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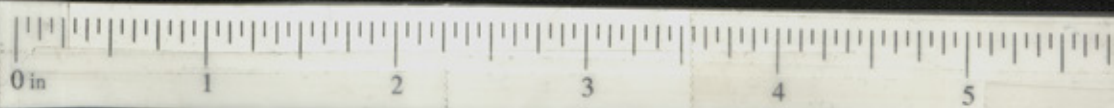
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Flint, Mich., May 5, 1890.

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Dear Sir, Not knowing  
your permanent address, I  
send this letter to West Point.  
I know almost every year you  
visit Mackinac Bay View, now  
next to Chautauque in size, is  
only a few miles from the fort, and  
I write to enquire if you could  
not plan to go to Bay View on  
Tuesday, Aug 5. The Grand Army  
Poole of Northern Mich. meet there  
that day and I know it would  
be a very great pleasure to the  
old soldiers if you could be present.

Please let me hear from you  
at once,

Sincerely,

John McKeall.



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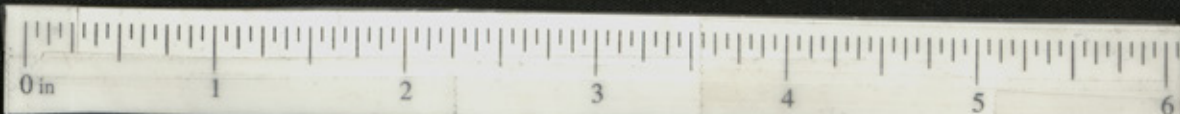
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May 5<sup>th</sup> 1890 Ventura CoGeneral O. O. Howard  
Governors Island N.Y.

My Dear Friend

your letter of Mar 31<sup>st</sup> was  
rec'd by me Apr 7<sup>th</sup>. I perceived you did not  
have the same impression of the Note given by  
Mr Thompson, and endorsed by Capt Gray, in order  
to get money from the Bank to pay for  
Land which they, and another person had  
purch'd on speculation. I therefore immediately  
wrote to my daughter Millie requesting a  
plain statement, so that I could write to you,  
but not to write herself. She did not  
heed my advice, and impulsive, as women  
are apt to be, when a wrong is done them,  
and particularly when her husband's reputation  
is assailed by incorrect information,  
she wrote directly to you, and in a tone  
I do not approve of, but after all it shows  
you how deeply she was wounded.

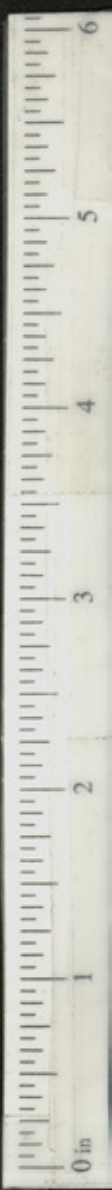
She sent a copy of her letter to her mother  
and writes she does not think either of us  
would approve of it, and we do not, and  
her husband also tried to persuade her  
not to write to you. I hope you will forgive  
her impetuosity and plainness.

\* a Mr Swettland



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My dear friend,  
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well. I am also well and hope  
this letter will find you the same. I have been thinking  
much of late about the future of our country and the  
state of our Union. I feel that we are in a critical  
position and that the future of our country depends  
upon the wisdom and courage of our leaders. I hope  
that you will be able to do something to help our  
country in this time of need. I am, my dear friend,  
very truly yours,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison



On 2<sup>d</sup> inst I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter of April 24<sup>th</sup> in which you state you had written to Mr Thompson, and I deeply regret you felt the necessity of replying as you did. But I knew you was actuated by a Christian spirit, and thank you for that, and also for your kind and brotherly letter to me.

Now my dear General, I was not offended by your first letter to me, I took it as one of sympathy, thinking the statements you had were correct. The Christian Union of Apr 17<sup>th</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> by me just before your letter came had an article headed "A Prevalent Offence" which showed how ready mankind were to believe, and circulate damaging reports, and warning its readers to be careful.

I don't think it necessary for you or I to write more on this painful subject but I will state to you that more than a year ago Mr Gray wrote me a gloomy letter about Mr Thompson which I showed to Mr Van Marcom and we agreed not to let Millie know anything about it, as it would worry her being with us and away from her husband. We thought it could not be possible that such things were so, and from letters received since she got back to Portland, we know the statements were not correct. Mr Gray must have told

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Millie she had written to me for she speaks of it in letters to her mother.

From Millie's letters to her mother I learn Captain Gray had hurried a sale of the land making much less profit than they could have done if they had retained it longer, still about \$1200 was made & Mr Thompson was entitled to one third or \$400 and he had not taken anything leaving it for Capt<sup>m</sup> Gray to take & pay the Note of \$300 with interest so in any case Capt<sup>m</sup> Gray could not lose much money by him. I knew this when I got your first letter, but I wanted from Millie a direct statement to give you, for my impressions may not be correct in detail.

I wrote Mr Gray Jan 28. 1889 in answer to her letter of Jan 21<sup>st</sup> and told her I could not interfere in financial matters of Mr Thompson. She wrote about another Note of \$500 in her letter to me. I think both of us had better not write any more about it to them. It will not better the matter.

I thank you for your kind wishes for the improvement of Mr Van B health. He were over 2 Mo in Redlands then came here where she will remain for some time. I think she keeps about the same; if no improvement apparently she is no worse, but she stays in bed many days feeling more comfortable than if she got up. She wants to visit Portland this summer.

Gussie has removed to a stock ranch far back in the mountains. Please give our kind regards to Mr Howard. Very Sincerely Yours A. Lines Van Blarcom



Balch, Price & Co.

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Manufacturing Hatters and Furriers,

376 and 378 Fulton Street,

Brooklyn, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1880

Genl O. O. Howard

I have endorsed on the back of the letter - as requested, what I know of Geo H Jackson & the firm & Co. of Knigs Co. I know the Comrades who are doing the work of the Bureau would be pleased to have you call - and if it is ever convenient for you to do so I should be pleased to have you call on me at any time during the day when you are in Brooklyn and we will step into room 14 City Hall.

It is close by my place of business - you could then see what they do & how they do it.

Very sincerely yours  
George A. Price



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Robt. Davis & Co.

Manufacturing Station and Gunns,

278 and 279 Boston Street,

Boston,

1878

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36 EAST 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

N. Y. May 5. 1890.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for  
your favor: The suggestion  
for a lecture is something  
more than I had even  
hoped for: Your terms  
are cordially accepted  
and I personally undertake  
to see that they are  
fully complied with,  
before you leave the  
City for Burlington:

I have already taken  
the liberty to notify  
the Board of Trustees



of Bridgton Academy  
that I expect to receive  
from you an oration in  
Farnsworth Memorial  
Hall, Tuesday evening,  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, subject Gettysburg.  
The graduating exercises  
will take place on  
Tuesday and the Alumni  
meeting on Wednesday,  
as I understand it.

We can leave here on  
Monday morning - spend  
the night at the Falmouth  
House, <sup>Portland</sup> and take the  
early train Tuesday morning  
for Bridgton.

I will thank you  
for a formal note

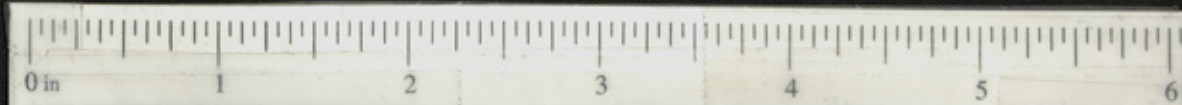
accepting the invitation  
and the part assigned  
you in the programme,  
which I can forward  
to the Secretary, at  
North Bridgton.

Believe me, my dear  
General, as ever,

Yours faithfully,

Edward J. Brown

President of the Board  
of Trustees of Bridgton  
Academy.



(3) 1st Lieut. Wm. H. Stewart - 4th. Arty.

For gallant conduct in rushing forward and assuming command of Battery "D" 4th. Arty, then without an officer, and faltering in front of the Indians stone breastworks, and carrying the men with him into the works, driving the Indians out, and pursuing them down the banks and into the river - July 12<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Hoping that my letter will be considered, and that this probably forgotten information may add to the names to be recommended for Brevet for that hard fight.

Remain

Your obedient servant.

W. H. Miller.

May 5<sup>th</sup> Arty.

Miller July 12<sup>th</sup> 1877

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Fort Monroe. Va.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1890.

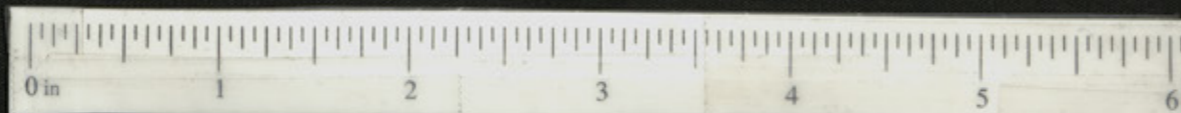
Major Genl Howard.

Dear General.

I noticed in the Army & Navy Journal about three weeks ago, a paragraph to the effect that you had recommended only one officer for a Brevet for the Battle of Charwater. I did not then pay much attention to the matter, presuming that you would mention others later; this paragraph intimated that if that particular officer was the only one noticed, or to be noticed, that great injustice had been done to others.

I would like to state, that in my opinion, a severe and close engagement like that, could not well have taken place, without more than one officer exercising and showing unusual gallantry.

About the portion of the line where



Capt. Burton's Company was, there was close, continuous and hard fighting, officers there had to expose themselves continually in order to keep the men up to the line. Several men too tried to get back from the fighting on any excuse, such as out of ammunition, wounded, etc.:-

There was also close fighting in front of Capt. Bancroft's Company; the Indians actually penetrating our line by the right of Jocelyn's Company and getting within (75) yds. of the ammunition train, near which at the time, yourself, Col. Mason, and Dr. Alexander were - and I am proud to say that I took charge of Capt. Bancroft's Company, at that time without an officer, and with the assistance of Lieut. <sup>Haughney's</sup> ~~Company~~ charged them back.

The cheer of our charge was taken up all along the line, and our forces derived a permanent relief from the close fighting we had had up to that time; in fact they did not again assume the offensive, and our forces had, after

that, all the advantage. In my report I recommended the names of Capt. Burton, Lieut. <sup>Lieut. Haughney</sup> Humphry, Lieut. Otis, and Lieut. Stewart for gallant conduct. I presume Capt.

Miles of the 21<sup>st</sup> can also give names of officers doing particularly well.

I do not think all the glory of that battle should be absorbed by one officer.

The special acts of the officers now in service are as follows:—

(1) Capt. Geo. A. Burton. 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry—

For coolness and gallantry in maintaining the line of battle occupied by his Company in close, (12 to 15 yds) combat with a superior number of Indians for several hours. July 11<sup>th</sup> 1877.

(2) 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. James A. Haughney - 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry—

In gallantry and promptly responding to the call of Capt. M. P. Miller, 4<sup>th</sup> Artillery to cheer and charge the Indians and in assisting to repulse the party which had penetrated our lines and had approached to within a few yards of the ammunition trains. July 11<sup>th</sup> 1877.

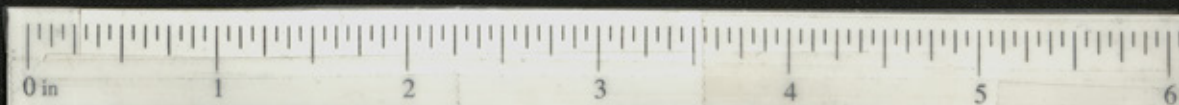
Lexington, Va.,  
May 5, 1890.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,  
U.S. Army,  
Head-quarters Division of the Atlantic,  
Governor's Island, New York City.

My Dear General:-

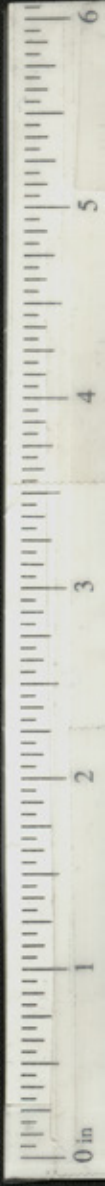
I have duly received your letter requesting me to give you some incidents in the life of General Thomas. I regret that I am not able to do so. The General was Major of the Second Cavalry when I joined the Regiment, but I was never stationed at the same post with him, and only saw him a few times <sup>and</sup> held at the distance that a young Second Lieut. would be from a Major.

By the way I got very unintentionally into an altercation about Gen. Thomas some years ago. Some of our papers were pitching into his record, and stating that as a Virginian he should have resigned and taken the part of his native State. I saw one of the Editors afterwards and remonstrated with him, stating that the General was dead now, and quoting the old sentence "nil mortuis nisi bonum". He asked me if it was true ~~you~~ <sup>Gen.</sup> Thomas intended to resign. I told him yes but afterwards he changed his mind as he had a right to do, and this Editor quoted me as authority on the subject of the General's intentions, whereupon some members of his old Staff and some others denied the whole statement and accused



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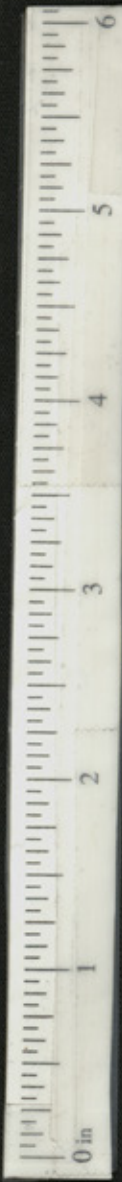
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I see the Richmond Dispatch, a few days ago, republished the letter of Gen. Thomas to Hon. John Letcher who was then Governor of Virginia. It was dated New York <sup>Hotel</sup> March 12th, 1861, and says, "It is not my wish to leave the service of the United States as long as it is honorable for me to remain in it, and therefore as long as my native state, Virginia, remains in the Union it is my purpose to remain in the Army, unless requested to perform duties alike

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repulsive to honor and humanity.

However all this is a digression. I am sorry that I was not  
*much*  
not with him, and cannot give you what you want about his personal  
habits and sayings.

Very truly yours,

*Robert E. Lee*

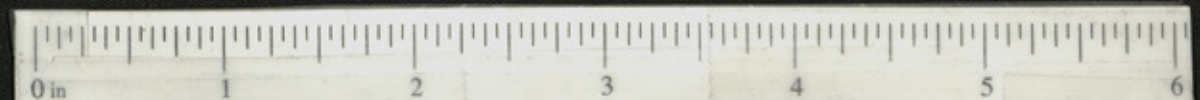
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Lee Fitzhugh



# AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

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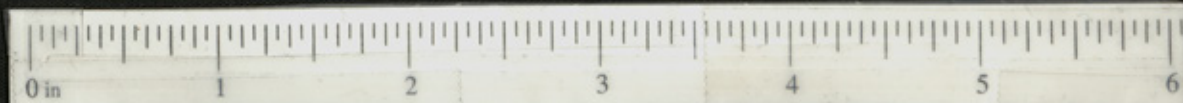
Governor's Island, N.Y.

My Dear General:-

We are this evening in receipt of a dispatch from Judge Strong stating his inability to preside at the annual meeting of the Society, which will occur, as stated in the circular enclosed, on Monday the 7th inst., at 10 A.M. in the Chapel of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church. The Committee cordially invite you as one of the Honorary Vice Presidents to preside in the absence of the President. Hoping to have your acceptance, I am,

Yours very truly,

G. L. Shearer



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REV. A. C. FRISSELL,  
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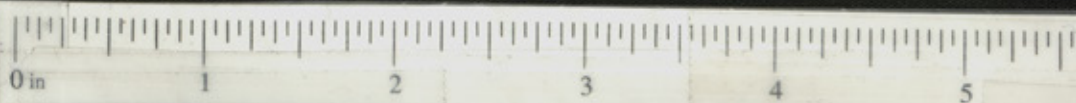
New York,

May. 5<sup>th</sup> 1898

My dear Gen. Howard: -

Will it  
please you to give some thought  
to the books and needs of  
the Am. Tract Society, make  
an offering and allow us to  
hear from you?

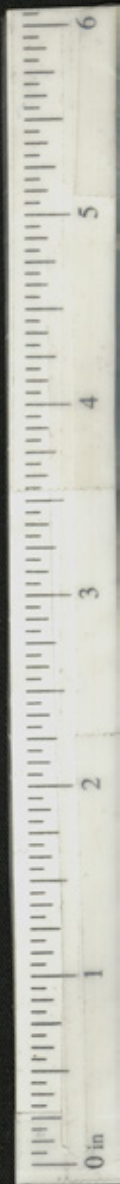
We are happy to look to  
you as one interested in every  
good book and book need  
to be relied upon for assist-  
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REV. A. C. FRIS  
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# AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

150 NASSAU STREET,

REV. A. C. FRISSELL,  
District Secretary.

New York,

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Long and honourable standing  
of the Society, the noble work  
it has accomplished in the  
past and its rich promise  
for the future will commend  
its claims to the earnest con-  
sideration and liberal re-  
sponse of the benevolent.

"To save the world we must  
save our own country."

Hoping for a favourable  
response from you,  
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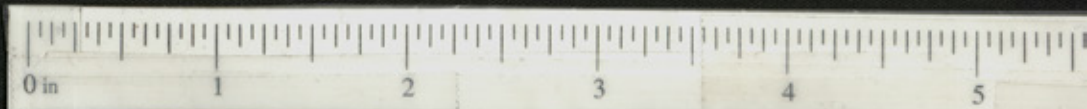
Yours cordially,

A. C. Frissell.

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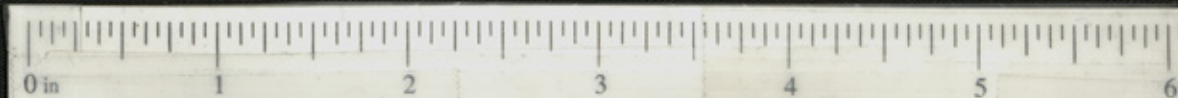
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

We are pleased to have your acceptance of our invitation to preside at the meeting to-morrow morning, and will take pleasure in preparing an order of exercises, and giving you further aid and information as requested.

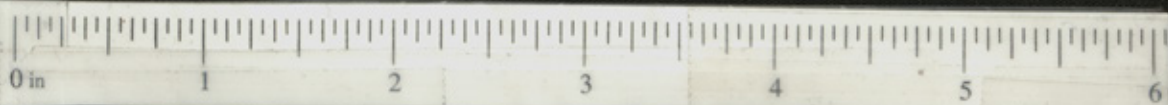
Yours very truly,

G. L. Shearer,  
Fin. Secy.



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Rev. JOSIAH STRONG,  
General Secretary.  
Rev. FRANK RUSSELL,  
Field Secretary.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE  
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
117 BIBLE HOUSE,

New York, MAY 6 1890

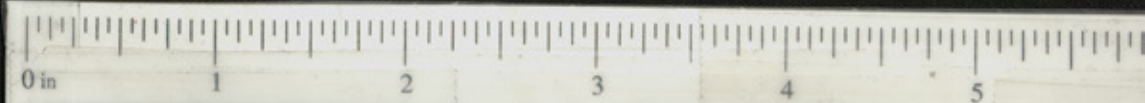
Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance at this office [ 117 Bible House ] Monday next, May 12th, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Yours faithfully,

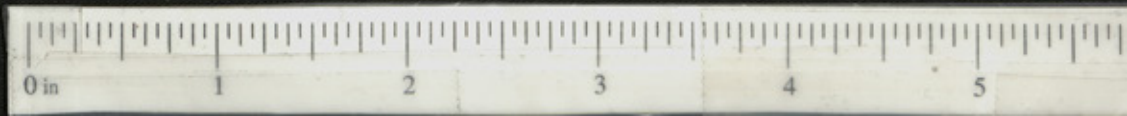
*Josiah Strong*  
General Secretary.



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Vineyard Haven Mass.  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Genl O. O. Howard  
Governors Island N.Y.

Dear General.

Levi Lee is here, is in fairly good health and will be all right in a day or two - Mrs Lee is in Boston but the Col don't know when; I presume she will come down as soon as she knows the Levi is all right. I had a note from her last evening - I expect she has had rather a hard time and needs a little rest.

I will remain here until everything is right - Trust this will find you and yours in good health

Truly Yours  
A. B. Cary.

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SOLDIERS AND SAILORS'  
MONUMENT COMMITTEE,

A. K. MCMAHON, SECRETARY.

Charles E. Lawton Post, No. 5.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

NEWPORT, R. I.

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Gen O O Howard

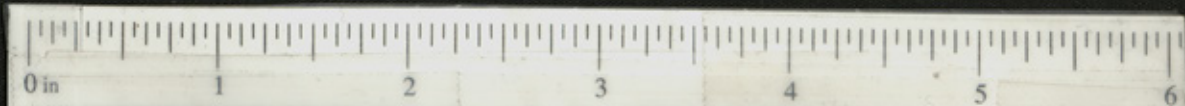
May 6 1890.

Sir,

I have the honor to extend  
to you a most cordial invitation, to  
be present and take part in the Anniversary  
Ceremonies of the Soldiers and Sailors  
Monument on Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1890  
in this City. The Rev. Augustus Woodbury  
will deliver the Oration, an early reply  
will oblige.

Yours in F. C. & L.

A. K. McMahon  
Secretary.

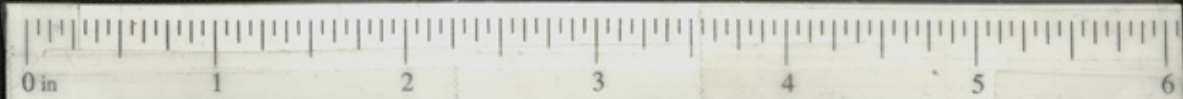


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SECRETARY:

JOHN L. MITCHELL,

248 Lafayette Avenue.

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To secure a better observance  
of Sunday as a day of rest and  
worship by

Holding public meetings.

Educating public sentiment.

Circulating literature.

Securing execution of laws.

Obtaining new laws

Maintaining a law-abiding and  
Sabbath keeping sentiment.

Sunday Observance Association of Kings County, 330.

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Pres't, A. A. ROBBINS.  
Sec'y, J. L. MITCHELL.

Vice-Pres't, ALEX. S. BACON.  
Vice-Pres't, C. T. INSLEE.

Treas'r, SAMUEL BRUSH.  
Counsel, W. T. B. MILLIKEN.

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 6. 1890

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir:- I am requested  
by Mr A. A. Robbins, President of this Assn  
and Col. Alex. S. Bacon, Vice Pres. of same  
(in which I cordially acquiesce) to extend  
to you our heartfelt thanks for the very  
interesting and serviceable speech you  
delivered last Sabbath in a meeting in the  
interests of the cause of the Sabbath Observ-  
ance, at the First Baptist Church (E.D.)  
Rev. D. C. Eddy, <sup>Pastor</sup>, I only need as-  
sure you that everybody present, judging  
from the many expressions made at that  
time, <sup>acknowledged</sup> ~~that~~ your service in this interest  
<sup>and things</sup> ~~was~~ heartily appreciated and very glori-  
fyingly commended. For the cause sake  
- on behalf of our Association - I beg to ex-  
tend to you our hearty and cordial congratula-  
tions. Our prayer shall ever be that your life  
and vitality may long be spared to aid and as-  
sist by your words and works the reforms which  
lie at the bottom of, and are necessary to the

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maintainance of the highest standard of our American civilization. Many, many thanks for your very effective service rendered in this interest as before named.

I enclose you the best newspaper report made of the meeting referred to. If you keep a scrap book it will be interesting.

It is gratifying to realize the fact, made apparent by the preparation of our annual report now in hand, that in many ways during this last year have we been of great practical service to this cause locally and otherwise. Among the otherwise ways you will be interested in the enclosed protest just made to the legislature. Our Anniversary (public) meeting will occur about <sup>in</sup> the ~~first~~ <sup>four</sup> part of June. With a number of our leading citizens in this vicinity we will extend you an invitation ~~to attend~~ the same & will hope for your presence. While the program is not fully completed we shall hope for the presence of Messrs of Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Rev. Dr. Talnage and Col. A. S. Bacon.

I presume you may by this time be booked for Decoration Day observance, but, if not & you or your family care to accept our hospitality you will be welcome to our home to review or see the procession for the military & G. A. R. Both outside then all other days in the year in <sup>your family</sup> Brookline.

