

March 4th 1891.

Captain J. A. Sladen,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Captain:

I enclose to you a letter from our old friend Mr. Blanchard. I think he must be nearly 90 years of age. I promised to ask you and through you Dr. Baily if you could find him, to answer to me, that question with regard to the ritual. Mr. Blanchard seems to think that the masons teach salvation without Christ.

We heard from you at Ogden, and I saw a letter giving a little account from you of our visit to Cochise, Was sorry that my nephew did not get hold of the idea that every promise you and I made those Apaches, through Jeffords, was afterwards broken by the agents of our Government. The Indians were bad enough, but considering our light and knowledge, I think we have been a little worse than Indians.

Give love of all of us to your dear family. We look with intense delight for the time to come when Grace and her children shall come here and the plains of Governor's Island be filled with them. Hope Captain Gray is prospering beyond measure, and all the little flock. With sincere regard, I am as ever,

(sgd) O.O.Howard

(Encls.)

Major General U. S. Army.

Mar 5th 1891

Col. Thoe. A. Meysenberg.

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Colonel:

After my return from St. Louis, [That very ?] evening Monday the 23^d proximo, we had a capital gathering of veterans of the 11th Corps. General Seiger, Schurz, Stahl and others gave addresses to the great acceptance of the meeting (the Society of the 11th Corps d'armée). Col. Hamlin, the historian, cleaned off much rubbish from our Corps which liars and malingeres had heapped upon it.

Everybody spoke well of you in St. Louis; but though I so much desired it, you would not let me see your modest face.

We want you over much in the society, & if you agree communicate with
Major F. Jersech, Secretary
1, 3 & 5 Old Slip near
Hanover place Station
New York City

I never give an address on Gettysburg without speaking of the bright presence & valuable aid you gave me & the cause.

Sincerely yours

(sgd) O. O. Howard

Maj. Gen. U. S. Army

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To

Daniel Hall, Esq. Secy. N. H. Soldiers Home
Dover, N. H.

Dear Mr. Hal

A copy of the Report New
Hampshire Soldiers Home 1889-90
came to me through you this
morning. I will look it over
with pleasure. It makes a
very attractive looking book.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) O. O. Howard

Maj. Genl. U.S. Army

PS.

The balance on hand shows excellent management.