly invested what little
means I had with disastrous results
which leaves me now in straightened
circumstances but even at my age I
hope to pull through.

I ask no sincere but expect if
employed to earn what I am paid.

I can furnish satisfactory recommen-
dations. I live one mile from Harnage.

Very respectfully
B. McKinney

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Lexington Jan 12 1897

Major General O. O. Howes

My dear General

Our first thought should be to raise the Consul position to the grade of an Ambassador. If we can send a man as Ambassador we can find a man like Foster or White or some other strong man of that grade. A "Minister" then has no rank among the Ambassadors & is never in their councils or councils. An American Ambassador would have great influence there. Because of his independence of European politics showing no one to grind in every question that comes up.

And do we not as a nation owe something to the East? From whence are Scriptures our Science of Roman Law? The Justinian Code has blessed this Western world. Have we no duties toward those Eastern lands? Are they always to be drenched in Christian blood? And could not this charge to our Embassy be done right off? Cleveland might not oppose it.

I only suggest it. You can touch the Spuyt.
Very sincerely Cyrus Humes

WESTERN BRANCH, NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

LOCAL MANAGER:
COLONEL SIDNEY G. COOKE, Herington, Kansas.

GOVERNOR:
COLONEL ANDREW J. SMITH.

MAJOR W. B. SHOCKLEY, Treasurer.
DR. D. C. JONES, Surgeon.
CAPTAIN D. C. GOODRICH, Q. M. and C. of S.

REV. W. J. GILLESPIE, Protestant Chaplain.
REV. THOS. H. KINSELLA, Catholic Chaplain.
MRS. MARTHA J. SMITH, Matron.

P. O. Address:— NATIONAL MILITARY HOME, Leavenworth County, Kansas.

January 13, 1897

General O.O. Howard, U.S.A.
Burlington, Vermont

Dear General:—

A recent number of the Army and Navy Journal, states that you have purchased property at Harrowgate, Tenn., and that the Lincoln Memorial University would probably be located there, and as I have been striving for the past few years to obtain more remunerative employment, it has occurred to me that in the organization of your University it might be possible through your influence to reach this end.

In the limited time you was at this Home during your visit a few years since I had not the opportunity to speak of my desires in this respect; and will now refer to them as briefly as possible:—

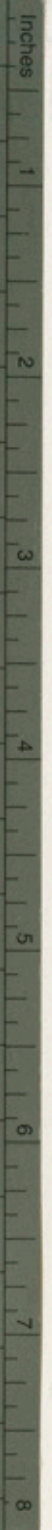
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I am sure that you know something of my clerical acquirements and I would add that with riper experience I feel myself able to undertake any work in this line, I have further gained a thorough knowledge of type-writing with both the Smith-Premier and Remington machines.

In many respects my duties here are pleasant, and if the compensation was commensurate with the work I should feel satisfied; but the desire to make the declining years of my beloved wife more comfortable and happy prompts me to reach out my hands in all directions for its accomplishment; in a conversation with her last evening she suggested this letter. I enclose herewith a letter our Acting Surgeon has been gracious enough to furnish me.

I remain General, with great respect
your obedient servant.

Edward Johnson



No. _____

WESTERN BRANCH

NATIONAL HOME FOR D. V. S.

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LOCAL MANAGER

COLONEL EDNEY G. COOK, Harrison, Kansas

GOVERNOR

COLONEL ANDREW J. SMITH

REV. W. J. GILBERT, Protestant Chaplain
REV. THOS. N. KIRKMAN, Catholic Chaplain
MR. MARTHA J. SMITH, Secy.

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CAPTAIN C. GOODRICH, Q. M. and C. of S.

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Edney G. Cook

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By way of adding to his stock of reasons, I read him my letter to Major Mc Kinley on that subject, of which you already have a copy.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

WALTER SWAYNE
FRANK SWAYNE
100 COLLEGE STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

120 Broadway, New York
January 13, 1907

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100 College Street,
Boston, Vt.

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said one word to him on the subject.

By way of adding to the stock of remarks, I told him my
letter to Major Whiting on that subject, of which you already

have a copy.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Walter Swaine



OFFICE OF

WOODS, SHERWOOD & Co.,

LOWELL, MASS., Jan. 13th., 1897

Dictated by

In reply to letter

dated.....

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:

As you are to be in Lowell the latter part of the month, at re-dedication of St. Paul M. E. Church, it is arranged and understood with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Stratton that my house # 31 West Sixth St. is to be your home while here when it will afford me great pleasure to entertain you and any of your family; and if you will kindly inform me in due time, will endeavor to meet you at Northern or Middlesex St. Station on arrival of train.

With kind regards to self and family and with compliments of the season, I am,

Very Truly Yours,

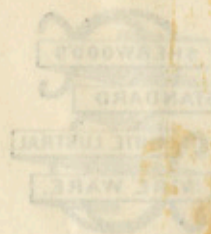
E. P. Woods, m.

Dear Mr. Howard: Please recd return
Have you swapped me
aff. yrs.
O. A. H.

WOODS, SHERWOOD & CO.,

OFFICE OF

LOWELL, MASS., Jan. 1891.



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be in Burlington we will endeavor to meet you at Northern
Burlington St. Station on arrival of train.
With kind regards to self and family and with compliments

Yours, I am,

Very truly yours,

O. S. Bowers
Wm. W. Stratton
Jan. 1891

Panama, Jan. 13th 1897.

Mr. Clem. Gazzan.
New-York.

My dear Sir,

I have received your esteemed letter of the 30th of last December.

I will forward by next mail a report on the matter you mention, - which has all my care.

Feliz Año Nuevo!

Yours truly,

Robt. Anderson



Mr. Wm. Chapman
New York

My dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 30th of last December. I will forward by next mail a report on the matter you mention, which will tell you all my case.

Very truly
Yours truly
J. M. Chapman

Received Jan 13th 1877