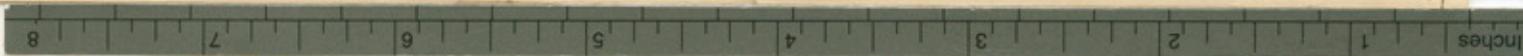


Dear General.

Perhaps you may remember me as the classmate (Bangor '63) of your Bro. Gen. C. H. Howard, and the man <sup>(as Dir. of C. C.)</sup> who believed in the Coffee-wagon at City Point, Va. (1864,) and got it out of the black berry bushes (with the late Rev. Joseph Ward, D.D. of Yankton College,) and experimented with it for the benefit of the disabled of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps. out toward "Point of Rocks" (as we were told) on the right of ~~the~~

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... on ... above Hill.  
The inclosed lines were written  
among Confederates, and just  
now, in our Country's excitement,  
have come up very  
forcibly to me.

I wonder if they might  
be of a bit of use to the World's  
Peace Society?

The coincidence of your  
connection with them, and  
my confidence in you as both  
a man of war and a man  
of peace, leads me to refer  
to you now, and ask that if  
you approve them you will

indorse them to the said Society.

Did your brother ever show you the lines  
written just before we graduated in 1863? ~~what~~

The battle of Gettysburg I think occurred  
in a par-dieu after?

"Three right brothers abide."

Our steps under the rock,  
True with swords at their side  
Fighting and trusting in God.

Fretfully,

Ernie B. Shaw.

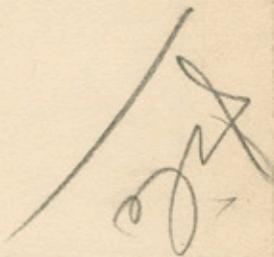
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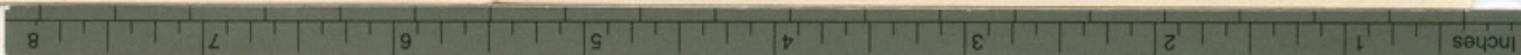
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Gen O O Howard

Dear Sir,

I have just finished  
reading your book on the life  
of General Taylor and desire  
to get further information  
concerning the Taylor family  
as my family was connected  
with the Taylors, but I am  
unable to trace the connection.  
Hence this communication to  
you, if you can put me <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~





The way  
I will do  
My friend

was I am  
of Harriett Taylor and I want  
to know who Harriett Taylor's <sup>was</sup>  
and how he was connected to  
the family of Zachary Taylor.

I can scarcely expect of you to  
trace this relationship for me,  
but with your knowledge of  
Zachary Taylor you could  
probably refer me to  
some one of the family from  
whom I may get the desired  
information. It gives me

friendship much pleasure to address  
to you. You know of you as a  
father's soldier and my husband  
daughter one of the ministers

of Harriett Taylor and I want  
to know who Harriett Taylor's <sup>was</sup>  
and how he was connected to  
the family of Zachary Taylor.

Respectfully

Saura Pignaw Moore

My address

Mrs E. W. Moore

112 Miami Ave

Detroit Mich

February twenty eighth

Brattleboro, Vt.

Feb. 28 1898.

Gen. Oliver O. Howard.

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear Brother;-

You know undoubtedly that I was one of the committee of seven appointed at New Haven, on Hon. Mr. Hall's business paper, presented to the Board from the Prudential Committee. I was also continued on the committee of fifteen, who are to make their report at the next annual meeting. This committee have already had one meeting in New York, and feel quite deeply that a momentous question is before them, which they are to help solve. We divided ourselves into five Sub-committees of three each. I am one upon the committee which has the financial question especially in hand. I would like very much to know, after your full consideration of the paper not only on the paper as a whole, but particularly on the financial part, what you would suggest for the final report at the annual meeting. We shall have another meeting in New Haven about May, 15th. I have written all of our Vermont corporate members the same as yourself, and hope for expression from each one, for a mighty movement is absolutely necessary if we should put our beloved American Board again upon the high plane where it should be. The reiterating, especially in such a report as we must make, of the old methods in many ways; to raise money such as a penny a day or a dime a week etc, or a large amount of statistics such as is already fully known, as portrayed by Dr. Strong, "In Our Country," as well as by many others, it seems unnecessary; although I thoroughly believe in systematic giving in the ways referred to or in any other, so

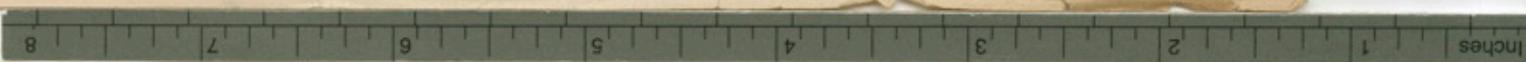
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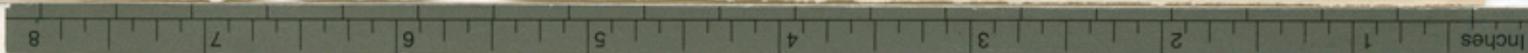
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that each church has a plan. What I mean is that in such a paper  
as we <sup>sh</sup> would present before such an audience as we have at our  
annual meetings, we should not thresh old straw too much, but if  
possible so lift those that hear, and those that afterwards may  
read, up to the high point of absolute christian duty, and to  
make if possible such an impression, that every christian man and  
woman in all our churches may be led to say, woe is me if I do  
not heed the Master's great command. We must also make our paper  
as brief as possible so that it will be read.

Very truly  
C. G. Thompson

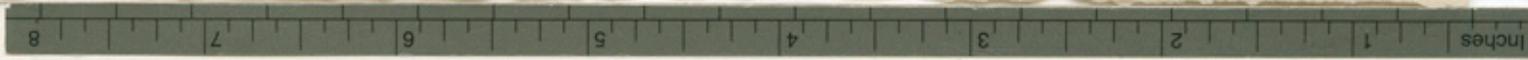
Counsel is what we wish -



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as brief as possible so that it will be read.

*Very truly yours,*  
*Wm. W. Phelps*

*Received of the*



I need it. I am sure  
You must be too good  
to refuse. I see by  
the paper this morning  
You have offered your  
services in case of war  
this act of bravery and  
gallantry is certainly worthy  
of you. And the Country  
must be glad to get you.  
But I will pray hard during  
this winter season that there  
will be no occasion for another  
such war. And if many  
knew what a people think  
another war means. They would  
not want it, they would tremble  
at the very thought of it. Be  
believe me through the heart,  
Yours very sincerely  
Helen W. Traack

Conshohocken Pa  
January - 28<sup>th</sup> - 98

My dear Gen. Howard  
Not having heard  
from you since  
I sent you as you  
requested a statement  
upon which I base  
my claim for an  
increased pension  
I am sure my letter  
could not have reached  
you. Even if it did  
reach you and you  
disappeared you would

increase - if I did not  
feel that I am entitled  
to it - and I am so  
much in need - I should  
have been getting the pension  
of a Major's widow all  
these years - while they  
have only allowed me  
a Captain's - If it is a  
law - it is a very unjust  
one and ought to be changed.  
My husband died a Major  
and did active duty - while  
holding that rank - and  
was trying duty - in  
a dreadful climate - and  
in a most inhospitable

Country - where his health  
was wrecked - I hope dear  
General you will help  
me winning the case -  
if you know how much

have noticed it - I  
feel sure - unless you  
have a reason for the  
delay - I am sure if  
you fully understood  
the case - and knew  
my husband very well  
you would think my  
application justifiable  
as many officers do - and  
all your willing to  
assist me with their influence  
I have had letters of  
assurance of assistance  
from Genl. Miles Stanley  
Brook - Merrill - Holch  
and Col. D. Hunt - and  
many officers of his  
old Regiment - The 4th Co.  
I shall not apply for this

57 Meacham St.  
West Somerville  
Mass.  
Feb. 28 1898.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Sir:-

I am very desirous of entering the United States Military Academy at West Point when the cadet in my district shall have finished his course in 1899. My father, Col. George A. Kessel graduated from the Academy in 1857, and I take the liberty to write and ask you if you knew him, and if I might call on you some time, and get your advice in regard to getting

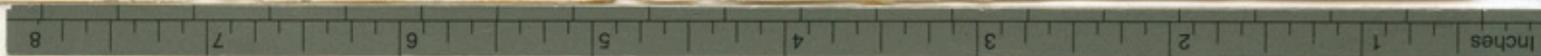
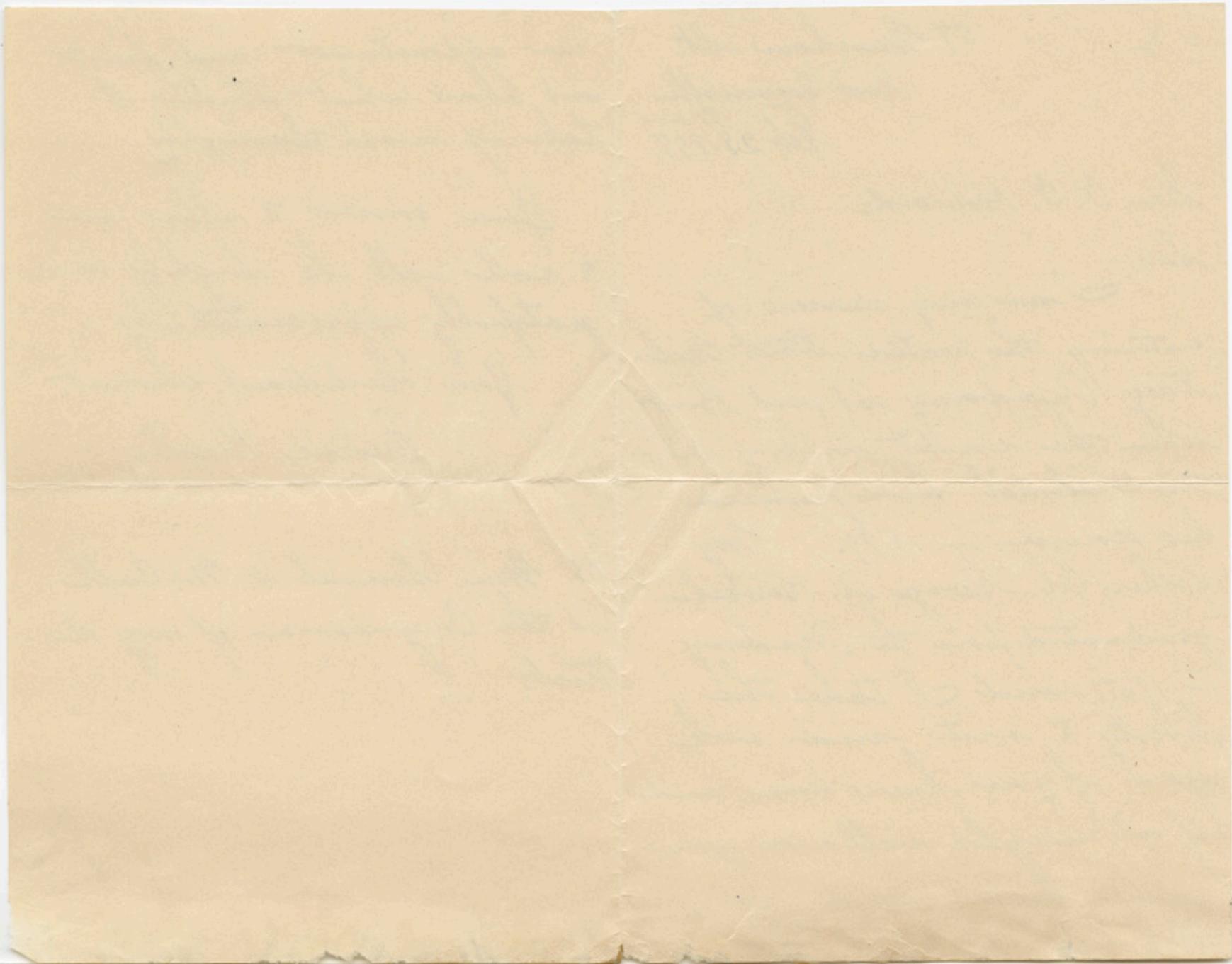
an appointment, and find out about what studies to take up most thoroughly.

Your consent to allow me to call will be highly and gratefully appreciated by

Your obedient servant,

Frederic Kessel

P.S. Hon. Samuel W. McCall is the Congressman of my district.



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General O. O. Howard

Montpelier Vt.

Dear Sir:

For many years I have studied & carefully followed experiments made in Aerial navigation, and think I now can put a simple practical air ship together in short time and at little expense. I have been trying to get some money laid by to go it alone, but the chances of war, urges me to get a partner in the scheme who will share the expense with me of a small air ship that could be used to excellent advantage against an enemy of our Country. Neither Balloon or Aeroplane is practical in my opinion although lifting power is no more important than motive power. I think I can convince you when you see my plans that I am right. If so you can join me in making model & sharing the invention, if not, no harm done. Can give you references as to Honesty and ability an Engineer & good mechanic.

Yours truly  
Joseph Stretch

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Orange St. 5  
1892

James C. C. Thomas

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your memory  
I have carefully followed  
your letter regarding  
the matter of the  
hot air heating  
system in the  
building at  
Washington D.C.  
I have been  
trying to get  
some more  
information  
about the  
system of  
hot air heating  
and the  
advantages  
of it. I  
will be  
pleased to  
hear from  
you again  
if you can  
give me  
any more  
information  
regarding  
the  
subject.

Yours truly  
James C. C. Thomas

107 State St  
Montpelier Vt Feb 24, 1898  
Mr W L Ellis

Dear Sir

We have our concert  
booked for about that time  
& having had a long & nice  
course we have decided  
not to do any thing more  
until next fall.

Sincerely Yours

W. S. Boardman

