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A. R. Brewer, Sec'y. 4
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Dated New York Sep 20 1881

Received at

To Gene O O Howard

U S A

Will our visit be convenient in view of presidents death

Geo A Hall

1881
New York
Sept 20/81

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New York, N.Y.

Sept 31st 1881.

Answered Sept 28th 81

by the Rec'd.

Read Sept 22, 1881.

The Military Service Institution,
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Sept 21

Evel O.S. Howard

USA

West Point, N.Y.

Dear: Thank you herewith is the circular of this Institution in regard to the next Biennial, 1882, and I am instructed to say that the Executive Council would be very much grateful if you would forward a copy of the published notice and permit the same at your convenience.

Yours,

Very truly yours,

J.M. Mason

Capt. 7th Infantry
Acting Secretary

[Signature]
THE MILITARY SERVICE INSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ANNUAL PRIZE ESSAY.

I. The following is published for the information of all concerned:

"Resolved, That a prize of a Gold Medal of suitable value, together with a Certificate of Life Membership, be offered annually by 'The Military Service Institution of the United States' for the best essay on a military topic of current interest; the subject to be selected by the Executive Council and the prize awarded under the following conditions:

1. Competition to be open to all persons eligible to membership.*

2. Each competitor will send three copies of his essay in a sealed envelope to the Secretary on or before March 1st, 1882. The essay must be strictly anonymous but the author shall adopt some nom de plume and sign the same to the essay followed by a figure corresponding with the number of pages of MS. and accompany the essay by a sealed envelope bearing the nom de plume on the outside and enclosing his name and address. This envelope to be opened in the presence of the Council after the decision of the Board of Award has been received.

3. The prize shall be awarded upon the report of a board consisting of three suitable persons chosen by the Executive Council.

4. The successful essay to be published in the Journal of the Institution, and the essay deemed next in order of merit shall receive honorable mention, be read before the Institution, and, at the discretion of the Council, be published.

5. Essays not to exceed twenty thousand words or sixty pages of the size and style of the Journal (exclusive of the tables.)

II. The Council on the 18th of June, 1881, resolved that on account of a lack of time the prize essay for the current year (1881) be omitted and that the subject for the prize essay of 1882 be

"THE IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ART OF WAR DURING THE PAST TWENTY YEARS AND THEIR PROBABLE EFFECT ON FUTURE MILITARY OPERATIONS."

III. The gentlemen chosen by the Council to constitute the Board of Award for 1882 are as follows:

X Colonel JAMES G. BENTON, Ord. Department, U. S. Army.

THEO. F. RODENBOUGH,
Secretary.

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, N. Y. HARBOR, June 15, 1881.

* All officers of the Army and Professors at the Military Academy shall be entitled to membership, without ballot, upon payment of the entrance fee. (Extract from By-Laws.)
West Point Hotel.

ALBERT H. CRANEY, Proprietor

West Point, N. Y., 21 Sept., 1881.

Dear Sir:

Being at West Point for the first time, with a college classmate and desires of making the most of one short stay to see the Military Academy, I venture hesitatingly to introduce myself upon you as the son of Emron O. dryden, late 1st. maj. Gen. of Ohio Volun.

Our Infantry.

Any aid that you may be able, with out inconvenience, to give us, will be most gratefully appreciated.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. E. Podolsky

Major Genl. C. G. Howard, U. S. A.
West Point Hotel
Sept 81, 1881.
Rooms of the Warren Court of Inquiry,
Army Building, cor. Greene & Houston Streets,
New York City, September 21st, 1881.

Dear General,

The day after my return from our very pleasant visit at the Point, I wrote a brief review of your "Grant Preparin" and sent it to the Army & Navy Journal. It was there in ample time for last week's issue, and when it failed to appear, I was much disappointed. This morning I received the enclosed note which explains itself. You can keep it. I hope you will be pleased when you read what I have written, which was the result of a careful reading of the work.

I have begun a campaign among my friends in a quiet way: "Have you read so-and-so? You have not!" Well, you are behind the age.

Yesterday I got a note from far-away Connecticut saying the book has been ordered on my recommendation. It is in the connection that I do unheepily express myself the other day. I meant...
That you would be pleased to have
the following two books, and I in-
tended to earn mine. But I got it
all mixed up and finally dropped
the matter in the least embarrassing way.

Please don't take your time to
write me a note in reply - but have the
kindness to put on the enclosed card
the name of the Rev. Pierce Scott and
its publisher, and the name of the book
you made the most from and its pub-
lisher.

I have something very pleasant
to tell you about the results of your pledge
at West Point, but I cannot do so this
morning. I learned it by the purest accident
and will try and write to you on the
subject tomorrow, as it will encourage you.

Present my kind regards to Mrs. Howard, in
which Mrs. Haydon joins.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

James E. Whedon

[Signature]
New York Dec. 20 1881

Ernhed J. L. Langdon

Cotone:

Bt. Church received your note of the 14th June as he was leaving on a hurried special business. I hope he may lay the same to you he said to give great pleasure noticing George Howard's work in the Journal publishing your
Period of it. He desired us also to thank you for your kindness.

Respectfully yours,

John Power

[Signature]
I thank God, indeed, that we are not far away and are miserable.

Mr. James joins me in thanks and many kind messages to the dear General.

I am free this moment received a letter from Mr. Howard whom I have not seen for much of late. I am glad to hear from him again. I am well and hope as well as you.

I must read it with double interest. I am to see you both and discuss the book further for your part.

I believe nothing is our. The pleasure of your arrival will be without end.
following a career so full of intelligence

I know, so fine

a type of Man

I adore biography

I think we gather

much wisdom from

the lives of distinguished

Men & Women. True

one says the newer

profit by the ex-

perience of others
Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

I was not, until today, aware of anyone having written you in regard to darling mother’s funeral.

Mr. Wilson G. Hunt told me that he had received from some person, name unmentioned, a letter enclosing one from Major Howard as he, Mr. Hunt, expressed it.

Respectfully,
Your ever
Wilson Shong
Dear Homer,

How are you?

I heard from a friend of mine who was in the area and said that you had been in New York recently. He told me that you had been at the hotel mentioned above.

I hope to see you soon. Please let me know if you will be in the area.

Best regards,

[Signature]
Hotel A. Stephen, N. Y. City
Sept. 22nd, 1851

Gen. A. A. Howard,

Dear Sir: you kindly told me if I did not hear from you concerning the leaflets to send you a postal—I shall be here for a few days—South Framingham & Charlestown missed you after you left—I think you would have enjoyed hearing the many complimentary remarks that always accompany the regret expressed that you could not remain longer—very respectfully,

Sincerely, C. Dodgson.
MEMORANDUM.

From

BLAKSLEE & CALDWELL,
Freight Brokers,
62 BEAVER STREET.

To

Geil O.O. Howard
West Point, N.Y.

My dear friend — If perfectly convenient for you and yours, Mrs. Mulliken and myself will take the Boat from here next Tuesday morning and spend a few hours with you returning to New York same afternoon by Boat or Car, hoping Mrs. Howard & yourself an well.

New York. Sept 23rd 1881

I am very truly yours,

C.H. Mulliken

Wear at Elizabeth N.J. with Mrs. Mulliken's sister, Mrs. Caldwell.

Friday afternoon.
I learn you have issued a life of De Gasparin. We became friends in Egypt Jan 1848. I have a large collection since. I send you the first volumes of our association in a little volume on “Spiritualism.” Note please introd. p. xvi & after p. 172 178 v.c. Who has sent you in your true place? Who rules? E. W. S.

P.S. Where can I find it?
 Sept. 24th - Shaw
 Another letter from Trusty.
 I am about to
 Johnson
 Suez a piece of the lot adjacent
 my place - that's fine, if only
 they are quiet. I will write to Mr. Hardy re this building a good
 substantial partition wall as required in such cases by the
 Building Regulations of the Dist.
 I do not believe the law allows for a
 slab fence, but I will build a fence on
 side to Mr. Tischmann's lot out of
 his own funds - further on he
 says, Please understand that
 this has nothing to do with
 business and it is some
 thing that President Patton
 not been considered have
 anything to do with... now
 possession of the com
 munication, you write
 to both of the Gentles
 about the same. Also that
 you will understand and
 to one half of the time
 double Sam's house Party
 J B Johnson
 Rea. W. I. Stoddard
 8-14-18
Dear General:

In my letter to you a few days ago, I mentioned that I had accidentally learned something which demonstrated the worst effects of the Old-fashioned regime which has been recently revived at West Point. I have had no opportunity to write till this morning, and that I have to say upon life and a little indeed it may be no news to you. But such as it is, were I in your place I would care to hear it.

The other night since I saw you, I was crossing Hamilton Ferry when I met a young gentleman friend of mine, the son of a very prominent Brooklyn citizen. He has a cousin a cadet at West Point, who has been there two or three years. He will call my friend Mr. O... A few weeks ago Mr. O went to visit his cousin at West Point. Learning understand that he might have some difficulty in getting his cousin allowed from there if he went to the Records in command, he wrote the bull by the hands and went directly to you.
And he speaks in the highest terms of your conduct and 
character. The boys often told me how he 
spared some hours with them and after dinner 
the two became the center of a group of cadets by 
whom the cadets and officers were quite 
spruced. Of course, I should not repeat 
to you the derogatory remarks made with reference 
to certain officers well known to be intensely 
írritable. That would not be fair nor is it 
my purpose in writing this letter. But it was not long before they 
 begancourtesying the process of the new Superin-
tendent and this "patronage" and all this to the 
delight of my friend who would not talk enough 
about it. One cadet officer said: "We never had 
of becoming General Howard. He trusts us. Why? 
We would put our necks down and let him 
slide over me. (That is so like a cadet.)" A cadet 
servant said: "We don't have to go now to seek the 
permission of another officer to see the Superintendent, 
and the consequence is we would be ashamed to go 
to him unnecessarily about a trifling. Whereas with 
the late Superintendent it was our delight to bother 
him even with the least matters. But we want to serve 
General Howard as the anonymous friends.

And another, a little fellow without the 
least pretense of pride, himself. "Now just 
you fellows look at those fifteen or sixteen 
Chaps who go on guard every Sunday to Miss 
- in long trousers and at Cold Spring there isn't 
one of those fellows, who even if the mere do 
the work, would receive General Howard."

Such another: "Just remember how one used to 
be towered down until until we felt that 
we struggle had been inaugurated between the 
cadets and the Superintendent on one side, 
and the more numerous and active cadets on 
the other side being provoked to it. And yet 
it is a point of honor to win." Said another 
sympathetically: "Don't you remember from 
Brock. John 6. To hear little I as bright 
brave fellows as ever lived sent off in 
disgrace and suicide life - not for faults 
are in those, not for grave offenses but 
for little petty things that no gentlemen 
would think worth while to notice much 
less to report a fellow for."