

[ca. Feb. 24, 1900?]

Elmhurst.

My Gen. O'Hara Esq.
Dear Sir -

Please find
attached a check for ten dollars
for Endowment fund of Lincoln
Memorial University for what
your appeal has made in the
 Tribune some time since -

I would be glad if I could
send more. If this is a matter
less than you wish for the
Endowment fund is accord with
your plans. Please use for some
thing else -

Please do not put my name in any
newspaper acknowledgment
Cotton Falls (Ind.)
Hartford

Very truly yours
Frances H. Close

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Manito for Black Education -

23, West 29th Street.

My dear Genl Howard

I have yr. circular
noted Feb 10: & notice yr kind
words of sympathy for death
young brother Nov 27 - many
thanks - On Dec. 27. my
dear wife after years of
suffering passed peacefully
to the mansion prepared by our
kind Heavenly Father. I have
my two sons & daughter to
comfort me. I sail for Italy
on 28th with my daughter
for a much needed rest.

Leaving just responsibilities
resting upon me I must
take care of myself

I trust you & yrs are
keeping well. Glad
to know you have had
a successful year at
the "Lincoln Memorial"
& our song I cannot
send you more than
the enclosed note, \$25, but
I can do no more the
demands are so great
that unless I am careful
I'll have to take to the woods

Sometimes next month, send
a line to Misses Agnes
1344 9th, daughters of my
brother Bro. T. A., they may
feel disposed later on
perhaps to join to those
objects - which interested
their father - do not mention
my name

With kindest regards
I shut wishes

To sincerely

W. H. Agnew
Feb 24 1900



New York

Hotel Manhattan

February 24-1900

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir-

Mrs. Hammond wishes me to acknowledge your letter written by secretary and tell you that she hopes to interest ^{you} ⁱⁿ your good cause. - (This is my desire)

The Yarmouth clergyman, Mr. Crane, was very tactful in choosing for the time of Church collection for American University, the Sunday that the Unitarian Church united with us in a union service, to which the Sons of American Revolution were invited. The response was very general. Although the money came in small amounts -

Since coming to New York Mrs. Hammond has met a

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most interesting man who has
written much of value for dentistry.
In conversation with him she
asked if he knew you and he
replied that you married a
cousin of his - It is Dr. Henry
Nash of New York and Mrs.
Hammerton ~~has~~ considers him
as man of wonderful ability,
whose acquaintance she is
very glad to make.

Very sincerely
V. H. Filson

For Mrs. George W. Hammerton
Dear General Howard, Hotel Lafayette Mar 19
Phil - in route to Washington 1900
I am forced to say { Hotel Raleigh
that Dr. Nash - proved to be not a
surprise - in his enormous charges
& with some peculiar habits - those

Don't make me

Cautious in trusting

him in the future - I now

feel that I do not know him

And this is sad.

We go as far South

as Asheville - N.C. We sail

for Europe June 2nd - We are

having business in Germany.

Accept once be spoken

in June. I hope you will

forward to your children

will to them after your return

Consequently. We shall have a

housekeeper - You will know the

servants. Faithfully, Wm. H. H.

The Best Thoughts of the Best Minds.

THE MAYNARD PRESS AGENCY,

LA SALLE A. MAYNARD, PROPRIETOR AND MANAGER.

87 BIBLE HOUSE.

New York, ^{my} Feb 24 ^{am} 1899.

My Dear General:-

Here is
that long delayed
check. I am sorry
I could not pay it
sooner, but the banks
using the article have
been very slow in
making their returns
to me.

Yours sincerely
L A Maynard

THE MAYNARD PRESS AGENCY

12 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

TO THE EDITOR

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours very truly,

Wm. Maynard

Secretary

to the

Commissioners of the

Land Office

Washington

D. C.

Enclosed

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Frederic B. Chandler,
26 Broadway,
Room 908,
New York.

February 24, 1900.

Maj. General Oliver O. Howard, U.S.A., Retired,
Burlington,
Vt.

Dear Sir:-

If agreeable to you, I would very much
appreciate the compliment of your autograph for my
collection.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy and
enclosing stamped addressed envelope, etc., I remain,

Very respectfully,

Frederic B. Chandler

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Frederic H. Olin
25 Broadway
Room 402
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MOUNTAIN PARK HOTEL,
HOT SPRINGS, N. C.

February 25th-
1900

General A. A. Howard,

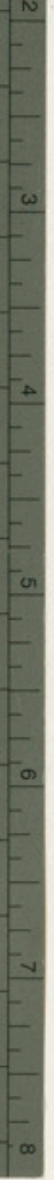
Dear Sir;

I received yours of the 21st inst. and simply say that Mr. Fairchild knew very well that I had been liberal in my donations toward the education of the poor whites of the Mountain region of Tennessee, and therefore, he was hardly warranted in calling your attention to me at this time.

Yours Very Respectfully
John Dwight

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MOUNTAIN PARK HOTEL
HOT SPRINGS, N. C.



if a President.

The circular which states what
you are doing - which you mentioned
has not yet reached me - I should
be pleased to receive it - I always
read all that you publish - if I
know of its appearance - I have
now before me your article in the
February North American Review.

Very truly yours.

Mary L. Wilson.

Maine, Georgia. Feb 25. 1900

Dear Genl Howard:

Your kind letter has been grate-
fully received. Herewith I send the
facts concerning Lt Col. Taft's military
career. All of these have been laid
before the Pension Bureau. I think
the hitch in the matter may be due
to the fact that his mother - Mrs J.
S. Taft - has not resided many years
in Seattle, and there is no one there
eligible to testify that she is the
actual mother of Lt. Col. Taft; and
the facts concerning her dependence
and absolute lack of income may
not be easy to get at either -

though her age & infirmities must
be very obvious. Mrs Taft has in
the presence of witnesses ^{signed} - a response
sent to her by the Pension Bu-
reau - indeed all that have been
sent have been answered shortly.
but still the claim has not been
met.

I am the only one living excepting
herself who knows all the facts of
the case - as I knew Col. Taft well
and I have corresponded with his
mother for thirty five years. Mrs
Taft requested me to act as her
attorney in this matter, & as such
I suppose I am not allowed to testi-
fy. Mrs T. is too infirm now to

prepare her own statements.

The Pension Bureau has not ask-
ed for my credentials, tho' I was accept-
ed as attorney.

I am a Northern woman, and in well
known Boston circles I can give
ample references. I have a few
friends in Washington but not in
conspicuous circles. Mr W. C. Carter
of the United States Court in Atlanta
(Clerk of the Court) knows me well
and has known me long.

Mrs Taft is dependent upon one
of her children - (she has but one
surviving) who is not able to
give her the comforts her case
requires - and she sadly feels her-

For me & my vanity I will give
some references which may be of
use.

Washington. Mrs Mary Fuller
Librarian of the Library of
the Interior.

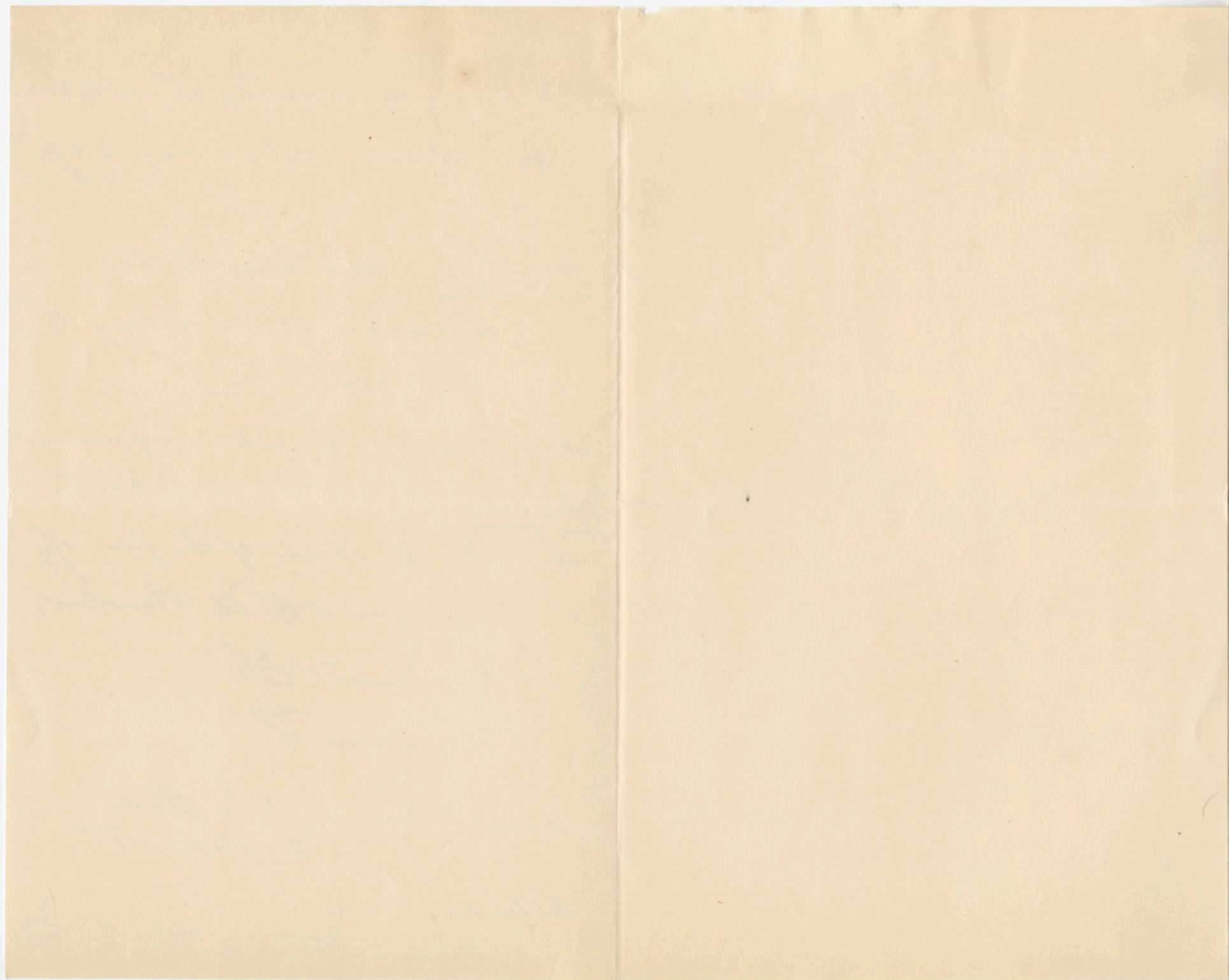
Mrs Mel R. Colquhitt. Congressional
Boston. Hotel.

Mr W. H. Bell of the firm of
Richardson & Well Bankers,

Mr R. Stuart Chase.
Congress St.

Chicago. Rev. J. Vita Blake.
21 Laflin St.

Atlanta. Mr W. C. Carter -
United States Court -



Massachusetts Club.

The next meeting of the club will occur on Saturday, March 3,
at Young's Hotel. Reception 1.30. Dinner 2 p.m.

The quests will be

HON. WHITELAW REID,

LATE MEMBER OF THE U. S. PEACE COMMISSION,

EX. U. S. MINISTER TO FRANCE,

and

EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.

also

HON. J. G. SCHURMAN,

LATE CHAIRMAN OF THE U. S. PHILIPPINE COMMISSION,

and

PRESIDENT OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

It is positively necessary that your intention of being present
be known at the earliest moment to secure a seat, as our space is
limited.

S. S. BLANCHARD, Sec'y and Treas.

Address, P. O. Box 2465.

177 State Street,

Boston, Feb. 26, 1900.

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Massachusetts Club

The next meeting of the club will occur on Saturday, March 2,

at Young's Hotel, Reception 1 to 2, Dinner 2 to 3.

The guests will be

HON. WHITEHAW REID,

LATE MEMBER OF THE U. S. SENATE,

EX. C. S. MINISTER TO RUSSIA,

and

EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.

also

HON. J. D. SCHURMAN,

LATE CHAIRMAN OF THE U. S. COMMISSIONERS,

and

PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

It is positively necessary that each member of the club

be present at the next meeting to receive a card, as the card is

E. B. BLANCHARD, Secy. and Treas.

Address, 10 E. 42nd St.

115 West Street

Brooklyn, N.Y., N.Y.

Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Feb. 26, 1900.

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My Dear General;--

I send you herewith the letter to Dr. Pearsons which I have got signed. You see that I have left room on both sides of the sheet for Directors, Advisors etc. It was on the best paper that we had. If you should wish to change the wording at all, you can feel free to do so of course.

Mr. Myers is away looking for funds, so I could not get his name. We shall all pray for your success in presenting this petition. I will write no more just now as a man is waiting to take this letter to town that it may go in the morning mail. All is well and going smoothly.

Yours fraternally,
John H. Larrick

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Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Feb. 26, 1900.

My Dear General:--

I send you herewith the letter to Dr. Pearson

which I have got signed. You see that I have left room on

both sides of the sheet for Directors, Advisors etc. It was

on the best paper that we had. If you should wish to change the

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All is well and going smoothly.

*Yours faithfully,
John H. Johnson*



St. Denis Hotel,
Broadway and Eleventh Street.

New York, Feb 26th 1880.

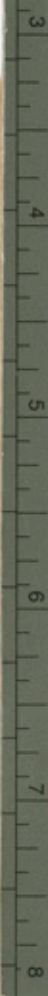
Gen. C. C. Howard.

Medford. Mass.

Dear Gen Howard -
You know I

have not been well for
several days. This morning
I went to a friend of mine,
Dr H. C. Houghton, an anriest. He
unstopped my ears all right
but about an hour after I
was taken with a severe
chill on the street. I kept going
till four o'clock when I took to
my bed and have been here
since. If I am not better
tomorrow I may attempt
to get home at once.

I had a talk with Russell



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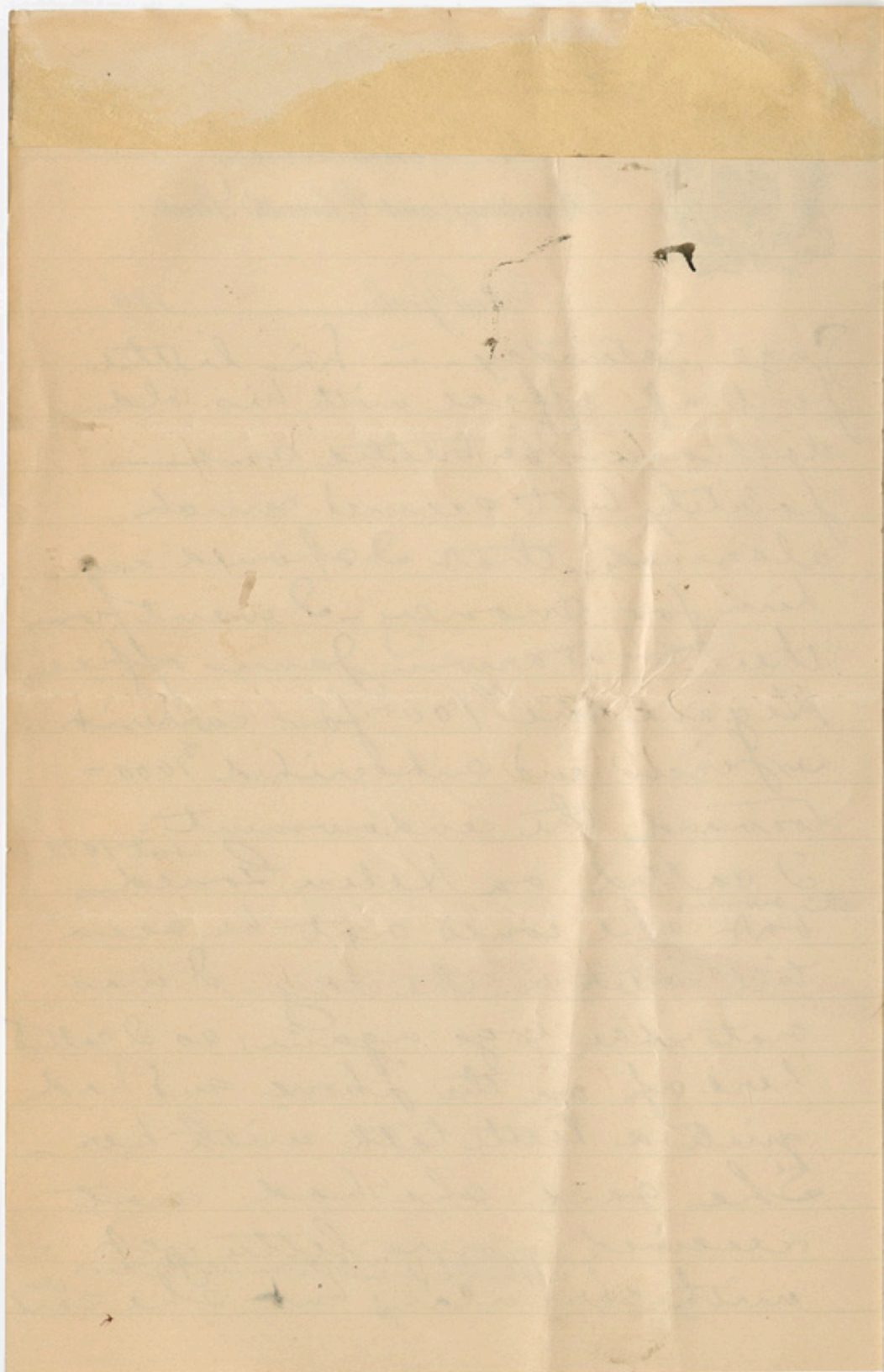


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Broadway and Eleventh Street.

New York, _____ 189

Page Saturday - in his little
pent up office with his old
clothes on - He treated me
politely but seemed much
alarmed that I should ask
him for money - I went from
there to Darwin James office,
He gave me \$100 - for current
expenses and subscribed \$1000 -
toward the endowment -

I called on Helen Gould ^{about 10³⁰}
^{this morning} but she could not be seen
till later in the day - I was
not able to go again: so I called
her up on the phone and had
quite a little talk with her -
She said she had not
received your letter yet
with circulars ^{which I left with the man at the door} but she said





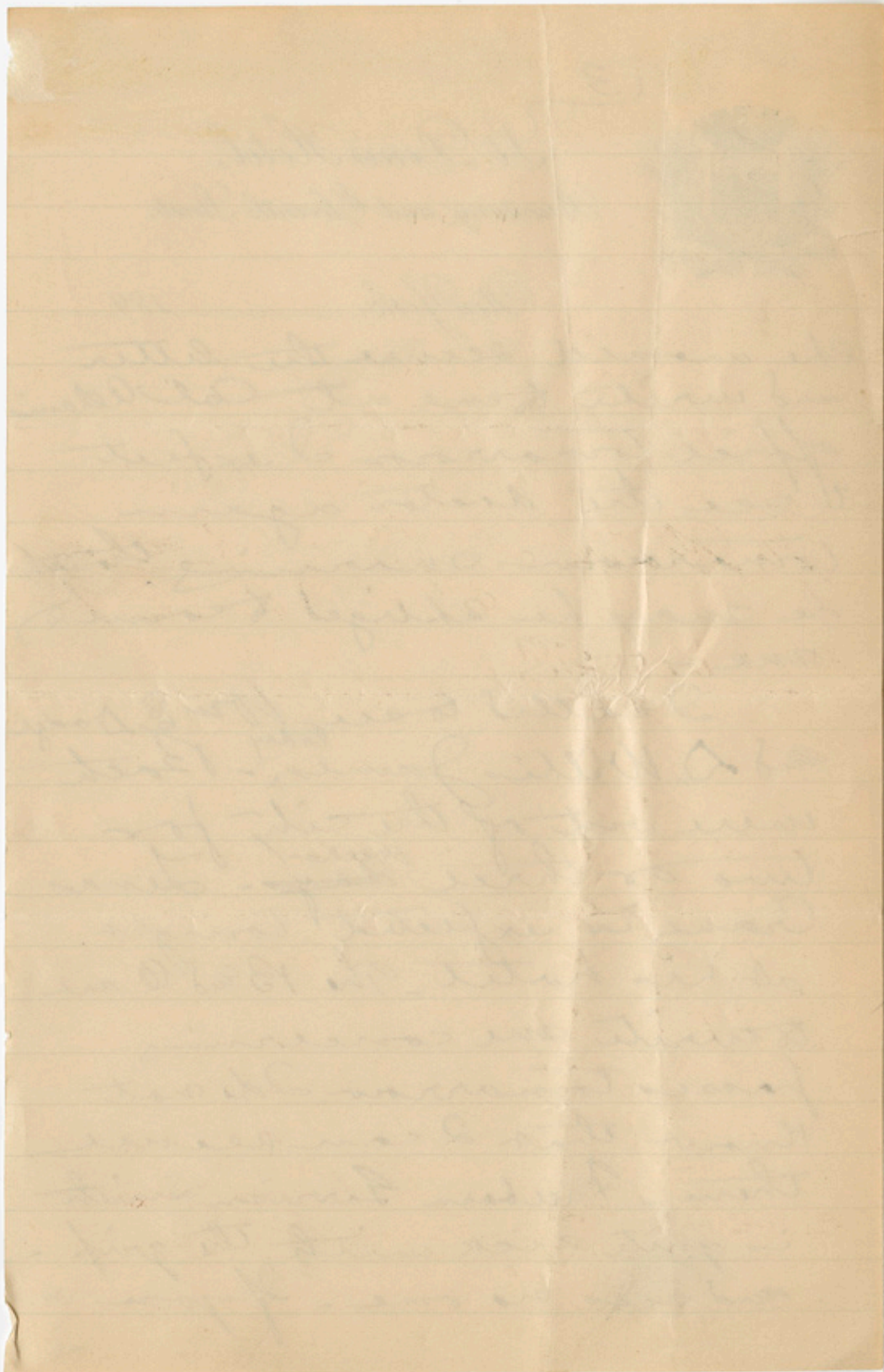
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He would secure the letter
and write to me at Col Adams
office tomorrow. I expect
to see the doctor again
tomorrow morning though
he may be obliged to come to
me -

I called to see Wm E. Dodge
and D. Willis James ^{today} - Both
were out of the city for
two or three ^{weeks} ~~days~~ - Texas
Crane is expected tonight
at his hotel. The B and Q are
to write me concerning
passes tomorrow. I do not
know that I can receive
them - Freeborn Garrison Smith
is quite sick with the grip -
and sees no one. If you

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Broadway and Eleventh Street.

New York, _____ 189__

write address me at the
St Denis Hotel. I may
not be able to get away
as soon as I expect to -

Most sincerely Yours &c
E. P. Fairchild

~~Victor to C. R.~~



Handwritten signature or initials, possibly "S. H. H." or similar, written in dark ink.

A vertical ruler with markings from 3 to 8. The markings are in inches, with major ticks every inch and minor ticks every half inch. The numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are printed next to the major ticks.

To Secretary of Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir:

In an interview with
Gen Howard on Thursday last
arrangements were made
to have him deliver an address
in the First Presbyterian Church
Morristown, New Jersey
June 17th. Bunker Hill Day.

He requested me to
announce this fact to
you. Kindly acknowledge
receipt of this letter and
forward to me any printing
matter relative to his life
which we may use to ad-
vertise the lectures with.

your very truly; H. W. Hurd.

Mr. Watson, P. J.
Feb. 26, 1905.

To Secretary Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir:

In an interview with
the Honorable Mr. Howard last
arrangements were made
to have him deliver an address
in the First Presbyterian Church
November, New Jersey.
June 17th. Underhill Hall.
He requested me to
announce this fact to
you, kindly acknowledge
receipt of this letter and
forward to me any further
matter relative to this
which we may need to
assist the lecture with.



Young Men's Christian Association

(INCORPORATED.)

DAVID CARLISLE, President.
ROBERT D. KENT, Treasurer,
W. F. DAUM, General Secretary.

Passaic, N. J., Feb 26, 1900

Gen. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:—

Yours of 23rd to
hand, we are delighted
that you can be with us
the 1st of April, we shall
arrange our meeting for that
Sunday but as to the
\$50. it will be hard for
us to pay as much as
that as our city is not
very large and our

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Have answered
cannot be then except
for the \$50 + exps.

O.O.H.

Collection usual only

amounts to about \$1000

We shall be pleased to
pay your expenses,
perhaps you do not fully
understand that we desire
a Gospel address.

We hope for a favorable

Answer

Very truly
Wm. L. Garrison

Dear Father:-

If you know what you
said to him you care and
Lovingly Harry

New London, Conn., July 27, 1900.
Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear General Howard: I was
sincerely sorry to miss the call from
yourself and Dr. Gill yesterday af-
ternoon. It was left somewhat of an
open question as to whether you would
be able to call at all, and I had the
impression that if you did call it
would very probably be in the fore-
noon. But it is a great gratification
to know that we may expect to hear
you in our church on March 11. Yrs
J. H. H.

every reason we must give
both services, if you feel able to give
twice for us. I cordially invite you
to both, and hope you will take the
morning service in any event. You
may count upon one half of the hun-
dred dollars, if you speak at the morning
service; and on the whole of it from us
if we are permitted to have you at
the two services. Probably a union
service will be arranged for the eve-
ning, for which no better place could
be obtained in town than our church;
though - lest I appear to be selfish -
let me hasten to say that I am will-

ing and ready to join in one elsewhere, if some other place
of meeting is preferred. I feel sure that the day will be
one of real and great blessing to us all, and I am thankful
for the privilege of hearing you again in the things be-
longing to the kingdom. If I can send word so as to make
definite arrangements next Sunday of the place for the
element, I shall be very glad. Believing me, with great re-
spect,
Very truly yours, James H. Ripley,
Rider St., Cuy. Co.

Today I revisited
Rev. Marc Arthur,
another old & warm
friend of the Spirit
Cause. May I also
Remind you of the
humble guest from
Swiss Alpine home
whom you kindly enter-
tained at your board?
I forward a Circular
May I respectfully
entreat you to further
this good cause by your
name added to the list &
by your kind sending
as a list of good men
& women to be visited.
Very respectfully,
Arnold A. F. Gillig

137 East 16. St
New York
N.Y.
Feb 27. 1900

General O. A. Howard
Burlington
Dear Sir,
Ten years ago -
at Governor's
Island - you
received kindly
& generously the
Appeal from
Spirits, heading
the Union of
Protestant
Churches, in
the Archiv of the
Memorial Church
of the Protestant

at Spire on Rhine
of April 19th 1529"
Today by the able
management of
Henry Villard, Esq.,
a galaxy of American
citizens, of the
church & the business
world, are grouped
around the rising
Memorial Church
by the Rhine!

Last summer I
was there with a
friend from America;
the noble edifice
striving upwards
towards the
Memorial windows
& Interior furnishings
bearing the names

of the august princes
of the
6 Protestants of
the Cities' annual
earnings that once
bore testimony, in
times of danger, to the
Christian Gospel
& the Liberty of
Man's Conscience!
Re Albert Reyschlag
Vicar of Pirmasens
in the Palatinate, is
now appealing
to American hearts
& judgment from the
pulpit, while a
few of us help
calling up
friends to the
great cause!



St. Denis Hotel,
Broadway and Eleventh Street.

New York, Feb 28 1890

Dear Genl. Howard

I just received a
line from Mr Myers. He
wants some circulars and
letter heads. (a good sign)

I wrote him & ~~replied~~
with you & sent him some
address him —

"Rev A. A. Myers Scranton
Pa. Care of Rev Mr Lansing"

I am able to be around,
but not at all well. just
paid Adams another \$100.

Will expect to meet you
in Chi. Must hurry to get
my train. Most sincerely yours

Ed. Fairchild

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Dear Mr. Howard

I have received your letter of the 11th inst.

and am glad to hear that you are well and
hope to hear from you again soon.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. A. Howard
Care of Rev. Mr. Howard

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Feb. 28, 1900

Los Angeles, California.
1818 East 2nd Street.
Boyle Heights.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to warmly
thank you for all the articles which you
have sent me relative to the Lincoln
Memorial University - and the enclosure
of the "Certificate" also -

My interest in the University and all
which pertains to it will continue - It
is a great regret to me that my present
income is not sufficient to permit of
my making a donation which would
at this present time avail to give
the aid immediately needed.

It would afford me such real pleasure
were I able to do so -

I am going to consider it in the
future. My ordinary work, and have
interest to center there as time goes
appreciated your interest expressed in the

Summon to my late husband upon
Prescott Lincoln -

Could you have known Mr Perinichief, surely
you would have found him a man in all
respects coinciding with yourself in all matters
of life both secular and religious.

I am confident too, that were he now living
he would make all possible effort to aid you
in forwarding the interests of Lincoln University,
and he would, also believe it to be a grander
merit than any other, and as it must
prove, a continuous blessing to the living, who
come under its influence -

Mr Perinichief expressed his desire during
life that no money should be spent in the
erection of a monument at his own grave,
but wished rather that the money be appropriated
to aid some worthy institution.

There was however a monument erected
by the Church in Bridgeport near Norristown
Penna where he died and Memorial Windows
were placed in Churches in other of his former
Parishes.

I desire when it is possible to establish an
Octavius Perinichief Scholarship in the

Lincoln University - It would I feel sure
be in accordance with his views -

Owing to the delicate health of some of
my family, and having but a moderate
income, with no immediate prospect of
increasing it, I must await developments.

Long before we left the East I wished to
write to you - but my time became too con-
stantly taxed to permit this.

I was very greatly disappointed in not
having the pleasure of meeting you again
before we came away - and had hoped to
have the privilege of meeting your wife also.

As you know, we were for some time
stopping at your son's home in Mt. Holly.

We can never fully repay Mr. & Mrs. Howard
for their kind attentions. It was a privilege
to be in the midst of such a cheerful happy
family circle. Aside from my attachment
for Mr. & Mrs. Howard, each child had a
special attraction for me, so that now I may
truly say I have longed for them as the days
have passed and feel real sorrow over this
separation - This distance from them at this
time of my life compels me to feel that we

may yet meet again, and a very heavy
heart is mine, though I do strive to look
only on the bright and hopeful side.

When I came to know and appreciate
your sons character - as all must - who
know him - I longed to that my husband
had known, or was living to know him.

They would have proved the warmest friends.
Mr Howard is a truly spiritual minded
man and so helpful to those who though
aiming to live near Christ - have - owing
it may be to peculiar circumstances, come
to need the helpful and uplifting words of
such an one as he is.

He is so unselfish and self sacrificing.
It is true that our loved ones who are
"gone home" have revealed to them that
which occurs to us who are left here below -
surely Octavius Cunniff has brought
God's richest blessing to rest upon
Mr Chauncy Howard for his exceeding
great kindness to us, and untiring labor
to aid us in our greatest of all undertakings
to reach this far off land.

I can never fail to pray always for

for him and his loved ones - but likewise
aim to reward them more substantially
than I have done - Prayer and action must
be linked together you know so well.

Believe me I have felt a deep
sympathy for you in your late bereave-
ment; and can understand somewhat
at least - of its weight upon you.

To noble a character as your Son
could but have endeared him to every heart
and a Mother's & Father's heart - must indeed
have experienced a sorrow beyond ^{the power of} words
to express in thus losing him.

Surely it is one of our greatest comforts
to know that for all of us who have been
faithful followers of Christ - and who have
much of trial and sorrow to bear throughout
this earth-life, there remains for us the
fulfillment of the precious Promise of 1 Cor. 2:9
and Rev. 7:15-17 - Forever with our Lord
and with our loved ones, for whom
now our hearts often yearn unavailingly.

R.

P.S.

I find I have not as I intended alluded to the slips which you entitle "your call" -

Be assured that I shall use all possible effort to circulate them.

A heavy snow storm setting in on the first Wednesday we were in Chicago frightened us into fearing that by delaying our start until the following Wednesday as we first expected we might be storm bound in Chicago. We were wise in leaving that first Wednesday as the later trains were much longer delayed on the way. Letters therefore addressed to us in Chicago were forwarded to us here, so that I will return the "Call" addressed to Mrs. Ogden to her and send the Tribune Article for her reading - to be then returned to me, as I would show it to others.

I find it will take me longer to feel rested from our long journey than I expected, and I am not likely to feel natural or "equal to all occasions" for some little time, yet -

These snafus upon me involuntarily too give a taste of home-sickness ^{we are} so that we realize how far removed from more familiar scenes. It seems not so easy to assist oneself in occasions demanding courage as when some in younger days, and how eagerly we look for the letter to long in reaching us!

May our Father sustain and comfort you, and greatly prosper you in the noble work to which you are giving your time and thought - And I trust your life may be spared to witness the accomplishment of your hopes and desires in fullest measure.

Though I have not as yet the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Howard and your daughter please present my kind regards to them -

With I would remain

Very Respectfully Yours

A. E. Perinckief.

Feb 28. 1900

Fort Trumbull

New London Conn.

Feb'y 28th 1900

General O. O. Howard

Burlington Vt.

My dear General:-

After leaving
you I drove directly to the P. O. where I
mailed your letters and then to the Y.M.C.A.
Taking its Sec'y. Mr. Mansfield with me,
we called upon the various Pastors in
order to awaken their interest and secure
their hearty cooperation.

Rev. Mr. Blake of the 1st Congregational, will
give you any hour that you wish, he
suggested the afternoon or evening. He
has written you a cordial invitation address-
ing it in care of John Howland and he is
doubtless the other person from this place
who wrote to you.

(2)
Rev. Mr. McKee of the 1st Baptist will
join heartily, wherever you will select to
address the people.

The minister of the other Baptist Church
was not in when we called. He will be
seen later.

The Methodists have no Pastor, but will no
doubt come. I will try to see the most in-
fluential ones.

Rev. Mr. Bixler of the 2nd Congregational
offers the use of his Church "all day long"
suggests the morning service hour as the
best and guarantees you \$100.

Is also desirous of entertaining you and
will write to you most cordially.

You see my dear General that you are
appreciated here and can have about any
thing that you want.

I will thank you for some "ammunition"
as you call it and will distribute it
judiciously.

If you will inform me of the time and place that you select
I will see that it is properly advertised.

I should suggest the morning hour at the 2nd and the evening hour
at the 1st Congregational Churches as best for the cause.

The Y. M. C. Y. makes room in the afternoon or evening and some little
special prominence given to them as a feature of that hour.

I look for a grand success for you here and you can depend upon my
doing everything that I possibly can towards that end.

We enjoyed you little & will very much indeed and are looking forward
for his confirmation with your daughter on the 10th of March.

With kindest regards for yourself and family remain strictly yours
Charles R. Fildes

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5th. When and why were the Company of 17th Penna. Cavalry withdrawn from the picket line?

6th. Did you know of Dilger's going out with his orderly and being driven back by rebels and pursued? i.e., out on the road beyond Gilsa? 7th. Did you forward to Army Headquarters all reports which came in to the effect that the enemy were in our front and moving to our right? 8th. Did you act on these reports to strengthen or protect your right flank.

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9th. Did you receive an order from Hooker to do this and did you obey it? My recollection is that all such information was at once forwarded to Hooker and that you sent Capt. Dilger to Hooker to report. He says he went there but was treated unkindly by a certain Major of Hooker's staff. 10th. I thought you set the pioneers and battery men at work fortifying on your right-rear (the pine knoll) where the reserve artillery and Barlow were posted, and that you did this after you got the order from Hooker to strengthen your right and that they were working there the very afternoon of the attack and in the time I spent with Barlow's Brigade. 11th. Did you beforehand discuss with Schurz the possibility of a turning of our flank? And did you get his suggestion or not? Have the greater part of his division massed behind his line and Devens in such a position and formation that they could change front easily and deploy facing to the North? I heard you discussing the matter with Schurz - that is my recollection, and he claimed it was safer and better to keep them massed so he could deploy either to right facing South, West, or North. 12th. When you, as the battle opened, went to the right where the battle was hottest, did you see Schurz or any of his higher officers of Division or Brigade? And did you give him or them orders to change front to the West and North to meet the attack? And did he or they attempt to obey that order? 13th. Did Schurz have one brigade, that of Schimmelfennig, in the front line joining Steiwehr, on his right and Devens on

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15th. Did you call Hooker's attention to the fact that there was a gap between your right and the river ? What did he reply ? Did he ever before the battle send you word that he had not or could not locate the Cavalry division so as to connect your right back to the river ?

16th. Capt. Osborn states that he saw you trying to rally the troops and that you were self-possessed and showed no fear in the midst of the storm of bullets and shell.

17th. Did you see Devens ? Did you that day give either Devens or Schurz any caution whatever to be ready for a turning of the right flank ? Did they have all the news from the picket lines and the front that you had ? 18th. Did Hooker know all that you knew ? Did Hooker have the results of the reconnaissance of Schimmelfenig ?

19th. At what hour was our line re-established on the left ? 20th. Were you consulted and did you favor Hooker's final retreat ? Please give the facts in full as to this, and greatly oblige

Yours affectionately,

C. F. Howard
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