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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 Chautauqua 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 Posts 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 McNeall.

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May 5th 1890

General O. O. Howard
Governors Island N.Y.

My Dear Friend

Your letter of Mar 31st was rec by me Apl 7th. 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 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 husbands 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 Swetland

On 2d inst I recd your letter of April 24th 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 Ap 17th recd 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 dont 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 Mrs Gray wrote me a gloomy letter about Mr Thompson which I showed to Mr Van Harcom 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. Mrs Gray must have told

Milo Sheaver
from
Cahto

On a visit I received your letter of April 24th in which you partially gave that had written to Mr Thompson, and I deeply regret your feelings the necessity of replying as you did, but I know you will be satisfied by a statement of facts. Mrs Thompson and myself are fortunate in a Christian spirit. I and thank you for that, and also for your kind and brotherly letter to me.

Now my dear General I also sent enclosed by your first letter to me, I took it as one of your pretty, thinking the statements you heard were correct. The Christian spirit I see by your last helps your letter comes and our entirely blended "A Individual Offence" which should have ready one without here to believe, and gratuitous disappointing reports and wishing to readers to be forgiven.

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 Tom Twitchell came to visiting Cahto and I was a visiting relative I phrased to Mr Thompson and we agreed not to let Mollie know anything about it, as it would worry her feeling with us and cause her troubled. The thought it would not be possible that such things were so, and your letter received yesterday, after just there to Portland, we know the statements were not correct. Mr Tom Twitchell total

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. Gray to take & pay the Note of $300 with interest so in any case Capt. 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 Mrs Gray Jany 28. 1889 in answer to her letter of Jany 21st 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 Mrs Van B health. We were over 2 Mts 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

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Mattie also had written to me for who
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mortgage, money, less profit there, other small
share debts of them had returned at Denver,
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she is one nerves. But she going in deal money
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[illegible]. They want to [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] has removed to a better place for health
in the mountains. Where are our trunk [illegible]
to Hanna. Very sincerely yours Adrian Van Blairum

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Balch, Price & Co.

Manufacturing Hatters and Furriers,

376 and 378 Fulton Street,

Brooklyn, May 5th 1880

Genl O. O. Howard

I have endorsed on the back of the letter - as requested, what I know of Geo H Jackson & the men & Co. of Kings 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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36 EAST 69TH 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 Bridgton:

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 1st, subject Gettysburgh. 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, Portland 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 F. Brown

President of the Board of Trustees of Bridgton Academy.

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(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 12th 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.

I remain
Your obedient servant.
M. P. Miller,
Maj 5th Arty.

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Fort Monroe. Va.
May 5th 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 Clearwater. 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 then 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 lines 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. Haughey's ~~Humphrey's~~ 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 Haughey, Lieut Humphry, Lieut Otis, and Lieut Stewart for gallant conduct. I presume Capt. Miles of the 21st 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. 21st 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 11th 1877.

(2) 1st Lieut. James A. Haughey. 21st Infantry.

In gallantly and promptly responding to the call of Capt. M. P. Miller, 4th Arty. 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 11th 1877.

ROCKBRIDGE COMPANY,
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

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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 and 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 Gen. 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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me of saying things that were not so. I let it all go until Mrs. Thomas came out in the New York Herald in a publication which was a little rough on me too. I then obtained and had published copies of Gen. Thomas' letters to Governor Letcher, who was then Governor of this State, and to Gen. Francis Smith, Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, in which he indicated his intention of resigning and wanted a place at the Institute as a professor, accompanying them by a statement that when I bade Gen. Thomas good-bye in New York City in April 1861, that he told me that he was certainly going to resign and would be South in a few days. Indeed as the excitement grew during the period of '60 to '61 Gen. Thomas was considered one of the most rabid secessionists in the regiment and was much more outspoken on the subject than Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston, and Robt. E. Lee, the ~~senior~~ Col and Lt. Col. of the Regiment, or Hardee the Senior Major or Van Dorn the Senior Captain.

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 Hotel 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 not much with him, and cannot give you what you want about his personal habits and sayings.

Very truly yours,

Fitzhugh Lee

Lee Hutchinson
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AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

150 Nassau Street,
NEW YORK.

J. M. Stevenson, D D., Corres. Sec.
Rev. W. W. Rand, D. D., Pub. Sec.
Rev. G. L. Shearer, D. D., Finan. Sec.

Louis Tag, Assist. Treasurer.

May 5, 1890.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,

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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AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

150 NASSAU STREET,

REV. A. C FRISSELL,
District Secretary.

New York, May. 5th 1898

My dear Gen. Howard:—

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

We are happy to look to you at our interested in very good work and work must be relied upon for assistance: and we believe the

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AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

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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 consideration and liberal response of the benevolent.

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

Hoping for a favourable response from you,

I am Yours cordially,

Dictated. A. C. Frissell.

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150 Nassau Street,
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Louis Tag, Assist. Treasurer.

May 6, 1890.

Major General O.O. Howard,

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 6th 1890.

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

Dear General

Col 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 doesn't know when; I presume she will come down as soon as she knows the Col 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 - I trust this will find you and yours in good health

Truly Yours
A. B. Carey.

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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.

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 unveiling ceremonies of the Soldier and Sailor Monument on Friday May 23d 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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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 Observance, at the First Baptist Church (E.D.) Rev. D. C. Eddy D.D. Pastor. I only need to assure you that everybody present, judging from the many expressions made at that time, acknowledged ~~that~~ your service in this interest ~~was~~ and they heartily appreciated and very flattringly commended. For the cause sake - on behalf of our Association - I beg to extend to you our hearty and cordial congratulations. Our prayer shall ever be that your life and vitality may long be spared to aid and assist by your words and works the reforms which lie at the bottom of, and are necessary to the

Sunday Observance Association

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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 now to the legislature. Our anniversary (public) meeting will occur about the ~~first~~ fore part of June. With other 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 as speakers of Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Rev. Dr. Talmage and Col. A. S. Bacon.

I presume you may by this time be booked for Decoration Day elsewhere, but, if not & you or your family care to accept our hospitality you will be welcome to our home to remain or see the procession for the military & G.A.R. Posts outside then all other days in the year. Yours truly, [illegible]