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[Dec 18, 1889]

Bowdoin Alumni Association

Of New-York.

Dear Sir:

You are invited to attend the Twentieth Annual Dinner of the

Bowdoin Alumni Association of New-York,

at Hoffman House, Madison Square, Wednesday Evening, December 18th, 1889, at 6.30 o'clock.

Very respectfully,

F. H. Dillingham, Sec'y,

344 Lexington Avenue.

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J. C WEBSTER, VICE PRESIDENT.
J. L. ENGLISH, SECRETARY.
H. W. ST. JOHN, ACTUARY.

Portland, Or., Dec. 18, 1889.

Major General Howard:

Dear General:

Your favor, of the 4th, was duly received. I have seen James Steel, and he and I will grease the ways, to the extent of our power, for Mrs. Nora Grant Rice and her husband.

Your familiar signature is always a welcome sight, but it calls up memories of grateful companionship that has made most of my life so pleasant, and upon which I so confidently leaned, that it brings a sigh of homesickness.

I saw Chief Joseph's statement, but I made allowances, and so must you, for the circumstances under which it was given, for that is a very important factor and must be taken into account. Joseph was Gen. Gibbon's guest, and was treated with the greatest courtesy and consideration; he was feasted, and flattered by having distinguished people brought to meet him and to dine with him. The questions which drew out this statement, were put by Gen. Gibbon himself, and as Joseph speaks no English, they were communicated to him and his answers translated by Chapman, who is employed by Gibbon, and devoted to him. Now I don't doubt Joseph, nor Gen. Gibbon, nor even Chapman's honesty, but it was not like Gen. Gibbon to conceal what he expected the answers to be, and we know how easy it is to accommodate our views somewhat to those of the distinguished and powerful host who has treated us so kindly, and, indeed, how difficult it would be to do otherwise. Then must be taken into account the difficultie of a nice interpretation of the Indian tongue, of which you have yourself had many examples, as well as the poverty of expression of the language itself, and you have some very important factors in the means taken to get at this expression of Joseph's "opinion".

That is the way it looks to me, and it will require evidence to convince me to the contrary.

Gen. Gibbon made a great deal of Joseph, treating him with the utmost distinction, lionizing him, and introducing him about until Joseph's head would have been turned if it had not been an Indian's. The greater the warrior, Joseph; the greater the victory for Gibbon. The newspapers were full of the Chief, and his picture occupied all the shop windows.

It is difficult to understand Gibbon's attitude in respect to the Big Hole fight: In his lecture, which was very long, he demonstrates, in order to show the valor and fighting abil-

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ities of his command, that the Indians repelled the attack upon their camp, drove him into a position of defence, held him there completely surrounded, covered his entire position with their fire, harassed them by burning the grass, and had him so completely in thier power, apparently, that hope was almost gone when, suddenly, the Indians, finding themselves beaten, stole away under the cover of darkness, and the command were wild with delight at finding themselves saved. A singular coincidence, but lightly touched upon in the lecture, was the presence of your own command as the Indians drew away. There was not an officer, unfamiliar with that story, present at that lecture so far as I could learn, who did not go away with the thorough belief that Gen. Gibbon's command was saved by the presence of your troops, notwithstanding his labored attempt to prove the contrary. It is really a good deal like Derby's story of the man who beat his adversary, by inserting his nose between his teeth, and, in this manner pulling him down to the ground on top of himself, and firmly holding him there until others came and pulled him off.

He is a queer character, always on the wrong side of every popular question; always at loggerheads with his superiors; dogmatic, intolerant; he has but one friend among his equals in rank and ability, and that is,-Gibbon. He is gracious and kind to his inferiors, and this has a considerable following. But it stops at his inferiors, for he does not seem to desire to be on good terms with his superiors. He always reminds me of the Irishman who had just arrived in this country, and who, on being asked which political party he belonged to, replied, "I'm for the party that's agin the government". That is about where he stands. He was on no better terms with his own party when in power, than he always has been with Republican administrations.

The world will not agree with him in refernce to the selection of CemeteryRidge He belongs to the Doubleday class. He is too free with his opinions to have them carry much weight with thinking people. He has a certain kind of popularity out here, but he does not command any weight or respect.

I saw Capt. Gray the other day. He has secured the unanimous endorsement of the Washington Legislature, and they have called upon Senator Squires to take the case to the President and request his immediate action. It is a strong document, and I believe it will win the day. I do not get over to Vancouver

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often, so I have not seen Grace and the children for a long time. Give my congratulations to Jamie upon the accession to his family. I expect you and Mrs. Howard are happy at having so many of your children near you again. Give our love to them all.

Now a word as to Chambreau. I have just received your letter about him. Chambreau comes to see me when he comes to town, but he was very feeble when I last saw him, and I expect he is not able to get into the city, on account of his condition and the winter weather. It is not work he wants, for he is not able to do anything, except some light thing like his duties while with you. His son, Joe, has a very fine position with the Union Pac. R. R., and, it seems to me, ought to help him pecuniarily, if he is in need. But I am inclined to think that he does not. Joe is on the point of going to Omaha, if he has not already gone, as the O. R. N. Co. is merged into the Union Pacific, and all the railroad offices are combined at Omaha.

What would help Mr. Chambreau more than anything else, would be to have his pension granted. I have helped him, from time to time, with the proofs, and they seemed to me to be sufficient, but he can hear nothing from it, and "hope deferred", you know the rest. There is, in my opinion, no position in Portland, outside the government service, that Wood and I could push him for, that he could fill. It is a pity, but it is true. I return your letter as requested.

Thank you, for what you say of Fred. He will not graduate dangerously near the top, but he is too fond of what young people call a "good time" to stand where he ought to stand. I think he rather committed himself when he told you, once when he was a little fellow, that he did not want to be a better man than his father.

With sincere regards to yourself and Mrs. Howard,

I am, Yours truly

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THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,
NEW YORK.

Dec 18. 1889

Dear General Howard

Yesterday, late in the day, by accident I ran across your note of acceptance, which through the carelessness of our office boy had been stuck under the frame of a large picture, done up, in our outer office —

I regret exceedingly to have for a moment given you any trouble or thrown any suspicion of unfaithfulness on your messenger. I apologized to

him this ~~morning~~
day so to you. I trust
account of the Union League
affair has not slighted or over
looked any of the army - Especially
those of our friends, who are
in that service - The affair was
a very grand one indeed, and
gold lace, handsome men and
beautiful women were in the
large majority. No wonder in
all this show, that our Reporters
should have become bewildered.
The affair was worthy a European
Lorch -

I trust you will pardon
our carelessness about the letter

THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,
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ld believe me that I hardly think such a thing will ever occur again in this Office - With kind regards to yourself and family I am

Very truly Yours

Wm R. Worrall

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The Young Men's Christian Association of the City of New York,

TWENTY-THIRD STREET BRANCH.

JAMES McCONAUGHY,
Secretary.

52 East 23d Street, New York.

Dec. 18th, 1889.

Major General O.O.Howard, U.S.A.

Governor's Island,

My Dear General Howard:

Our Sunday afternoon meeting has largely increased in attendance this winter and the spiritual results are very encouraging. We have desired for some time to have you give an address to the young men at this meeting, and Mr. Smith, our gymnasium instructor, who is chairman of the committee in charge of it, has been to Governor's Island two or three times to see you and ask you to come, but has always been unfortunate enough to find you ~~out~~ about. Will you not give us a Sunday afternoon at your convenience early in the year? If it would suit you we ~~would~~ specially desire to have you come on the first Sunday of the year and give an address to young men that would be specially appropriate to that day. If Mr. Smith is fortunate enough to find you at home he will be glad to give as full information as possible in regard to the meeting. If not, he will leave this letter for your consideration and reply, and we will be very glad if you can promise to be with us on Sunday, Jan. 5th; or if that date is not convenient, any Sunday in February or March. The hour of the meeting is 3:15.

Sincerely Yours,

James McConaughy

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Sincerely Yours,

James McConaughy

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OFFICE OF
ASST. MEDICAL PURVEYOR, U.S.A.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dec. 18. 89.

Dear General:

Bro of 16th inclosing a description of your lecture on Pensions. came duly - for which I am very much obliged. You will hear from it from a very respectable quarter & in a good cause.

Very respectfully Yours.

E. D. Vollum

Genl. O. O. Howard.
N. Y. City -
Governors Island
N.Y.H.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Com^d. Dep. of the Atlantic
Governors Island,
New York Harbor

P. S. I forgot to give
Mr. Dana his letter – He
passes as "Sergeant" Dana

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Christ Church Rectory.

Sutton Henderson.

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Alexandria, Va., Dec. 18 1869

My dear Sir,

I rec^d. to-day
a letter from Mr. Charles
B. Dana, who is under
arrest for some misconduct
as a soldier. He has very
earnestly solicited my aid
in his behalf. I dell greatly
by him so far as to
tell who he is & what I
know of him. His father,
the Rev. Charles B. Dana,
was the rector of my church,

for many years - He was
much respected - married
late, & left two sons, of whom
Charles is one. I first met
Charles here. He came down
from Washington to my Church
quite often & was con-
firmed in it by Bishop Ran-
dolph in 1888. He often
expressed to me his hope
of rising from the ranks,
and intimated his purpose
to accomplish this by
study & soldier-like con-
duct. His great fear
now is of being put back
into the ranks. I know too well
the need of discipline &
obedience in the army to
do more than ask for
Mr. Dana, all the forbear-
ance that is consistent
with your position & duty.
His offence I know I do
not know fully; but, that
a degradation should
utterly dishearten him &
lead to his ruin, I
respectfully ask the best
you can do for him.

Very truly & respt.,
Yours &c., Henderson Clarke.

Indian Rights Association,

1305 ARCH STREET.

Philadelphia, December 18th, 1889.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N. Y.

My dear Gen. Howard:-

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter just received from Chaplain Pierson concerning whom I have already had some correspondence with you. I have written Mr. Pierson that I would send his letter to you. I have answered his other questions. I do not see that I can do anything more in the matter.

Believe me, with kind regards,

Truly yours,

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Herbert Welsh

Alcatraz Island, Cal,
Dec. 8th 1888.
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Mr Herbert Welch.
Corresponding Sec
Ind Rights Association
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir:

I notice that the Sec'y of War intends visiting the Apache prisoners soon before he will decide upon their removal elsewhere. What do you think will be the outcome? I think they should be permanently located where they can have better opportunities, especially for an industrial education than at Mt Vernon, and then I think as they were born in the Mountains, a hilly country would be better for them. However, my judgement is nothing, of course, compared with those who have been giving this matter their attention for years.

The more I think of it the more I am impressed that somebody should go to them with the Gospel of Christ, If I can

be of use to them I shall be glad to spend my time among them and bring them to the Saviour if possible

As you have had large experience in Indian matters I wish you would briefly give me your views as to what plan would best be adapted to reach them with the Gospel.

If I am sent to them to look after their morals how do you think would be the best way to reach them.

What do you think would be the whole method employed in their care to be by the Government, Would some Army Officer be put in charge of them and would they have an industrial teacher, and teacher for the Children in the Schools. Of course, as Chaplain I might be placed in charge of schools among them, as I am an old teacher having had an experience of 5-yrs, not among Indians however. Of course I only suggest that as a possibility I am only desirous of their good and am willing to do whatever I can to that end, I am willing to act simply as their moral & spiritual adviser, or if need be can superintend their School in any event If I should be sent to them I would help in all ways possible for their elevation.

I hope however, that if they are placed under an Army Officer one may be found who is at least in sympathy with religious work among them, for a Commanding Officer can aid me in such work very much, and he can also hinder much. Please let me have your opinion, Genl Howard, being a Christian man would know who to select as their Comdg Officer, and I hope you will call his attention to the matter in due time, when it is settled where they are to be located.

Hoping to hear from you I am

Yours Truly,
W. V. Pearson,
Chaplain U.S.A.

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Washington D. C.
Dec. 19, 1889

Dear General

I returned from Dakota last night & have seen Gen. Raum this A.M. who said that he had furnished the data asked in your letter of Nov. 12th

I saw Chas. in Chicago Yes. – All well.

Yours Truly
E. Whittlesey

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West 37th Street
New York City N.Y.

Dec. 19th 1889.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, New York.
My Dear Sir and Friend.

I have just seen the Rev. Dr. William M. Taylor. He spoke friendly, but stated frankly that as President of the American Missionary Association, the organization preferred that he should not recommend or aid any thing that was not under their immediate control, he therefore could not do it. But bid me God's blessings, and success. I shall therefore have to ask you, again, to endeavor to find some friend, or friends, who can render more efficient service, to aid the Rankin-Richards Institute. I am General,

Most Truly Yours, Rhoden Mitchell,
Principal and Superintendent.

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George C. Strong Post, No. 534,
Department of New York, G. A. R.,
Arlington Hall, Gates and Nostrand Avenues,

Brooklyn, Dec 19 1889

Major Genl. R. O. Howard

My dear Sir

Your favor 17th reached me safely. I will confer with Pastor Foote and think without question that he will be glad to have you present the Flag from this Post to his School and you can easily lead up to it when making your address to the Children -

The other Flags will be presented Sunday afternoon 3.30 Dec 29th - Sunday evening Jan 5th and Sunday evening Jan 12th we would be more than proud if you could so arrange to present any one or all; as every one recognizes you as a great lover of the Sunday Schools, in addition to being a prominent figure in our late war: if you can, possibly, will you will you honor us at one if not more presentation aside from the Church that Pastor Foote presides over?

Yours to Command

David W. Wilson

Sec of Committee -

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Military Order of the Royal Legion of the United States.

Headquarters Commandery of the State of New York.

GEO. DE FOREST BARTON,
(PAYMASTER, LATE U. S. NAVY,)
RECORDER,
202 BROADWAY NEW YORK, N. Y.

New York, December 19, 1889

Dear Sir and Companion:—

At a Banquet of this Commandery at Delmonico's on Wednesday evening, December 4, 1889 the following resolution offered by Colonel Henry M. Porter, U. S. V. was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Commandery be tendered to Major General Oliver O. Howard, U. S. Army for the valuable and interesting paper, "General Grant at Chattanooga", read by him this evening.

Very Respy
Your Obdt Svt
Geo. De F. Barton
Recorder

To
Major Genl. Oliver O. Howard
U. S. Army
Governors Island
City

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