[Nov 1884?]

Wilson Strong—son of Major-General George C. Strong, Captain of Ordnance, United States Army, (class '57 West Point) deceased; and grandson of the late William A. Budd of New York, having tried for several years to secure a permanent position in the Military, Naval or Diplomatic service of the Government and not having succeeded up to the present time, although working industriously and energetically to secure such; will start in this city, circumstances permitting, a Ten cent Parcel Delivery or other small business, but what evr it is and it will be the best of its kind.

Gen. Howard
Dear Sir

All my new relations are now clear and I am taking this extraordinary method trying to secure a position and a home — "Luck" has not failed me yet,

Very respectfully yours
Wilson Strong

[Nov. 1884?]

Genl O. O. Howard
Comdg Dept of the Platte
Omaha Nebr.

Dear Sir

I have been informed you have "the Comte de Paris" history of the Cal. War. Should my information prove correct, I presume to request the loan of the vol. containing the report of the battle of Gettysburg. The enclosed letter from Genl. H. J. Hunt, Late Chief of Artillery A.P. will explain my reason for making this request of a stranger.

I am
General
Very Respectfully &c

622 Myrtle St.

J. E. Smith
Late Capt. Comdg 4th N.Y. Indt. battery.

Smith, J. E.

Omaha, Neb.
Nov 1. 1884.

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Hartford, Conn., Nov 1st 1884

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To the Members:-

In sending the accompanying notice of Assessment No. 25 the Company invites the special attention of its members to the fact that it calls for the last quarterly assessment of the year making the cost for 1884 considerably less than the cost of either of the three previous years.

This conclusively shows the remarkable care taken by the Company in the selection of risks, and entitles it to the continued confidence of all who entrust to it the protection of their dependent families.

During the coming year those members who five years before completed their deposit to the Safety Fund will become entitled to the first dividends therefrom which will be applied upon their assessments and dues. Members who entered the Company at the same time and who did not complete their deposit in time to secure participation in the dividends of 1885 will regret their postponement of this payment. Therefore do not delay. Deposits completed in time for the Company to place the payment in hands of the Trustees within the year will give the depositing member a half year's more dividend than if postponed a day later. As the year 1884 is drawing to a close

We would now especially urge all members who have not completed their Safety Fund deposit to ascertain how much is required to pay up and remit without delay, in order that they may participate much the earlier in the dividends to which they will thereby become entitled.

Deposits to the Safety Fund are sure to prove the best investment ever proposed in connection with life insurance. Bear in mind that the Principal of this Fund is never to exceed $1,000,000., and that a participant in the completed fund, entitled to share in the interest derived therefrom, is further entitled to participate in all the surplus beyond said limit derived from new deposits.

Respectfully
Stephen Ball Secretary

Hartford, Conn.
Nov 1st 1884.

P. L. & A. I. Co

H. B. Looker

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DE VEAUX COLLEGE,

SUSPENSION BRIDGE, N. Y.

Nov. 2d, '84.

Dear General:-

Please Accept my hearty Congratulations on the safe return of yourself and Mrs. Howard from your long journey. As to you, more than almost anyone else, I owe my present appointment,- I now gratefully write to tell you of my complete success here. The President of the Coll., as soon as I reported here for duty,- evidently reposed great faith on the endorsem'ts I had been given by you and others, and at once gave me carte blanche as to the re-organization of the school on a complete military basis. They have not for years had a resident Comd't here,- and of course at the outset I found a deal to do,- but I got everything into smooth working order- and now the Cadet Officers very efficiently carry on the work. I have a full Company

- organization, numbering about 60 - and they have been very well drilled by Lts. Kirby & Stiles, - from Ft. Porter. I put them sometimes in single rank, - and then have a limited battalion drill. I have laid out a camp-line on our superb campus, - and have had guard drill both by day and night. I have instructed the Co. in all the duties of sentinels, - and exercised them on all sorts of challenging &c., - defense of camp against an attacking party, picket-duty &c&c, giving them everything that they are able to take, of what I had to learn at W.P. in my 3 years there. The system of punishments I have devised, - and demerit system, - is such a success that with double the efficiency of offrs. &c, - the number of demerits falls below 1/2 the amount for many a previous year - clear back beyond '76, I think. My position here was sought by half a dozen young officers and is exceedingly desirable. We have one of the grandest sites in the U.S., a fine building, - and a fine and noble man as President.

DE VEAUX COLLEGE,

SUSPENSION BRIDGE, N. Y.

They have given me here at the start, $200 over the regular salary, - and more than has been given to any master (except the Head Master) for years. I get now but a trifle less than he, - and it is certainly equivalent to $1200 for the 10 months' work. I am delighted with my work, - and the already apparent results of the same. My teaching work is just what I enjoy, - and I am giving the higher Math classes a shaking up. They stare in blank amazement at the cross-examination their demonstrations are subjected to. I have a handsome recitation room, nicer than that of any W.P. Math. Instr. I have all the higher Math. (Algebra + Geom) the French, - and Rhetoric. How glad I sh'd have been to welcome you here had I known when you came West + had you gone thro' here. If you sh'd come East at any time thro' here, I will be delighted if you will send me a postal, so that

I can capture you & drive you in carriage up here to the Coll. Our chief difficulty here is that our Chaplain, is lazy, incompetent, a shirker of duty, - and of very slight use. In almost all other respects the school is an admirable one, and I do not hesitate to recommend it, very highly. Very few schools equal it, - in many important particulars. Col. Hyatt, - of the Penna. Mil. Academy, on examining my papers, - said:- "this letter alone, from Paul Howard, - is all I need to see, - concerning you!" Thus I determined to approximate as near as I possibly could to, worthiness of the endorsement you give me. Write to Pres. Munro, if you shd like to know his opinion of my work; - I have no fear of the result.

With great respect,
Yr's obdt servant,
Henry B. Looker.

Shd you ever be in Washington, - try & call on Father, - he has now the Navy Pay agency, - diagonally across from Treasury.

Fort Sidney, Neb.
November 3. 1884

My dear Genl. Howard,

The other day I was talking with Col. Edward P. Pearson, now Major of the 21st Infantry, in relation to the Battle of Gettysburgh. In the course of the conversation he made a statement (embodied in the enclosed paper) which I thought might be of deep interest to you, as it touches fairly & squarely on the much controverted question as to who selected Cemetery Hill for the battle

Yours Truly
Oliver O. Howard
Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

Genl. O. O. Howard
Columbus

grounds. The account I send is in the exact words of Col. Pearson, Pearson, you will remember, was Commissary of Musters of the 11th Corps, & acted as aide to you at Gettysburg.

If the paper serves no other purpose than to remind you of an old Comrade in Arms it will have repaid me for the little trouble I have been put to in committing to writing Col. Pearson's statement.

Yours sincerely
Henry A. Mencer

Statement of Edward P. Pearson, Major 21st Infantry, as to what he saw & heard on the 1st day of July 1863, on Cemetery Hill, Gettysburg, Penn.

"The Eleventh Corps encamped on the night of the 30th of June at or near Emmitsburg, & on the morning of the 1st day of July the ~~3~~ three divisions of the Corps marched towards Gettysburg. Col. Assmusen, Chief of Staff & Inspector Genl. of Corps, with myself as Commissary of Musters of Corps, accompanied the 3d Div. under Genl. Carl Schurz on the extreme right, riding ahead of the div., ~~hills~~ the other 2 divisions approached Gettysburgh by main road near the hills. Some little time before we reached Cemetery Hill Col. Assmusen ordered me to go back & tell Genl. Schurz to bring his division up as soon as possible, or words to that effect. We were aware of the fact that a battle was raging as the report of cannon was heard ~~distinctly~~

in front. After delivering this order ~~or message~~ to Genl. Ames I returned & found Genl. Howard on Cemetery Hill surrounded by a number of his staff officers. I then became aware that Genl. Reynolds had been killed & that Genl. Howard was in command of the field. Howard was dismounted. The fight between the 1st Corps & the Cavalry under Buford & the Confederates was then raging in front of Gettysburg. Genl. Howard ~~turned to some one, while walking backwards & forwards~~ at this time said in a distinct tone of voice in a very positive way, addressing some one, I cannot now say who "We must hold this place. Tell Osborne to put his artillery here", Osborne was chief of artillery for the 11th

3 I am sure of this. It is incredible (impossible in any mind) Immediately thereafter Corps, Howard ~~then~~ ordered me to direct Barlow to bring up his Div. [1st] at once, & then to go on & ~~tell~~ direct Genl. Sickles to bring up his Corps [3d] without delay. Executing this order consumed the greater part of the afternoon, I was short a great deal of time in finding to where abouts of Genl. Sickles Corps. I finally found it at Emmettsburg, 12 miles from Gettysburg & I was ~~afterwards~~ informed by Genl. Sickles, some time after the war, that he had been ordered to Emmettsburg by Genl. Meade, ~~[illegible]~~ who joined the operations of Confederate Cavalry in that vicinity.

The foregoing Statement was read over by Col. Edward P. Pearson, Major, 11th Infantry, after I had committed it to writing

from his verbal statement, and he accepts it in word & fact as his own,

Henry A. Mercer
Lt 25th Regt

Ft Sidney, Neb.
November 3. 1864.

P.S. I cannot lay my hand upon the letter and send this on without it. It was a very short note saying that he regretted that he could not grant the request asked. My hope is that a note from you will give me the privilege I desire for I would not like now to have to re-write the book.

L. C. H.

Had a horrid voyage home alone & am not recovered from the effects. Mohini will be here soon.

181 Schermerhorn St. Nov. 3. '84

My Dear Friend. No

I have been home a week today and as soon as I arrived I sent a letter to Mr. Lemon. You will see from the enclosed that he refuses me the use of the material I have in hand. This will necessitate a re-writing of the entire book, and I write to ask you to use what influence you can to have him allow me the

out the extracts. Write him for me if you please & tell him the nature of the work. It is the Christian man more than the soldier with whom I have to deal, and I would like to give you to some extent in regard to your war record and sentiments. I read Mrs. Howard's kind letter after I came home, will reply soon. Please give her my love and believe me with sincere regards

Laura C. Holloway.

Quotations I have made they will not injure the sale of this book in the least but will add the charm I desire it to have to all who read it and will open and prepare the minds of many to receive a few of the letters in parts. Write the seventh chapter I would like to see it I never like to use that I have; beyond that I will then

Corcoran Building,
15th and F Sts., Rooms 98 and 99.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 3, 1884.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 30th ult. received. The certificate is entirely satisfactory & has been promptly filed by me.

Very Truly Yours, AL[illegible] [illegible]ORD.

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Central City, Neb., Nov 6th 1884

Dear General

Yours at hand. In reply would say, that owing to the accidental burning of our School House and thereby necessitating the turning our Opera House into a School House for the winter, leaves us with no hall fit for a public lecture.

For reasons given we will have to defer till some future time, the pleasure of hearing you

Very Truly Yours

W. H. Webster

Webster, N. H.

Central City, Neb.
Nov. 6. 1884.

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My dear Genl. Howard,

Your kind letter was duly received. I should not feel warranted in troubling you with an other letter so soon except for the fact that you speak of two or three matters which would seem to call for a response from me. First, as to Col. Pearson. He is as warm a friend as you have in the world. He speaks of you always in terms of praise & admiration. I think you ought to know this. His wife is a charming person. I have indeed, read your monographs in the National Tribune, & have not only been pleased with the articles, but I have been gratified to see that old Comrades all over the Country have

Genl. O. O. Howard, Genl. U.S.A.

Fort Sidney, Nebr.
Nov 6. 1884.

been expressing themselves as highly delighted with your recollections of the great struggle. I hope it you granted the articles are to be collected & put in book form. They will contribute a great mine of historical facts. Your article on Waterloo I read - but I do not think I saw the article on Marengo. It must have appeared at some time when I was absent from home & missed my papers. In connection with these articles will you let me say, that I think you should devote the greatest labor & care, not only in statement of facts but in literary finish, on Gettysburgh when you come to it. Indeed, I believe you may very well go outside of your own observations & give a full description of the battle. The subject will admit of vivid word-painting & minute portraiture of character and characteristics of prominent generals. It will be worth your while to labor on Gettysburgh. There have been many descriptions of this great battle - but not one which comes up to my idea of what should be written on so great a struggle. Have you ever seen Longstreet's article? It is excellent. His criticisms on Lee are superb. You must not be afraid to criticise. I hope that let your article, perhaps several, be a masterpiece of military criticism & literary finish.

I beg you pardon for this letter, & I promise not to write you again in 12 months.

Yours very sincerely
Benj. F. Stevens

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