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28 East 23d Street,
New York, October 23d 1888 –

My dear General,

For nearly two years past I have devoted my entire time to a series of studies, touching the genesis and development of the tenement house system of this city; a system by which to day, 250.000 families, numbering 1.100.000 souls are housed in 32.000 houses. To do justice to my subject, I found it necessary to investigate closely the social condition and progress of the people of Great Britain, Ireland and Germany during the last 100 years, that is during the life of our republic, and with special reference to the condition and well being of the wage earning masses, since it has been from their ranks mainly, that have come the fourteen millions of immigrants who have landed on these shores since 1820, and to whose habits of life and social influence the New York tenement house is directly traceable.

Such a task necessarily involved a careful examination and analysis of the social statistics and social characteristics of those countries during the period named. One of the best tests of the social advancement of a people is that of the state and progress of education, as shown by the greater or less diffusion of knowledge among them, particularly the extent of such diffusion among the working classes.

In order the better to measure the progress of the countries named in this direction, I proceeded to compare the general state of elementary and secondary education abroad, with our educational status during the same period and especially with our common school system as it is organized and exists to day. This work led me to become greatly interested in the practical working of this system throughout the United States.

I found that great as were its merits in almost every other direction, in that of the systematic cultivation of patriotism and politics, (using the latter word in its highest sense) the training was very defective, in fact almost entirely neglected, and the system obviously weak; in short, it could seem as if we had as a nation, made a business of teaching, or attempting to teach our children every conceivable thing which modern civilization demands of a well educated citizen, except a love of country and a practical knowledge of the great principles upon which this Government of ours is founded. –

I became so much impressed with this defect, especially as exhibited in the schools of our large cities, in which there is a large foreign born element in the population, that on the 3d of Sept: last, I addressed a letter of considerable length to the Hon: J. Edwards Simmons L.L.D. President of our local Board of Education, on the question, "How can the 420,000 children of school age in the city of Newark be best made intelligent and patriotic American citizens"? - The views I therein expressed met with Dr Simmons' hearty approval, and he has now under advisement the question of introducing into the 304 schools of this city, the methods and the patriotic exercises I there outlined.

Encouraged by the attitude he has taken in the matter and his active sympathy with my efforts to promote a systematic training in patriotism in our schools, I am now engaged in the preparation of a paper entitled "Patriotic training in our Schools", which will be much broader and more national in its application than the letter to Dr Simmons, to which reference has been made.

For nearly two months past I have been in correspondence with all the State and territorial superintendents of public instruction throughout the United States, touching the subject of race schools, ie, schools in which all the children are of same ~~same~~ alien race, either foreign born, or of foreign-born parentage, and in which a foreign language is the language of the school, to the practical exclusion of the English tongue. I find however, that as a rule, these officers do not have much information to impart beyond their knowledge of the working of the public school system. They have however greatly aided me in many ways and among other courtesies, have furnished me with the ~~names~~ names and P.O. addresses of all the local school superintendents in each state and territories, numbering some 3500 in all, and I am now about to put myself in communication with each of these officers, that I may obtain from them certain important facts in regard to race and sectarian schools, ~~found~~ situated within the geographical limits of their common school jurisdiction -

I enclose herewith the form of a circular letter to be addressed to each of these officers, (number 4) and the blank form (number 5) which they are to fill up and return to me, in an addressed prepaid envelope furnished them for the purpose.

An essential feature of the plan I propose for teaching and stimulating patriotism in the schools, is the daily use of the Declaration of Independence, accompanied by the ~~affirmed~~ official history of the document on the same sheet, to be printed in five sizes adapted to different sized school rooms.

I send you by mail to day one of these "official histories, as it is to be printed ~~with~~ underneath the fac-simile of the "Declaration" in its original form and dimensions, being that one of the five sizes I have copyrighted, which I am about to publish. The largest of these sizes, will be 16½ feet high by 11 feet wide, for use in the "patriotic exercises" to be conducted in large school rooms.

Being on the point of communicating with the 3500 local school officers scattered over the United States it occurred to me to embrace the opportunity to describe to them the fac-simile edition of the "Declaration" now in press and the use to be made of it. I have accordingly prepared a circular, a proof copy of which I enclose. The matter in this proof will be printed on three pages of a sheet of note paper, on the fourth of which will be given the Price list, and a description of the several styles in which the chart will be offered to the schools and the public.

As I am not in business and as my name does not appear in any commercial register, it is desirable that I should give in the circular the names of a few gentlemen who know me personally. The form of expression I propose to use will be "Colonel Balch refers by permission to the following gentlemen:"

For Maine my reference will be the Rt Revd Henry A Neely Bishop of Maine; for New Hampshire, Hon Jos H Thacher, recently mayor of Portsmouth N.H.; for Vermont, Charles E. Allen Esq, well known lawyer in Burlington Vt.; for Mass Geo J Fisher Esq an old Boston merchant; for Conn Lt Gov Henry of Hartford: for New York, the Rt Revd Henry C. Potter, Bishop of N.Y. Hon J.E. Simmons, Pres't of the Bd of Education, Hon Ahand, Hewitt mayor N.Y. and a few other old friends in the west.

As I said to President Simmons last week I feel that I have entered upon a great task, viz: that of showing how we can best make intensely patriotic American citizens of the vast army of children of various races, now growing up in our midst, to whose hands will shortly be committed the

future destiny of this nation; and hence I deeply feel the need of, and most earnestly desire the moral support and countenance of all my friends, in my endeavor to properly discharge the self imposed task and duty, which I have determined to make the work of the remainder of my life.

If therefore in view of what I have said you will ~~pem~~ permit me to refer to you in connection with the gentlemen I have named I shall be very much gratified.

As I am anxious to send out my circulars at as early a day as possible, in case you should consent to my request, will you kindly write me to that effect, at my cost, and thus save the delay of six or seven days.

I remain very sincerely yours

Geo. T. Baleh.

General O. O. Howard USA.
San Francisco. Cal.

Geo T Baleh.

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, October 23, 1888.

My dear General Howard:

There is nothing in my official life that is more gratifying to me than to receive from the General Officers of the Army letters commendatory of the Service rendered by the officers of my department. Your letter relative to the services of General McKeever is particularly gratifying to me as I know and appreciate very highly both his personal worth and his official excellence as an officer.

I am, with great respect,

Very truly, Yours,

R. C. Drum

Adjutant General.

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Lansingburgh, N.Y.
Oct. 23, 1888.

Dear General:

I am trying very hard to get a collection of autographs. I wish to complete my collection of famous generals of the Union army, and so write you. My father was an old soldier - served under General (then colonel) Carr.

Enclosed please find a stamped and addressed envelope and a card. Please place your name on the card and enclose it in the envelope.

Very respectfully
Chas. Hagen.

Chas. Hogan.

THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE,
ILLUSTRATED,
749 Broadway, New York, Oct. 23d 1888.

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Dear Sir:

On coming into office yesterday I discovered a project for a Christmas symposium to which you have been good enough to express a willingness to contribute.

I hasten to say, in the hope of saving you trouble, that the project does not suit my views, though none the less am I obliged by your kindness to the magazine.

Very truly yours
Mortimer Speed

General O. O. Howard.

THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE,

ILLUSTRATED,

749 Broadway, New York, October 22d, 1888.

A NEW EDITOR FOR THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

MR. JOHN GILMER SPEED has become the Editor of THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE, which, under its new ownership, has already shown many evidences of vigor and enterprise.

MR. SPEED, who belongs to the well-known Kentucky family of that name, is well fitted by taste and training to successfully carry out the new work he has undertaken. He has passed through all the grades of journalism, and was for several years Managing Editor of the *New York World*, before it was purchased by its present proprietor. Since then he has spent much time in foreign travel, and has also been a frequent contributor to the magazines and newspaper press. He has written a life of John Keats, and edited his letters and poems. For this work MR. SPEED had peculiar advantages, as his mother, a daughter of George Keats, the younger brother of the poet, had preserved all of John Keats's letters to his brother, and many of the manuscript poems to which George Keats fell heir, upon the untimely death of the young poet in Rome. MR. SPEED, in turn, inherited these letters and manuscripts, and made good use of them in his edition of Keats.

In conducting the Magazine, it is MR. SPEED'S purpose to make it all that its name implies—an illustrated monthly, representative of American thought and life. He will have the hearty co-operation of competent and resourceful colleagues, and he therefore starts out with a bright prospect of making THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE worthy of the success which usually follows well-directed effort.

American Magazine.
Jno. G. Speed
Editor.

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Dear General. I have by no means forgotten the loan you made me ten years ago, but owing to my having carried on all the duties referred to in my letter, at my own expense and having been under a salary - I have had all and more to do to get on. Now however my financial prospects are improving rapidly & I hope exactly the end of the year to be able to send you principal and interest. Appreciating your kind forbearance I am ever yr obly & frnd

Geo. T. Balch

Ny. Oct 23/85.

Geo. T. Balch.

Gerald Stuart

Personal

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Andersen and
to Capt. Hull.

San Francisco Oct. 23rd/88

General Howard;

Sir;

In giving my address the other day, I made a mistake in the number I should have said 2415 Clay. I am sorry to trouble you again, but would you kindly give the gentleman the correct number. I have forgotten his name or I should have written directly to him, I need the work very much and and anxious to secure it.

Respectfully,
Mrs Ella Andersen,
2415 Clay St.

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Ans. Oct 31 '88.

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SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND,

Office of the Corresponding Secretary.

Cincinnati, Oct 24th 1888.

My dear General.

Can you give me the Post office address of General George H. Thomas? Is he the present Governor of California? If not can you tell me when his term of office expired?

Very truly Your
Wm Vickers.

Comy of Mr Cincinnati
for J. M. Dick.

Capt W. C. Dougherty
1st Lty.

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Fort Gaston, Cal.
Oct. 24th 1888.

Gen. Oliver O. Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear General: The greatest pleasure I have experienced in many years, is afforded me by the occasion to send to congratulate you on the promulgation of your order prohibiting gambling within your command.

This nice

has been, of all vices, the most destructive of military discipline and of honour, among officers and men alike.

Fourteen fifteenths of the heart-burnings and embitterments and malice that I have known in the army for twenty-five years, originated in gambling, and in its immediate results. and, I think not less than fifty per cent. of the crimes tried by Court martial in my time have been in some way connected with it.

Many officers have for some years awaited with hope and expectancy the dispersing of the time when some brave Commander would declare gambling a crime, and prohibit it with a penalty.

Every good officer and soldier in the army will be rejoiced at this order.

I have the honour to be General
very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Lond L Daughtry.

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Oct 27/88

My dear General

I have spoken to Col. Batchelder about the Blankets.

He says there is no way by which the Blankets from the Clothing Dept. can be transferred from the Return of Q.M. & Q.E. to the Return of Qr. Mr. Stores.

The Blankets selected this morning could, therefore, only be used by purchase on personal account.

which, of course, is not desired.—

Hoping that you will be able to secure Blankets such as you desire, & waiting your further pleasure, I am,

Yours truly

E. H. Hall
Q.M.G.

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

Capt. Bancroft.

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Fort Trumbull - Conn.
October 27th 1888.

Dear General

Presuming upon the friendship of an old acquaintance, with whom I have served on several campaigns, I beg leave to inform you that by process of law I shall be retired from the service on the 17th June next & with the rank of Captain only - this after twenty eight years of duty during the best years of my life -

I have been advised by Army friends to apply to you for endorsement in connection with an effort that will be made in the next Congress for my retirement with the rank of Major. I think that a paper of commendation from an officer of your high rank & one who has been thrown in such intimate connection officially & socially with a junior as we have been during a period commencing before Gettysburg, continued through Chattanooga & Indian campaigns in

& service in Alaska & with the Nez Perces in the North West, would commend the attention of any authorities in whom lies the power to confer the benefit asked for.

Should you be disposed to favor my application, I propose to place your endorsement, with other documents in the hands of General Hawley for a zealous prosecution of the case before the military committee.

Very respectfully & truly
Your friend
E A Bancroft
Capt 4th Infty

Major General
Oliver O. Howard USA
Commanding Division of the Pacific
San Francisco
Cal

P.S.

Allow me General to add for your information, that I gave up a situation of $1200 per year voluntarily & from purely patriotic motives only, without hope of reward or future distinction to enlist in defence of the Union on the 6th May 1861 — served continuously in the field from that date to the end of the war & was brevetted for Fair Oaks & Gettysburg (the latter at your recommendation). Regimental Quarter Master from 12 July '65 to 26 April '73 — Captain since latter date — wounded in Nez Perces campaign — served in Alaska one year —

Respy E A Bancroft
USA

Ans. Oct 30.

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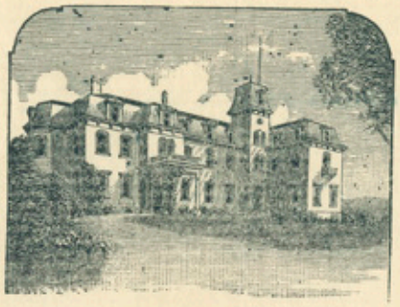
HOPKINS' ACADEMY,

Oakland, California.



Oakland, Oct. 29th 1888

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Presidio.

Dear Sir:

You kindly promised if your time permitted to give an address to our boys. Our school closes on Dec. 14th. Can you give us an evening of some Friday between this date and the close of our term?

I am desirous of bringing to bear on our boys the influence of the Christian example of one occupying such a prominent position as you do. For the sake of our boys, who are manly fellows, "come over and help us".

Very respectfully yours
R. N. Anderson
Prin.

One week from Friday Nov 2, Nov 9,

Hopkins Academy
Principal

88.

PALACE HOTEL,

Headquarters Public School
Reform Association,
Rooms Nos. 74 and 75,
San Francisco, October 29th, 1888.

Gen O. O. Howard
Presidio
Dear Sir,

You are earnestly invited to act as one of the Vice-Presidents at the Mass Meeting to be held on ~~Friday~~ Thurs Evening next, Nov. ~~2d,~~ 1st 1888, at ~~Odd Fellows'~~ Union Square Hall, in futherance of the views of the above association.

Please notify us of your acceptance on receipt of this.

Mrs W. G. Doane,
Secretary Ex. Committee.

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Tues. Oct. 30 '88

Dear Bro

Mother seems much more comfortable but still very weak. She has only had one night of good pain for a week. Dell has been here off & on home. I can hardly say we can expect mother to get up again but it would seem that she might be comfortable and linger peacefully with us

for several weeks. I
do hope she may be
spared any more so
intense suffering. Lord
bless. night the Lord
such a night –

All your letters as
also Harry's, & Jamie's
seem to give her great
happiness. –

Ever your affy
L. H. H.

Genl O H Howard

20 YEARS' STANDING. ESTABLISHED 1868. AGENTS' HEADQUARTERS.

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Philadelphia, Oct. 30 1886

Major General O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Oct. 23 with the accompanying article on the Revolutionary War has just been received. We have no doubt that the article will prove highly satisfactory not only to the editors but to the American people when it shall be placed before them. We thank you heartily for the careful preparation and the promptness in execution herein displayed.

Yours respectfully,

Hubbard Bros

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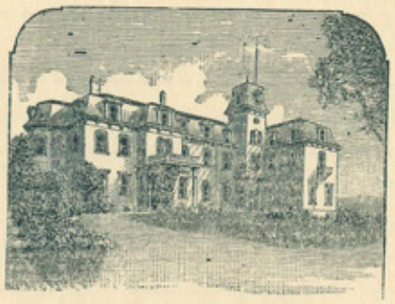
HOPKINS' ACADEMY,

Oakland, California.



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Ans.
Not in house

Oakland, Oct. 31st 1888

Gen. O. O. Howard
Head Quarters Division of the Pacific
San Francisco.

Dear Sir:

I hope a stupid blunder I made in my letter of the 29th inst. will not prevent your acceding at another time to my request.

Friday, Nov. 9th, is the evening on which our boys are to have a "party" - They have postponed the party once, and have now advanced so far in their arrangements that they can not postpone it again.

It was all my mistake - I hope you will kindly overlook it. Can you give us the following Friday - Nov. 16th? If not, Nov. 30th?

To get here take either the Broad Gauge or Narrow Gauge to 14th St.

Thence either Telegraph Ave cars to 34 St. or Piedmont cars to the Academy. If you let me know in time I shall be most happy to meet you either at the boat or in San Francisco.

We have ample accommodations to keep you with us until next morning

Most respectfully yours

R. N. Anderson

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Fort Yates Dakota
October 21st 1888

Dear father

I enclose two of your checks I cashed for Harry and a draft on N.Y. for $518.50, in all $594.00 which I will pay you to account of the collections I am having made in Omaha. There will be about $295.00 more unless my expenses in collecting are greater than I expect. I thought the money might help you now particularly so I hurry this off. Harry met Mrs. Wadsworth, with Minnie, Maud, & Saine at Bismarck and let them persuade him to return with them. I should have told him to go on had I received his telegram but I was out of the post with the command from a

day of field work from 9.30 am
till 4 o'clock P.M. I have
just heard from Uncle Willie
that he has returned to Omaha
and from that hope that
Grandmother is not in as great
danger, so will allow Harry
to remain till the others
go back. Much love to all.
To day is Muster and I have
been hard at work with the
inspection & papers. Much
love to Mother & Bessie

Affectionately your son,
Guy

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PRIVATE DALZELL'S BOOK.

DEAR FRIEND: If I had been a Major General or even a post-bellum Brigadier, and written my Memoirs, I should not have to send this card to notify you I have a book for sale at One Dollar. But I was only a private--one of the million who shot down the Rebellion--and have written my Memoirs, 252 p illustrated. The papers and magazines all praise it, and I say nothing of its merits. President Hayes, Gen. Sherman, Gen. Fairchild, Gen. Banks, Gen. Lew Wallace, Mrs. Gen. Alger, Mrs. E. S. Hampton, Mrs. Col. Fred Grant, Chas. A. Dana, Joe Medill, Richard Smith, Geo. E. Lemon, Sam Bowles. Ed. Cowles, etc, bought copies and speak well of it. They paid me honestly. Many other subscribers did not, leaving my property mortgaged to pay the publishers a balance. I will mail you the book for one dollar cash. Address,

PRIVATE DALZELL, Noble Post 491, G. A. R.,

Caldwell, O., Oct 31" 1888

General,

I have again to acknowledge your repeated kindness in sending me a dollar for my poor little book, which, with all its imperfections, I'd gladly mail to you the day. Please let me know if it reaches you, for the mails are poorly carried — often miscarried nowadays. Let me thank you for the honor you do me in condescending to take my little book. The Lord still spares your namesake. He is almost 11, at school, strong, hearty, a good boy and reverences God's day, God's word, and his mother. He has never tasted tobacco or liquor, and I pray never may. I mention this because it is the truth, because I think you will be glad to hear it, and because his mother called him for you & Pres. Hayes because she wanted him to be like you both.

I hope she may be ready for West Point yet.

We are very hopeful that the great secret crime & conspiracy of the Solid South to destroy and ruin our Government may be thwarted next Tuesday, and the Government transferred from the hands of its enemies ancient and modern, foreign & domestic, into the hands of its friends in all times. I believe it.

Again thanking you for the exceeding honor you do me in even noticing, much more sending me a needed dollar for my poor book, allow me the additional honor of subscribing myself

Your friend

J. M. Dowell.

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