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NATIONAL CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.



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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRES.

Private

Fort Niobrara Neb. Nov 13th 1885

My Dear General

I see by the papers that you are going away soon to lecture or do something for some Charitable societies at Kansas City and elsewhere. Before you go I want to consult you about some matters I have noticed the contest for the next Major Generalship and I want to ask your permission to do what I can for you. We have among our members in this Association sixteen Congressmen Six U.S. Senators and Six Governors of States. They will all or nearly all of them



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HORSE BREEDERS AND TRAINERS



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be at St Louis on the 23^d and attend
the Annual Convention which sits
from the 23^d until the 27th of this
month. I am the Vice President
and Chairman of the Executive
Committee of the Gallatinmen of the
United States. I will have to attend
the meeting. The President - Colonel
B D Hunt has written to me calling
me to St Louis on the 20th to attend
a meeting of the Executive Committee.
I have written to him frankly saying
cannot come so early. My military duties
here requiring my presence until later.
The Railroad Authorities of the Chicago
and Northwestern have tendered me
the use of a special car from Valen-
tine to Omaha where I understand
the B & M will have a car for me.
I am also authorized to invite five
or six friends to accompany me for
whom free transportation will be given.
The car will be at Valentine on the
19th and I shall start on the morning
of the 20th. I will take a seven
days leave and think it will cover
me but may have to get two
or three days from you. If you

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go away please speak to Breck
so if I want a few days extension
I shall have it. I have been
away in all this year 21 days on
leave so I still have 10 days of the 30
without reduction of pay. I dont like
to be away so much but cant help it.
You granted me 10 days once before
when at Chicago and five days at the
Ranch but I did not use either

Now General could you
quietly drop in on The Convention at
St Louis for a day and be received? It
is likely during the session of the Con-
vention I will have to consult our Mem-
bers who are members of the Senate and
House about Cattle Legislation and at the
same time I would like to quietly speak
to them about your promotion if you will
allow it. I wish your son The Farmer
would go down to St Louis. I will in-
troduce him to all our Breeders. He will
find me at Genl Shermans or Genl Beckwiths
I will take Mrs B down with me for a day
could you go to St Louis with us. Drop
me a line. All well but myself. I have
caught cold and can hardly be up today

Yours Truly Jas S. Dribbin

Dear Sir,

East Weymouth

Nov 13. 1888

Answered
by the Sent

Citizens Bank.

Welington, N. B., Nov 13 1885

Gen. O. O. Howard

Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the
 Weligh Lecture Association I
 write to ask if you will
 consent to deliver your
 lecture at Gene. Grant
 Hall, if so, approximate
 date, terms etc. If
 you will favor us with a
 lecture we will assure you
 a big house & a most
 attentive & appreciative
 audience. Hoping you
 can give us a favorable
 reply I am

Very respectfully

Yours
 Chas L. Harris

Harris, C. D.

Neleigh, Neb.

Nov 13. 1885.

Received by the
Genl

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wenn Johnny mir eine
Photographie von Ihrem Haus
machen wollte.

Hoffentlich geht es Ihnen
Allen sehr gut.

Dieser Brief ist zu lang
für einen deutschen für
Sie, nicht wahr? Ich denke
aber Sie können ihn gut
verstehen. Grossmutter,

Mama, Hedwig und Ger-
trud lassen Sie sehr sich
grüssen. Grüssen Sie, bitte,
Mrs Howard, Mr Chancy, Johnny
und Berrie freundlich von
mir. Wenn Sie Zeit haben,
schreiben Sie mir, bitte, manch-
mal. Ihre liebevollste

Adelheid Podemeyer.

Woburn, den 15. 85.

Nov. 15

Lieber Herr General.

Es ist heute Sonntag. Wir sind
die ganze Woche sehr fleissig
gewesen und freuen uns, heute
zu ruhen. Nun will ich gleich
meine Ruhe zu einer lieben
Beschäftigung benutzen, an Sie
zu schreiben.

Ich war sehr glücklich, Ihren
Brief vom 14. Oktober zu bekom-
men und zu hören, dass Mrs
Howard gut zurück gekommen
ist, und Johnny so viel besser.
Haben Sie vielen Dank für
die Briefe, die Sie mir nach-
geschickt haben, und das
Paket "Youth's Companion".
Die Zeit fliegt so schnell hin,

Ich habe viele, verschiedene Dinge
zu thun; studire Italienisch;
gebe Unterricht französische und
englische Stunden, studire
Musik; dann machen wir
jeden Tag weise Spaziergänge,
gewöhnlich mit Freunden.
Außerdem bekommen wir viele
Besuche von allen Bekannten
und gehen auch zu ihnen.
So geht eine Woche nach der
anderen hin, und immer ist
der Sonntag wieder da.

Grossmutter ist sehr wohl,
ebenso Mama und wir Alle
und sehr glücklich.

Quelle Leech ist seit September
Prediger hier, er spricht Deutsch
wie ein Deutscher und hält
Vorlesungen über Literatur
und Geschichte in der Uni-
versität. Seine Mutter und

Schwester bleiben den Winter
in Florenz, Italien.
Jetzt ist ein Indier, Brahmine,
aber Christ, bei uns. Es ist sehr
interessant ihn von Indien
und den Sitten seiner
alten Religion sprechen
zu hören.

Mama und Gertud wol-
len in nächster Zeit
eine kleine Reise nach
Hannover machen, und
Gertud geht dann zu
einem Vetter auf einem
Monat, der wohnt in
der "Haide", das ist die
deutsche Provinz.

Von Tannie bekomme ich
jede Woche gute Briefe,
die mich immer sehr
glücklich machen.
Ich würde mich sehr freuen,

[Nov 16, 1885]

All members are requested to attend
the meeting of the Commandery at the
Millard Hotel Wednesday the 18th inst
at 7:30 P. M. Important business

James Brown

Recorder pro. tem

UNITED STATES
POSTAL CARD

Nothing but the address to be on this side

Genl O. O. Howard

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C. E. S. WOOD,
Attorney at Law,
Portland, Oregon.

Portland Or. Nov. 16/85

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My dear General,

I write in much haste in the
interruption of business to say in
regard to your endorsement of
Mr Easterbrooks letter that I
have no retained papers of the
Bannack Campaign. If he
was employed and paid he
would be on my mem. rolls which
I supplied to Ebelstein and which
he transcribed upon the regular
list of employees. If he was
a mere volunteer, never employed
he might by chance be mentioned
in the journal. The only name
I find in my personal journal
is that of "Maj. Magone", whom
you so cruelly turned over to me
that 4th of July morning.

I have written to Mr Eastbrook
that my journal and memory confirm
his statements and I have no doubt he was
present as alleged by but I cannot recall
him individually.

Sladen arrived and was robbed
next day. He thinks the only act
needed to complete his downfall is to
be cruelly beaten and left by the highway.
Every one is glad to welcome him.

Gen. Ebbon is very fond of him.

I am glad to hear that
Johnny has quite recovered, at
least practically so. Give him
and all of them my love.

Hoping to hear of you
on the Coast next Spring.

am General

Yours very sincerely

C. E. Wood

Dec 16. 1885

Wood, W. C. E.

LEW. E. DARROW, PRES'T.

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CORNING, IOWA, *Nov 16* 1885

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*Gen. O. O. Howard
Omaha
Nebr.*

Dear Sir

*I am securing the autographs
of all the leading Generals of the
late war, by sending me yours you
will confer a favor upon.*

*Yours Truly
Jas. H. Campfill*

*sent and is requested
O. O. H.*

CHAS. C. NORTON, Cash'r.

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L. W. E. DARROW, Pres't.

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Comptroller
Samuel J. Jones
Nov-16. 1885



Nov 16th Cif. 330
Genl Howard.

My dear Friend,

Please read enclosed.
Mr D. was lately member of our Church.
now resides in Ashland. It would
do real good if you could go down
only for one week. It would
strengthen our ch. there & help their
meetings - If you can, do go, if
not, can you write them a
short letter to help -

It is not possible for me to go -

Your friend & pastor

A. J. Merrill.

Nov 16. 1895.

Quaker

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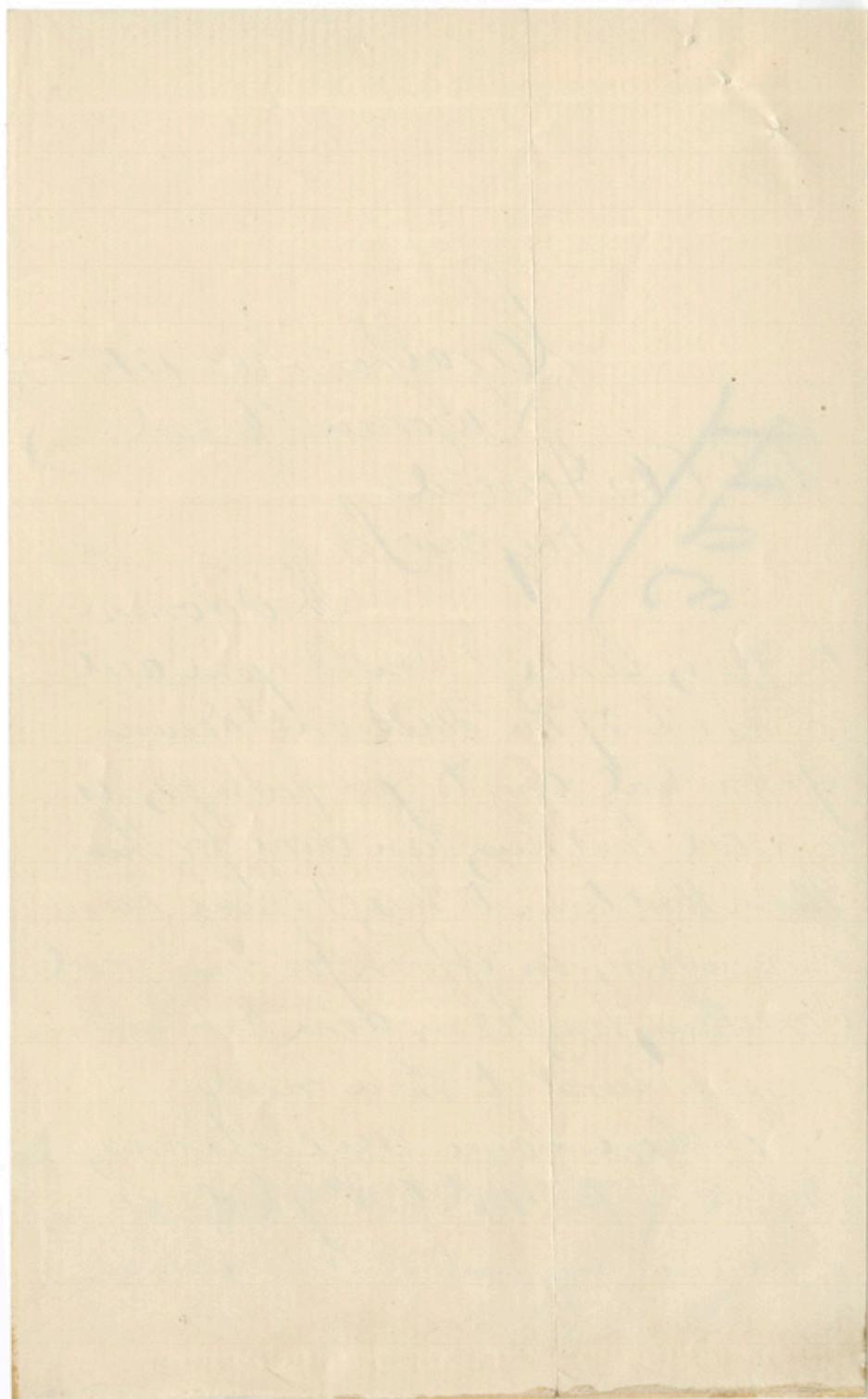
Crafton Nov. 16. 1885
Luzon P. C. Cal }

~~Wm. C. Howland~~

My dear Sir

It is some
12 Years since I sought your aid
in behalf of the Mission Indians
of Son. Cal. and to you perhaps, is
due all that has been done for them
From that time to this I have been
unceasing in effort for their good
Something has been done, but nothing
commensurate to their needs

I inclose some resolutions
passed by the Wm. C. of Cal. at
their last Annual Session at Buckley
(Cong. Church) } You will understand their



import and I hope I may
secure your aid in the passage
of a bill such as is set forth in
the resolutions

I think the entire Department is in
accord with them. Indeed Com^r
Adkins so intimated to me

These Indians are prepared to use
their lands successfully

From the very first of my care
of this people my plan has been
to put them on a white man's plane
of living - that is give them a white
man's opportunities. they are ready
for it. Hoping I may have occasion
again to remember you as gratefully as
in the former time Very truly Yours
J. M. Crafts

Crafts, M. H.

Crafton, Cal.
Nov 16. 1885.

Accepted by the
Genl.

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.

Receipts:	
Balance January 1, 1885.....	\$20,028 87
Balance January 1, 1885 (collections for 1885).....	2,207 13
Balance January 1, 1885 (advance payments for 1886).....	08
Assessments for current year.....	38,501 24
Advance payments for 1886.....	149 84
Transferred from general reserve fund.....	25
	\$60,887 41
Disbursements:	
Two and one-third maximum benefits, paid on 3 deaths.....	*5,833 34
Membership credits returned to beneficiaries.....	*132 25
Transferred to expense account (5 per cent. of 3 assessments)	†466 47
Transferred to benefit surplus account in excess of 5 per cent. and maximum benefits.....	†1,363 03
Transferred to general reserve fund (forfeitures, &c.).....	254 50
	8,049 59
Balance.....	52,837 82

RECAPITULATION.

General reserve fund.....	9,091 79
General reserve fund (expense account).....	466 47
General reserve fund (benefit surplus account).....	1,363 03
	10,921 29
Special reserve fund.....	52,837 82
Total.....	63,759 11
Assets:	
Cash deposited with Riggs & Co.....	2,859 11
Four per cent. U. S. registered bonds.....	60,900 00
	63,759 11

* See foot-note to mortality table (page 2).

† These items are greater than the corresponding ones in the mortality table (page 2) by 32 cents and \$6.18 respectively, to cover transfers omitted on the occurrence of the 10th and the 23d death.

WM. P. DUVALL,
1st Lieut., 5th Art.,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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CIRCULAR.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., November 16, 1885.

The Executive Committee directs the Secretary to inform the members of the Association that at the annual meeting, to be held Tuesday, January 12th next, are to be chosen successors of those two members of the Executive Committee whose terms of office expire on that date, viz., General Macfeely and General Murray.

It is very desirable that every member unable to attend in person select as his proxy some member who will be present. To further the appointment of proxies, postal cards are inclosed, which should be *addressed* to the members chosen, and mailed as soon as practicable to the Secretary (to whom they are already *directed*), who, after noting them, will transmit them to the persons named as proxies.

The following is a list of members residing in Washington, or its vicinity, and whose presence at the meeting may, therefore, be reasonably assumed:

Lieut. Wm. E. Birkhimer, 3d Art.	Lieut. Thos. T. Knox, 1st Cav.
Capt. Jas. B. Burbank, 3d Art.	Col. G. N. Lieber, Asst. J. A. Gen.
Capt. Chas. M. Callahan, 4th Cav.	Maj. G. J. Lydecker, Corps of Engs.
Lieut. Jos. M. Califf, 3d Art.	Capt. Wm. P. Martin, U. S. A. (retired.)
Col. Thos. L. Casey, Corps of Engs.	Capt. Washington Matthews, Med. Dept.
Lieut. Edward Davis, 3d Art.	Capt. Robt. M. O'Reilly, Med. Dept.
Maj. I. O. Dewey, Pay Dept.	Gen. I. N. Palmer, U. S. A. (retired.)
Maj. Theo. J. Eckerson, U. S. A. (retired.)	Maj. Benj. F. Pope, Med. Dept.
Maj. H. J. Farnsworth, Ins. Gen. Dept.	Maj. B. F. Rittenhouse, U. S. A. (retired.)
Lieut. D. J. Gibbon, 9th Cav.	Capt. Jno. F. Rodgers, Q. M. Dept.
Col. J. H. Gilman, Comy. Sub.	Lieut. Chas. B. Satterlee, 3d Art.
Lieut. A. W. Greely, 5th Cav.	Gen. Chas. G. Sawtelle, Depy. Q. M. Gen.
Lieut. Frank Greene, Sig. Corps.	Col. Robt. N. Scott, 3d Art.
Gen. O. D. Greene, A. A. Gen.	Col. M. V. Sheridan, Mil. Sec.
Capt. P. F. Harvey, Med. Dept.	Gen. P. H. Sheridan, Lieut. Gen. Army.
Gen. Wm. B. Hazen, Chief Signal Officer.	Capt. Jno. O. Skinner, Med. Dept.
Capt. F. W. Hess, 3d Art.	Maj. Chas. Smart, Med. Dept.
Lieut. J. D. C. Hoskins, adjt. 3d Art.	Lieut. Jas. A. Swift, Sig. Corps.
Gen. H. J. Hunt, U. S. A. (retired.)	Capt. Thos. W. Symons, Corps of Engs.
Col. D. L. Huntington, Med. Dept.	Col. Jas. M. Whittemore, Ord. Dept.
Maj. Wm. P. Huxford, U. S. A. (retired.)	Capt. T. E. Wilcox, Med. Dept.
Capt. F. B. Jones, Q. M. Dept.	Col. Jno. M. Wilson, Corps of Engs.
Col. S. C. Kellogg, A. D. C.	

It is particularly requested that no member of the Executive Committee be chosen as proxy in any case.*

No new legislation having been proposed, the business of the meeting (other than the elections referred to) will probably be confined to the consideration of the annual reports.

* The members of the Association now composing this committee are General Macfeely, General Drum, General Rochester, General Murray, and Mr. Duvall.

In consequence of his transfer to a field of duty remote from Washington, Colonel George W. Davis on October 28th ultimo tendered his resignation of the office of President, and on November 9th instant, under the provisions of section 3, Article III of the Constitution, General R. C. Drum was unanimously chosen as his successor. On the same date (November 9th) and under the same constitutional stipulation General Robert Macfeely was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee created by General Drum's accepting the presidency of the Association.

The number of members now under fifty years of age (see sec. 4, Art. I, Amendments) who have notified the Secretary of their desire to assist in forming Group B is 74, and the number for Group C 60. Nothing further can be done toward the organization of either group till the greater of these numbers shall have reached its minimum limit, 100 (see sec. 1, Art. I, Amendments).

During the year the Association has lost by death the following members:

Statement showing, for the current year, the mortality record to date, and the disposition of gross amount of each assessment withdrawn from special reserve fund on the occurrence of death.

Name.	Corps.	Number of death.	Amount of benefit.	Amount transferred to general reserve fund (surplus benefit).	Five per cent. transferred to general reserve fund for expenses.	Total.	Membership credit returned to beneficiaries.
Andrew P. Caraher.....	Captain, 8th Cavalry..	40	\$2,500 00*	\$634 08	\$154 42	\$3,088 50	\$91 50
Stephen C. Lyford.....	Major, Ordnance.....	41	2,500 00	444 52	154 98	3,099 50	68 50
Orsemus B. Boyd.....	Captain, 8th Cavalry..	42	2,500 00	478 25	156 75	3,135 00	33 25
Total.....		7,500 00	1,556 85	466 15	9,323 00	193 25	

Note.—Cause of death: Captain Caraher, gastro enteritis; Major Lyford, disease of heart; Captain Boyd, dysentery.

It is seen that the year's mortality has been abnormally light. Should the same death-rate (or even an approximate one) hold till January 1, 1886, there will result a most gratifying augmentation of the reserves, with the attendant advantages of increased stability, strength, and economy.

The following officers have joined the Association since January 1, 1885, viz:

Almy, Wm. E., lieutenant, 5th Cav.	Cusick, C. C., lieutenant, 22d Inf.
Anderson, Geo. S., captain, 6th Cav.	Davis, Jno. M. K., lieutenant, 1st Art.
Atwood, E. B., captain, Q. M. Dept.	Earle, Richard T., lieutenant, 2d Inf.
Baird, William, lieutenant, 6th Cav.	Febiger, Lea, lieutenant, 23d Inf.
Barry, Thos. H., lieutenant, 1st Inf.	Finley, Jas. A., assistant surgeon.
Bartlett, Geo. T., lieutenant, 3d Art.	Fletcher, J. S., jr., lieutenant colonel, 2d Inf.
Beck, Wm. H., lieutenant, 10th Cav.	Frost, A. S., lieutenant, 25th Inf.
Benham, Robt. B., assistant surgeon.	Gallagher, H. J., lieutenant, 6th Cav.
Bennett, Chas. A., lieutenant, 3d Art.	Grierson, Chas. H., lieutenant, 10th Cav.
Bixby, Wm. H., captain, Corps of Engs.	Harris, Moses, captain, 1st Cav.
Blunt, A. C., lieutenant, 5th Art.	Heyl, Chas. H., lieutenant, 23d Inf.
Califf, Jos. M., lieutenant, 3d Art.	Holton, F. D., lieutenant, 2d Cav.
Crawford, Medorem, lieutenant, 2d Art.	Hopkins, Wm. E., assistant surgeon.
Cronkhite, Adelbert, lieutenant, 4th Art.	Hunter, Chas. H., lieutenant, 1st Art.

* In this case the benefit was left to three persons, one-third to each. Two of the beneficiaries are minors, and the amount due them is held awaiting the appointment of guardian. The third beneficiary was paid the same day notification was received.

Johnson, Henry, jr., lieutenant, 8th Inf.	Perry, David, major, 6th Cav.
Kernan, F. J., lieutenant, 21st Inf.	Phillips, Chas. L., lieutenant, 4th Art.
Knox, Thos. T., lieutenant, 1st Cav.	Phister, Nat P., lieutenant, 1st Inf.
Leyden, Jas. A., lieutenant, 4th Inf.	Pilcher, Jas. E., assistant surgeon.
Macomb, M. M., lieutenant, 4th Art.	Randall, E. L., captain, 5th Inf.
Mann, Jas. D., lieutenant, 7th Cav.	Tillman, Samuel E., prof., U. S. M. A.
Millar, E. A., lieutenant, 3d Art.	Turnbull, Jno. G., captain, 3d Art.
Noble, Chas. H., captain, 16th Inf.	Tyler, Chas. R., lieutenant, 16th Inf.
Noble, Robt. H., lieutenant, 1st Inf.	Waite, H. De H., lieutenant, 5th Cav.
Oyster, Jos. S., lieutenant, 1st Art.	Wakeman, Wm. J., assistant surgeon.
Parker, Chas. F., lieutenant, 2d Art.	Weinberg, J. J., lieutenant, 13th Inf.
Partello, J. M. T., lieutenant, 5th Inf.	Williams, Chas. A., lieutenant, 21st Inf.

The fluctuations in membership since January 1, 1885, are shown in the subjoined statement:

Membership January 1, 1885.....	890
Joined since January 1, 1885.....	52
	942
Resigned since January 1, 1885.....	3
Dropped since January 1, 1885.....	8
Died since January 1, 1885.....	3
	14

Present membership..... 928

Number of new members, 52; average age of new members $35\frac{2}{3}$ years; average age of new members last year, $38\frac{2}{3}$; smallest average age of new members any previous year (1880), $34\frac{1}{3}$; which decidedly refutes the occasional gratuitous assertion that young officers are more reluctant to join than formerly.

There is hardly room to doubt that, with proper diligence in "recruiting" on the part of members throughout the service, there would speedily ensue an accession of several hundred to our present membership. In such case either (1) the maximum benefit could be materially increased, or, (2) keeping this at the present figure (\$2,500), the annual premiums could be considerably reduced—as the Association might elect.

Summary statement of receipts and disbursements from January 1, 1885, to November 1885.

GENERAL RESERVE FUND.	
Receipts:	
Balance January 1, 1885.....	\$13,025 37
Initiation fees and forfeitures.....	1,093 50
Five per cent. withheld from gross assessments (3 deaths) for expenses.....	*466 47
Surplus from 3 gross assessments in excess of 5 per cent. and maximum benefits.....	*1,363 03
Premium on bonds sold.....	152 25
Interest on 4 per cent. U. S. Government bonds.....	1,595 00
	\$17,695 62
Disbursements:	
Transferred to special reserve fund.....	25
Printing 6th annual report, postage, and stationery.....	187 70
Premium on bonds purchased.....	6,586 38
	6,774 33
Balance.....	10,921 29

* These items are greater than the corresponding ones in mortality table (page 2) by 32 cents and \$6.18, respectively, to cover transfers omitted on the occurrence of the 10th and the 23d death.

Poland, Col. J. S.

Fort Leavenworth
Nov 17. 1885.

Answered by the
Genl.

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Fort Leavenworth Mo
Nov 17. 1885

My dear General,

Mrs Poland has just received a letter from our daughter Mrs Groble. The first since I wrote to you

In it she writes that "they have heard indirectly that there was a probability of General Stoward's appointing (L. Groble) as aide on his Staff" followed by expressions of pleasure at the idea and the sincere hope that it might prove true. They

evidently up to Nov 1st the
date of the letter, had not
received your letter and
did not know of your kind
offer.

They are to be in London
on the 20th inst and will
probably sail soon after
for home, and have request-
ed us to send letters to the
following address.

St 4. Care of Miss Lillie French
No 32, West 26th St, New York

that they may receive them
upon their arrival in the
City.

I thought best to send you

this information, so that
you might, if you desired
communicate with him
at the earliest moment.

I felt satisfied for the
reasons stated in my former
note that his silence was
due simply to the fact
that he had not received
your letter.

Very truly yours

J. Poland

n.p.

General O. Howard
U.S.A.

Omaha
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F. W. Haskell
Young's Hotel,

Boston, Nov 17 1885

My dear General:

Gen. Black states to my friends that he will appoint me "Chief of Division" of the Pension Dept at Washington and requests them to present recommendations showing my field record as a soldier -

Will you kindly state your estimate of my abilities and my service as a soldier during the war - putting yr words in a letter addressed to Gen. Black and sending the same to me, as early as convenient, at the

Riggs House - Washington -

I shall reach there
on Saturday next -

The soldiers of Maine
with whom I served have
given me generous and
emphatic endorsement to which
I hope to add your
letter in presenting my
case -

Very truly Yours

J. W. Haskell

Gen. O. O. Howard.
U.S.A.

Phila Nov. 17-85

Gen. O. C. Howard

Sir Will you please
favor me with your autograph
for my collection of Hens of war
Enclose stamped envelope
for its return.

Hoping you will grant
my request I am.

Very Respectfully.

Chas. F. Augustin
537 1/2 4th St.

Phila. Pa.

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answered
O.C.H.

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H.C.C.

Augustine, C. F.



Philadelphia
Nov 17. 1885

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