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OMAHA, NEB.

AUG 18 1890

Dear Father:

Alice gave me this letter to mail expecting me to read it over & approve.

I am very busy at present & will be from now on.

Break<sup>fast</sup> at 5.30. At the office from 7 A.M. to almost any time. I am well. So is Alice. She gets up at 5 builds the fire & gets breakfast. Did you get Mamma's Picture?

Have been expecting to hear from you in reply to my last letter.

I heard yesterday the taxes are ~~now~~ paid on our Howard property. Very heartily

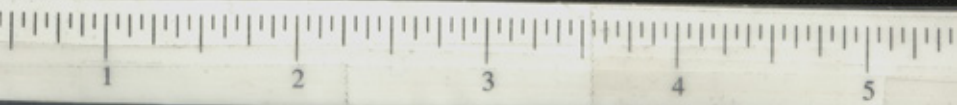
Chas. M. [initials]

Howard C. O.

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Fisher W. A.

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St. Vincent de Paul  
County of Laval  
Canada  
Aug. 1st 1860

To:

Major General Howard:

Dear Sir:

My brother  
begs of me to address a letter to you for  
the purpose of soliciting your aid. I also  
join him & plead for your sympathy &  
help: permit me third Sir to state the  
circumstances & trouble I beg of you: &  
kindly condescend to hear me to the end.

My brother was tried by E. C. M. in  
December last & sentenced to 5 years  
Penitentiary. I need hardly trouble you  
with the charges & that were proved  
against him: Allow me to beg of you  
to try & obtain a clemency on that sen-  
-tence for the sake of my poor aged  
Mother whose heart is nearly broken  
since she has heard of his incarceration.  
My brother is an Englishman

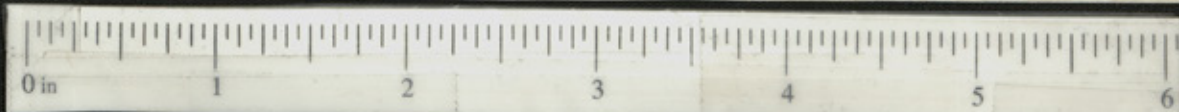




by birth & we both left our homes together to try our Fortunes in Canada & my brother hearing a bright account of the American Army resolved to enter, he did so, & on several occasions spoke very highly of the Service & Officers to me in his letters. After about one year service I received the particulars of his trial & Sentence, which has caused my poor Mother sleepless nights & tears.

My brother (I feel sure) could not have known of the severity of the American Service or else you would not have had cause to use the means of your exactness upon him: I'm sure the errors he committed (Warrior were through (the greatest evil of this world) viz, Drink & bad Company) but the Punishment he has received is very severe. He has no one in this Country but myself, his imprisonment is a very severe blow to my Mother & sister &

though discipline must be carried out, I feel sure that for the sake of those who are near & dear to him you will endeavour to use your great influence in mitigating the Sentence he has received: my brother has informed me that it is in your power to lessen his sentence & as a younger brother I plead for him to you. I beg of you Dear Sir to consider him just for a few seconds ready to shed his blood for America at one time & the next five minutes in the garb of a criminal: The mother was willing to yield her son up for honour but now her heart is breaking for he is a criminal: Oh! Dear Sir do not let this letter be in vain, do not turn your heart from the pleadings of one who is dying almost of grief, but render a service to your most Humble & Obedient Servant: Wm. Fisher.







## HEADQUARTERS

# Society of the Army of the Tennessee.

CINCINNATI, O., AUGUST 1, 1890.

*To the Members of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee:*

Your Society, at its late meeting in Cincinnati, resolved to hold its next Reunion in Chicago at a time "co incident with the unveiling of the Equestrian Statue of General Grant."

Unforeseen delays and difficulties have prevented the completion of this Statue within the time anticipated; and in consequence it has been determined to

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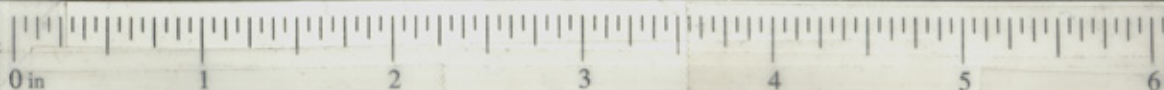
until next year, at such date as may be advised by the Local Executive Committee having charge of the erection of the Statue, which date will be publicly announced to the members of the Society by its own proper officers.

By order of

GENL. W. T. SHERMAN,

A. HICKENLOOPER, *Cor. Sec'y.*  
CINCINNATI.

*President,*





✓ Hickenlooper Gen. A.  
Cor. Secty A. of Tenn.

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With next year at such date as may be advised by the Local  
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Society by its own proper officers.

Wm. H. T. SHERMAN

A. HICKENLOOPER



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STATE ASSOCIATION  
—OF THE—  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.  
= OF CONNECTICUT =

Sept. 6. 8/1/1890.  
Aug 1

Major General O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir:

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual State  
Convention of the Young Men's  
Christian Association will be  
held in New Haven, Ct. Oct.  
16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 1890. N. H.  
is an important point  
in our State, and yet, the  
work has never been  
well supported there.  
We are anxious to



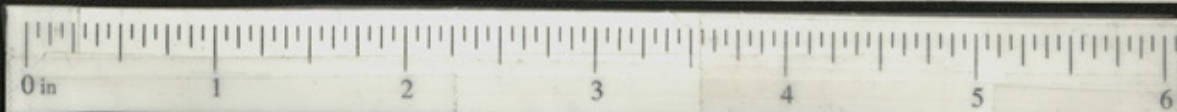


have a strong conviction &  
read a good many papers  
who have never taken an  
interest in our work there.

We know that you love  
the work, and know how  
to present it in public  
address. Can you send  
and deliver an address at  
this Convention? You may  
choose your own time, we  
prefer evening. I certainly hope  
you may be able to favor  
us, as we need your help.

Very sincerely yours  
W. E. Colley,  
State Secy.

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Colley W. E.  
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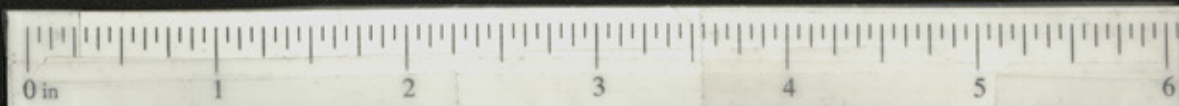


Llandrinodod Wells  
Radnorshire Wales  
Aug 2. 1890

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Dear Bro. Oliver

Frank wrote me quite a full account of the delightful visit which you were so kind as to give him with yourself and Harry & Dexter. ~~Moorehead~~, Leeds & vicinity and expressed nowhere so much admiration & affection for anything or anybody as for his Uncle Oliver. All of which made me glad and grateful that he could have the privilege. After over two weeks of deliberative meetings and another week of making up correspondence and Records of the Congress, and Parliamentary Conference in London, with various & curious "receptions", "banquets" etc., I was sufficiently tired to come away from the fanning of my kind London Host, Rev. P. H. Davies and, on my way here for five days rest before sailing. Aug. 6. on S.S. City of New York, - I called on Corcoran to see Mrs Samuel Bright - missing her by one day - and at Birmingham at your friend Mr.





Leonard Lloyd, who gave me a warm  
 welcome on your acct. I spent a night  
 at his delightful home at Cannon Hill  
 and came to this Central Wales Watering Place  
 Tuesday. I met here no Americans, but  
 the Welch are very kind, the springs agree  
 with me, the air is cool, the views charming  
 and the rest refreshing. There is no "fashion"  
 but always a crowd of middle class people  
 chiefly from Wales filling the hotels lodging  
 houses, walks & driving over the splendid  
 roads. I preached in London twice, twice  
 at Watford and am to preach here tomorrow  
 limiting myself to one service for health sake.  
 We have a daily morning prayer meeting in  
 a Welch Chapel at 10 A.M. The room is  
 uniformly full & sometimes crowded. The  
 Welch singing is sweet & hearty. We have service  
 in English also & always a "grace" before and  
 "thanks" after meals. The people of all sorts seem so  
 simply unaffected & good that I am refreshed  
 as much by the moral & spiritual, as  
 by the physical atmosphere. My friend  
 Dr. Evans of New College, London, goes with

we for a  
 over the  
 for farther  
 Cottage  
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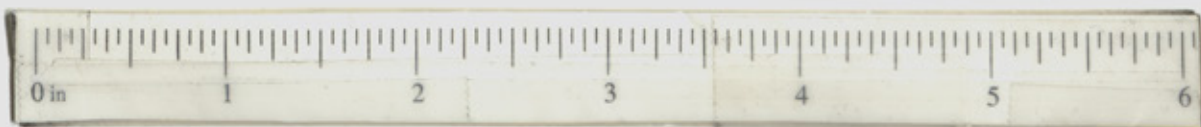
nothin  
might  
upon Hill

(Foster Williams "boy", kindly lent me)

re for a pony ride, through the green lanes  
over the high hills at 12. today. Dr. (Per)  
Jas Parker wife are visiting him at his  
Cottage, built last summer - I was here  
last summer three weeks. Mac & a  
College friend meet me at Queens town.  
Mac. has some messages for Schellard from  
her home & I may run over to the island  
with him unless I find ~~preemptory~~ orders  
to Boston on landing - Stanley was too much  
ill and too married to allow of my present.

ing your kind letter to him: John Taylor  
(Quaker Banker & Philanthropist)

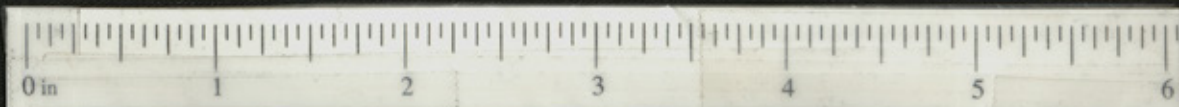
^ gave me a cordial greeting for your sake,  
& proferred attentions which I had  
not time to accept: My wife has had several  
weeks with <sup>her</sup> mother - ill of pneumonia - but  
by day & night care & nursing, apparently  
recovering - My family will remain at  
Lorning on till Sept. & I may run  
down for them then - Our meetings were  
a grand success & apt in the matter of  
cable press reports - What little notice the  
American press would have taken of us  
was hindered by the Western Union fire  
while we were in session - With love to  
Lizzie & the children - Yours & brother Rowland





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Howard Towland

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THE CHAUTAUQUAN.

Dr. T. L. Flood, Editor and Proprietor,  
MEADVILLE, PA.

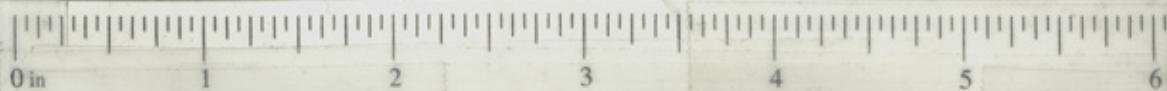
Chautauqua, N.Y. Aug. 2. 1890.

My Dear Sir: -

I regret that you should have  
been overlooked in sending out the magazines  
containing your article on General Cook. I  
hope you will pardon the neglect. I take plea  
sure in sending you the dozen copies for which  
you ask to ~~General~~ Captain Bourke.

Very Truly Yours,

T. L. Flood  
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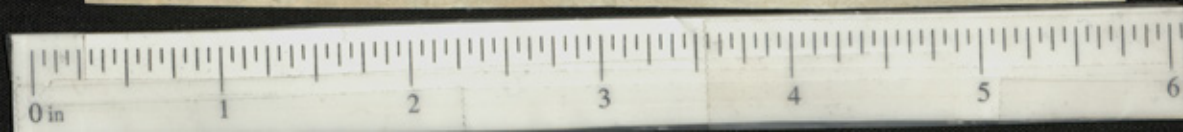




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Smith J. H.  
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Inwood  
D. O. H.

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Fork-Mackinac Mich.  
Aug 2. 1890 -  
My Dear General.

I have the  
honor to respectfully  
request, that - you  
visit - this post,  
and allow me  
to entertain you,  
while here -

The weather will  
probably be very



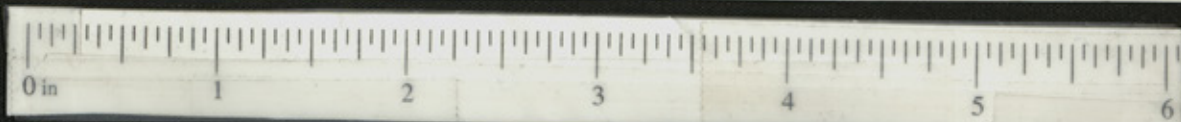


delightful during  
the present month.  
I am

Very Respectfully  
Your obt. servt

J. H. Miller -  
Cfa

To General O. O. Howard -  
U. S. Army -





Madison Bkly. N.Y.  
Aug 2<sup>d</sup>. 90.

Dear General.

Pardon me for writing direct on  
official matters. but I am extrarily  
anxious to have my Regt concentrated &  
the present opportunity seems most favorable.

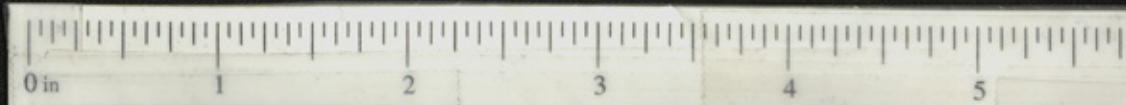
You know how demoralizing to both Officers  
& men is an One Company post. In my  
opinion this Regt. has had its share of  
that kind of work. My recommendation  
for transfer of Offs & men consequent  
on the breaking up of Co's. I & K will  
be forwarded as soon as I can get a  
list of Enls to men of K Co from Capt  
Hoffman. I shall recommend that  
the 8 Comp's. of the 11th be concentrated  
at Madison Bkly. I at Ft Niagara



Dodge R. D.

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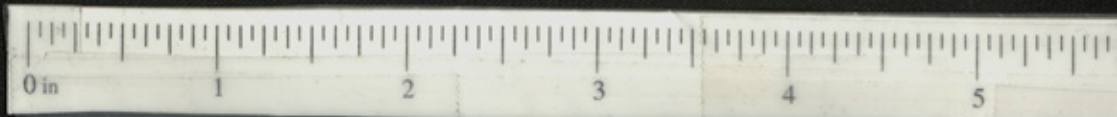
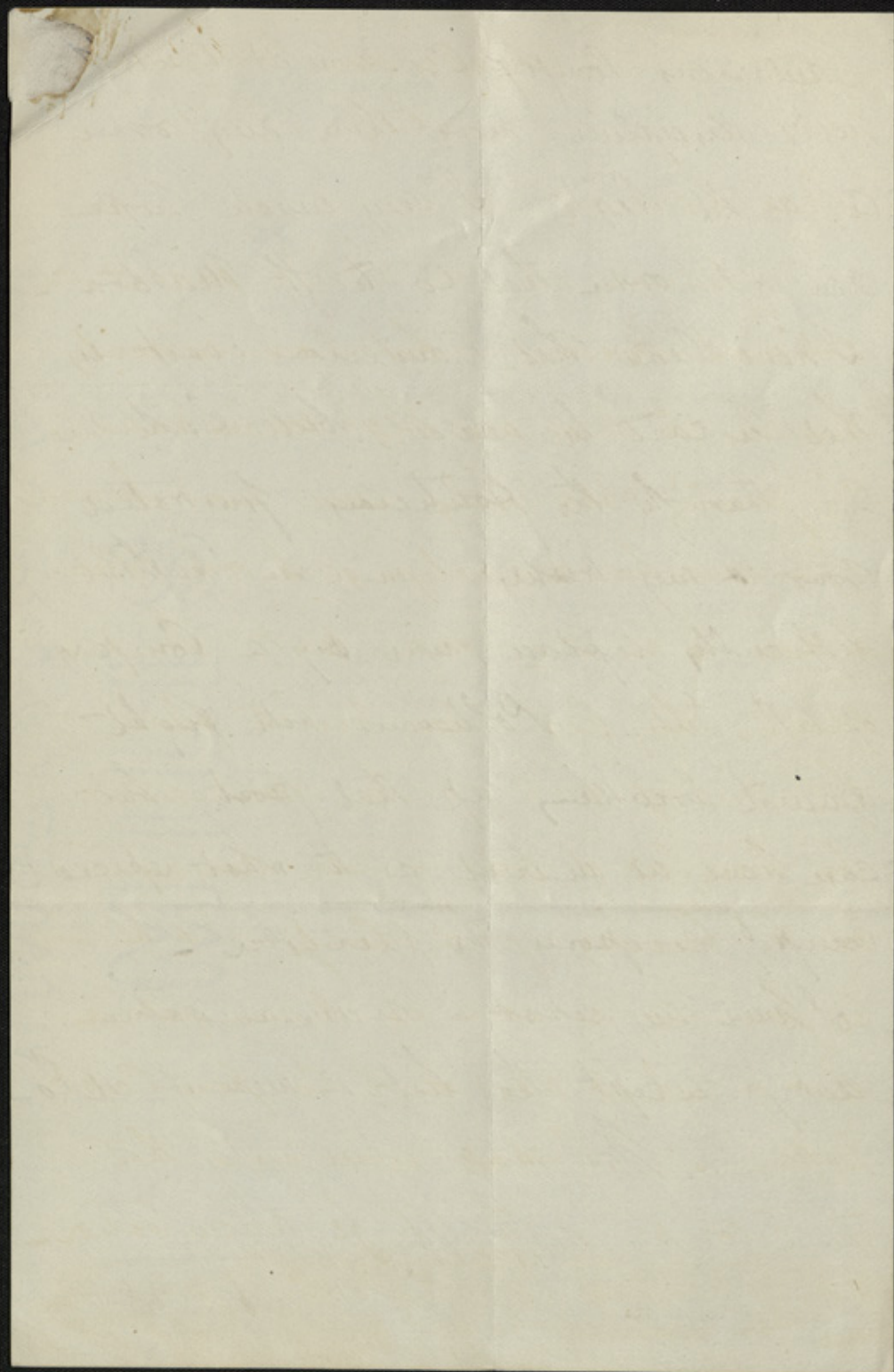
80. Sanders' Company C. now at Oswego  
needs discipline more than any other  
Co. of the Regt! I very much hope  
you will order that Co to Ft Niagara -  
I have heard that Sanders' boast is  
that he can't be moved. but though he  
has, through the politicians, frustrated  
your & my wishes, you can without  
difficulty replace him by a Company  
of 6th Infy. Politicians will fight  
against breaking up that Post. but  
can have no interest as to what special  
comp'y composes the garrison -

I have my report & recommendation  
ready. except the list of men of K Co.

Yrs most sincerely

Richd. S. Dodge







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My dear General -

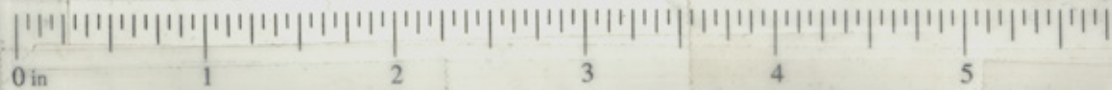
Maj. Henry The Comdr of K<sup>15</sup><sup>th</sup>  
is very much broken up by the  
late shirkers order of the Regt -  
He moved here in May with his  
family from St. Regis. - He bought  
property for his parents, and has  
made arrangements for schooling  
for his two children; This being  
the first chance he has ever had  
to put them to a decent school -  
His finances are low; he will  
within a year probably give  
the rest of his Regt. at St. Shinden  
He desires to be at the wedding  
and of seeing his fam-  
ily before making the move to  
Shinden - I see nothing but  
funeral cheer before him -  
He told me of this and was ex-  
tremely sympathetic -



80. / The efforts to be assigned to  
Co. D. whose station is Blenheim.  
I write you to say if you could  
arrange it for Hunt, as well  
Schaffold did for Wherry, by let-  
ting the Co. be in the house from him  
here, you could arrange a good  
fine rope in quarters and  
dressing office. I don't write  
you to be meddling or suggesting.  
I merely thought that when change  
was imperative, as it is in this  
case, you would be glad to do  
a kindness, if it does not inter-  
fere with the even flow of  
military justice and property -  
and what any body is engaged to  
do - encourage the public -  
I trust, you understand my  
intentions, I remain

Very truly  
A. A. Howard  
U. S. Army

Yours very friend  
W. H. Mearns





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Saratoga, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1890

Dear General Howard:

A Check wholly made out and signed by General Grant has been put into my hands for the benefit of the family of a worthy S. A. R. Comrade. The purpose is to elicit contributions for its purchase, present the same to the Comrade and after suitably framing the Check deposit it, with other mementoes of "the Great Captain" in the Grant Cottage at Mt. McGregor. The sum required has been raised here about \$10. If you should be disposed to contribute, in any amount whatever, the same would be gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely yours in P. O. T. L.

Darwin C. Parry

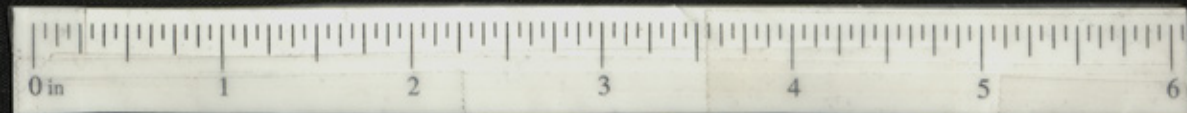
To  
Gen. D. V. Howard.)



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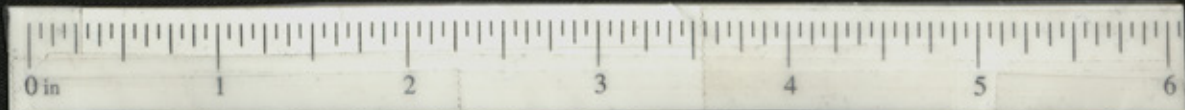
Helsinki Aug. 4. '90

Our dear Gen. Howard-

We begin to scent  
the battle from afar and we  
want a share in the fight!

Can't we have a glimpse  
of you either before or  
after next week's campaign  
and can't you bring Mrs  
Howard this time?

We would be delighted if  
you both could spend next  
Sunday with us or if  
more convenient the  
Sunday after. Now  
please Mrs Howard  
will you not give us





this pleasure. ? This is  
the desire of the whole  
Heisler family and Aunt  
Mary would write and  
say so if she did not  
think you would have  
so much difficulty in  
deciphering her letters.

Please say you'll  
come and make all  
the old ladies happy.

With loving remem-  
brances from us

all -

Sincerely

Anna C. Whitcomb





Unofficial  
Headquarters Nineteenth Infantry,

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Fort Wayne, Michigan, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

Major General Howard

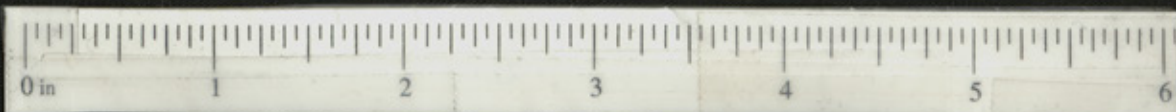
Dear General

Recent changes in regiments  
+ movements of troops are likely to result in  
displacing the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry from one of the  
posts it now occupies. It would be rather  
rough on the regiment to have to give up Fort-  
Porter + retain both Forts Brady + Mackinac.

If such a change is made at all, I hope the  
regiment may be relieved at Brady or Mackinac  
+ retain Porter. This may be a case of trying  
to cross a bridge before getting to it. Please  
pardon suggestion prompted by fair +  
natural interest.

Yours Very Respectfully

G. H. Smith  
Colonel &c



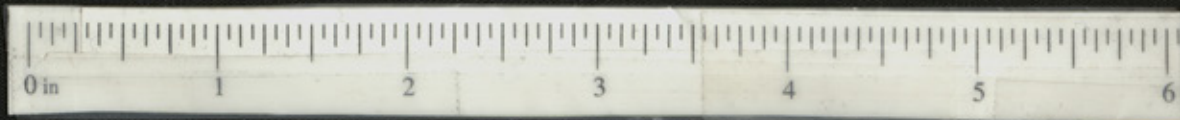


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AS A  
SOLDIERS' UNION  
IN  
NOVEMBER, 1865.  
DATE OF CHARTER  
IN THE  
G. A. R.,  
JANUARY 29, 1867.

UNION OUR MOTTO.

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HEADQUARTERS  
WILDE POST, NO. 25,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
G. A. R.,  
N. W. CORNER OF FOURTH AND MARKET STREETS,

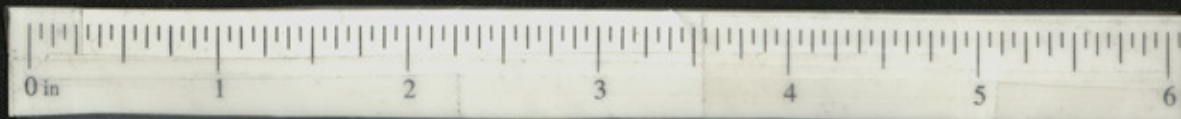
Chester, Pa., August 5<sup>th</sup> 1890.

At a regular weekly assembly of Wilde Post. held on the evening of the above date. the following was unanimously adopted.

Resolved. That Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard is cordially invited to be present at the Anniversary of the P. M. C. A. of Chester. and Wilde Post #25. G. A. R. would be glad to have a public reception at their Headquarters Fourth & Market at any time it would suit Gen Howard.

By Order of the Post  
Joseph Dalton  
Commander

Mark W. Allen.  
Adjutant.  
728 Mc Kean Street - Chester Pa





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Wheaton Ill., August 5<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My dear Brother:

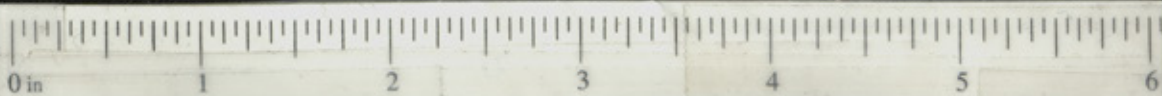
Your kind

note with check enclosed came duly to hand. I give you thanks for both.

It has occurred to me that you having a brother in this vicinity might time avail so as to give us an address in Commencement week next summer, possibly on Baccalaureate Sabbath. If this be among the possi-

bles please let me know.

My Father unites with me in affectionate regards. Sincerely Yours, Chas. A. Blanchard.





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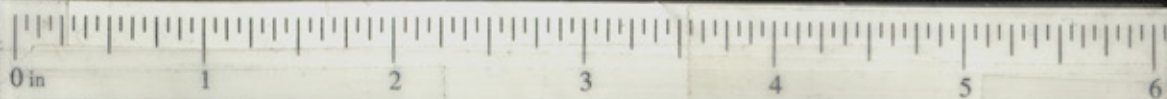
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NO. 313 MAIN STREET.  
WORCESTER, MASS.

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Johnson H. A.  
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My Dear General

Last we-  
ned a call from our  
Colored Brother Mr Mitch-  
ell and he came in  
a most unfortunate time  
as he found all of our  
Clergymen absent. I  
drove all over the City  
with him and found  
just one at home and  
he agreed to allow him  
to speak to his Church  
people Wednesday eve-  
ning to perhaps 50 per-  
sons. I found that  
our good brother Mr





Merriman was at  
Conway N.H. and I  
Mr Mitchell his lad  
dress and he is going  
to see him there armed  
with a just cause, and  
your letter of introduc-  
tion to me, also one from  
me to the Doctor.

I do not know as  
the Doctor will thank  
me for this but what  
else could I do under  
the circumstances?

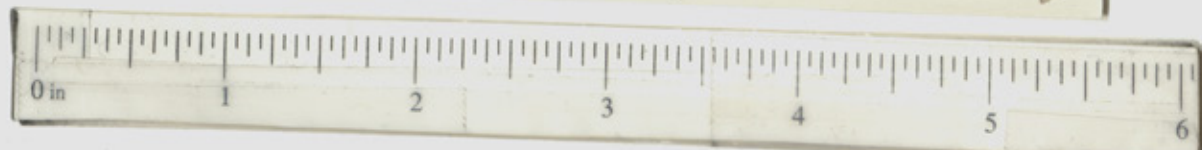
I left my sick wife  
for a long hours to  
her to command this  
hot City to day in this  
man's interest. For  
your endorsement was  
enough for me to neg-  
lect for a while my  
own family. For most

E & CO.

Good,

353 MAIN STREET.

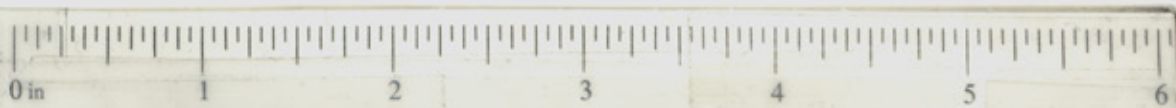
WORCESTER, MASS.





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Mass  
J. E. & Co.  
Goods,  
333 MAIN STREET.  
WORCESTER, MASS.

has been and still is  
very ill from inflama-  
tion of the Liver and as I  
had not succeeded in  
obtaining a nurse until  
late to day have been  
obliged to be at her side  
constantly since Sat-  
urday last so it was  
a cross for me to leave  
her to day. Please un-  
derstand I am not  
complaining. but you  
know there are times  
when duty seems to  
call you two ways at the  
same time, and it  
is a hard matter





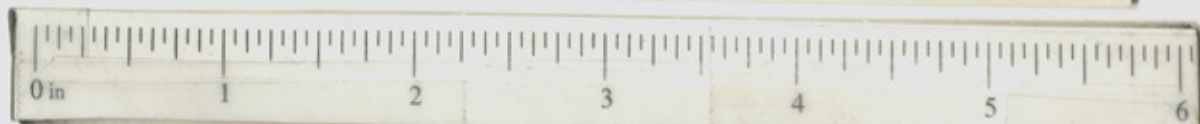
to know just how to act  
and so it was to day, and  
now I have the satisfac-  
tion of knowing I have  
this Colonel Mans grati-  
tude, and know Mrs  
I did not suffer for  
my absence as Mrs Hy  
my neighbor took my  
place while I was  
away. All the help  
Mr Mitchell recd.

For many come from  
me for I gave him  
my mite. He say  
the up hill work then  
with every one absent  
but I trust Mr Morn  
man who is able to  
assist him in more  
ways than one will  
take the interest in  
him that he and

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Rev. Geo.

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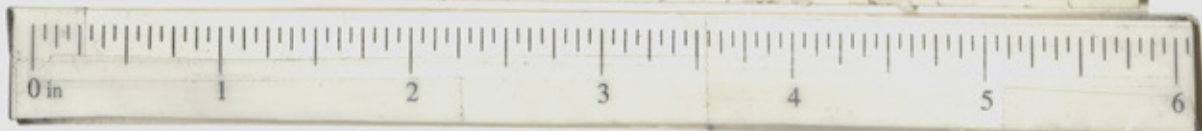
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I wrote your son  
last week for the  
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be used here next Mon-  
day. For I am detailed  
on Staff duty for that  
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tion sword and black  
belt will not answer,  
but if it is not con-  
venient. please let me  
know quite soon if he  
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in some other direction  
for them. This time to  
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every thing is in use or  
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a favor to do this thing  
but I was at a dead  
loss to know who to  
apply to. until Jim  
Con came into my  
mind and I said  
perhaps he can help  
me out. I guarantee  
safe and prompt re-  
turn of the same, to  
leave Worcester Monday  
night after our local  
parade. Yours very truly  
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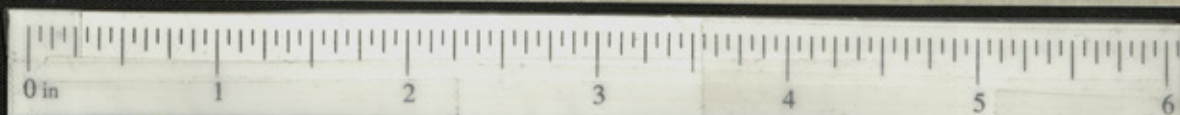
Gen O. O. Howard U.S.A

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Governors Island N.Y

Dear General, Please tell me when your  
Sunday School is located, how it meets  
etc. I want to visit it, and our sailor  
boys think in the near future it ought  
to have a flag.

Yours truly  
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Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

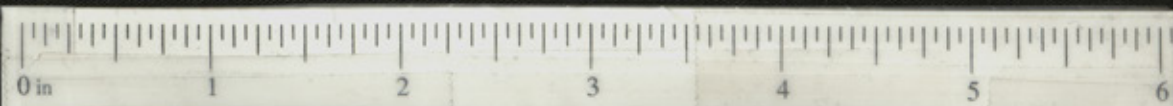
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Very respectfully,  
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imperialism. The youth even are drilled in deception, chicanery and riezism. The bright lining to this dark cloud is the arousing public sentiment. It is not so loveable as it was a few years ago when I publicly discussed Masonic treason and disloyalty from Quincy to Council Bluffs and from Iowa to within sight of the Indian Ser. in this outlaw state. The agitation is now everywhere. The late able "Congress of Churches" in the First M.E. Church of Chicago and Rev. Joseph Cook's strong lecture there against Masonry and all oath-bound lodgery. Pres. C.A. Blanchard's arraignment of lodgery in Our Day of Boston, and his scathing article on Masonic treason and disloyalty in a recent issue of the influential Chicago Inter Ocean; the entering wedge of this lodge discussion at the National Educational Convention at St. Paul, (department of higher education) are so many monuments that the lodge must go. The system is fully on trial and it will be sifted to the very dregs. The men who are leading this crusade will follow these vile clans to the ends of the earth. They are sweeping the social religious and political heavens as with telescopes noting all the minutiae. And while I am writing you will do it somewhat fully and should you begin to read and ponder this the greatest question of the century well and good.

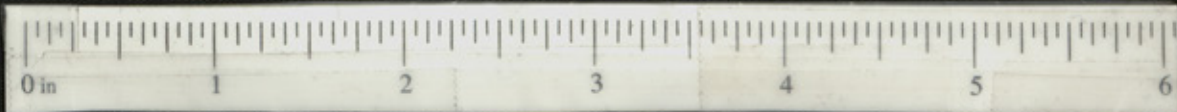
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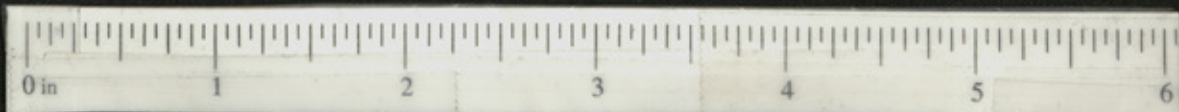
Avalon, Mo Aug, 5. 1890.  
Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: - Allow me to call your attention to the active, organized & wide-spread opposition to oath-bound secret societies. Freemasonry for instance. It has its odes, chants, prayers and funeral dirges, its stewards, deacons, worshipful masters, priests and most excellent, grand high priests, in the higher degrees lodges of sorrow are held for the dead & infant baptism is practiced; then to cap the climax, it has its extrajudicial unlawful obligations in the form of oaths, & its barbarous mutilating, throat-cutting & tongue-pulling, breast-tearing & heart-plucking, body-severing & bowel-burning death-penalties, enough to make a common cannibal shudder and cause his





flesh to crawl with very horror. If  
young man takes 3 degrees in Ma-  
sonry, and I place a sworn lodge  
exposition under his nose and will  
sell him for 40 cents all the informa-  
tion the lodge sold him for \$30. just as  
near as the human mind can remember  
her, word for word, thereby in its organ-  
ized capacity swindling him out  
of \$9,750 in a square deal. No Ma-  
son can make a lodge duerguard, or  
sign or see one given without bring-  
ing to his remembrance a mur-  
derous death-penalty or a blasphe-  
mous obligation. Now, sir, can any  
man constantly familiarize his  
mind with murder and blasphemy  
and organized swindling and not  
come to look upon crime with  
complacency? Then monarchy-aping  
orders with their royal technique, and  
high-sounding titles of nobility—  
Overseers, Noble Grand, Most Wor-  
shipful Grand Masters, Sublime  
Princes, Kings and Grand Kings—  
God pity the native American who  
can stoop to such low down notions  
of the perf. the racial and the slave. He  
negro in the palmiest days of slavery  
ever addressed his owner as "Worshipful  
Massa!" To rid our fair land of this  
deeper, darker, deadlier system of white  
lodge slavery is well worthy the per-  
sistent united effort of the Christian,  
the patriot and the philanthropist. It  
is a higher, nobler, grander work than  
the old Abolitionists and early Repub-  
licans ever dreamed of. This vast sys-  
tem of Kingcraft & Priestcraft has a  
standing army, officered, armed and  
drilled, every man sworn by the most  
solemn compact and to the very life  
to draw his sword in defense of the  
despotic secret empire. These sworn  
minions of royalty are neither fools or  
children. They are blind zealots led by  
designing conspirators. The Encamp-  
ments, parades and drills are only to  
familiarize the people with royalty and





For 15 years and in many states since arriving at my majority I have made the subject a profound study. One of our most effective agencies is our "Bulletin" quarterly. The constant effort will be to improve these special papers. Every number will be a startling chapter in modern history for future generations. Where we have heretofore reached thousands it is now hoped to reach tens of thousands of prominent people. To this end I am writing hundreds and earnestly appealing to all patriots and christians for their aid and cooperation. Patriots should not wait for a rapidly rising public sentiment to drive or draft them into a work like this. It is far more manly and commendable to volunteer. Your name should be enrolled as a coworker with us. The church, and ministry and laity are running up a long score at the judgment for their criminal silence and comparative inactivity at this late hour amid this mad carnival of pagan idolatry and false worship. And as the movement gains momentum both piety and patriotism would spur us to greater activity. See the friends of righteousness and good government and send in some good orders and lists of names. Hoping to hear from you soon and favorably, I will now close and write others. I keep a register of all this correspondence for reference a few years hence when these midnight cabals shall have become a very hiss and by-word and a stench in the nostrils of all good citizens. Yours for the light and right. M. N. Butler.



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## AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

FRIENDS AND PATRIOTS:—The FREE PRESS "Bulletin" has just closed its first year. Well received and widely distributed, it has reached many able men and women. It has introduced this discussion of oath-bound lodgery to thousands of the best people in the nation. Its timely appearance was hailed with enthusiasm by all the "old guard." Coming but four times a year American workers have found these convincing papers the best thing yet to enlighten neighbors, friends and acquaintances. The times are riper than ever before for agitation. The growth of public sentiment against these plotting fraternities and midnight cabals is phenomenal. These "Bulletins" are especially calculated to convince the people of the magnitude and vast importance of this great crusade against the organized powers of darkness, deception and double-dealing, so dangerous to American principles and destructive of public confidence. Some of the best numbers are yet to come. September will demonstrate that Freemasonry is Sun Worship, Simon pure. Ring it through the land—a half million able-bodied Masonic sun worshippers in the United States—a temple of pagan idolatry running full blast within hearing of almost every school and church edifice in America. What a blot on our boasted civilization; what a very travesty on popular gospel evangelization. This "Bulletin" will inaugurate a grand "Home Missionary" effort to remove this pagan idolatry. December will hold up the Simese twins—Lodge and Saloon—showing that lodgery is the stepping stone and recruiting station for the saloon, the gambling hell and the brothel. Other able issues will follow; and, having a knowledge of the nature and contents of each number in advance and knowing the parties to be reached gives the most favorable hearing. This happy plan of every one working his own community, county and state, puts every cent and paper where it will tell. Remember that one dollar puts a copy of any issue in 50 leading homes, ten dollars in 500 influential families, every reader becoming a possible friend and coworker. To insure the continued publication of these comprehensive sheets we want orders for papers, not donations to pay some one a salary, but to put your effort right at home or wherever you think it will accomplish most for right, truth and popular government. We ask pledges for the quarter or the year, five or ten dollars as your ability will permit. It is important that we have your order at once, though you can send in the cash and names for such numbers as you may most desire, as they are issued during the year. If you are a patriot ponder this matter, if you are a Christian pray over it, and then commensurate with your patriotism and piety pledge and govern accordingly. This work will go on and you cannot afford, as a loyal American, to lie idle. We can rely on the "old guard," and there are thousands of new recruits who should move to the front. Farmers, business men, teachers, workingmen; here is your opportunity to change the sentiment of your community or to indoctrinate your county by reaching the leading people direct by mail. It is a glorious privilege, not a sacrifice, to work for right and good government in a country like this. Address all pledges and orders to, M. N. BUTLER, Avalon, Mo.



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each and all alike we are foreigners. We are a nation of men only, bound to each other by Masonic ties as citizens of the world, and that world the world of Masonry—brethren to each other all the world over, foreigners to all the world beside. For ourselves, we deny as Masons that any civil government on earth has the right to divide or curtail Masonic jurisdiction when once established. It can only be done by competent Masonic authority, and in accordance with Masonic usage."

**Missouri Masonic Grand Lodge Report for 1880:**—"Greater dangers threaten Masonry to-day than ever before. We occasionally hear the alarm sounded by some faithful watchman upon the tower who descries with clearer vision the coming storm, and warns us to be prepared for its approach."

These Masonic witnesses can not be gainsayed or even questioned. It is the positive and authoritative language of the Grand Lodge, and of men who are now the learned rulers and Governors of Masonry and the highest members in the order.

#### SUMMARY.

Benedict Arnold, first traitor to American liberty, learned his patriotism in Hiram Masonic Lodge, No. 1, New Haven, Conn., and died a Freemason in good and regular standing. Aaron Burr, another traitor to the government, plotted his treason in Royal Arch cipher, and also died a Free and Accepted Mason in good and regular standing. Jefferson Davis, a Free and Accepted Freemason, led the great rebellion and the fact did not even taint his Masonic standing, but did have much to do in securing his pardon. Since the war it has been learned to a certainty that the Ku-Klux Klans kept their masks in Southern Masonic lodge rooms. Ex-rebel General Albert Pike who volunteered to lead yelling Indians against his race and color, as well as the flag of his country, at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, where wounded boys in blue were scalped and tomahawked by the score, is now the "Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander" of all the Masons in the United States—he is the highest Mason in America if not in the world. Wm. M. Tweed, the great rascal of New York City, and of Tammany notoriety, learned his honesty in Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of which lodge he was a bright and shining light. The leading Star-routers were high members of the Masonic order, and hence their acquittal. But why enumerate? In every county Freemasonry has turned its criminals loose on society.

#### CAMPAIGN LECTURES.

"Black it stood as night,  
Fierce as ten furies, terrible as hell."

**Free Methodist, Chicago, Ill.:**—M. N. Butler's new lecture convicts Masonry of intemperance, immorality, murder, gambling, political bribery, rascality and grave robbery.

**Dr. Jonathan Blanchard, says:**—"Mr. Butler has prepared a fearful compilation of facts and statements from the Missouri Grand Lodge and other Masonic sources showing the open, bitter and unrelenting hostility of the Lodge to popular government, and indeed every government but its own."

**Religious Telescope, Dayton, Ohio:**—"Grand Lodge Masonry" and the "Government of Freemasonry" are the subjects of two lectures by M. N. Butler. They contain startling revelations of the character and influence of Masonry in its relations to both Church and State.

**Wyoming Special to Lee Roy (N. Y.) Times:**—Two young men from the far West, Butler and Starry, are attempting to cope with that giant, Masonry, and lectured in Union Hall on Saturday night, exposing the horrid rites and ceremonies, awful crimes, etc., which are practiced in the midnight lodges of the most ancient Order in the world.

**Christian Gynosure, Chicago, Ill.:**—M. N. Butler, of the *Freeman*, Albany, Missouri, glows like an evening star amid the lodge shadows of the West. He walks into the Grand Lodges and turns their reports inside out, reminding us of Homer's lines:

"And pours in light on Pluto's drear abodes,  
Abhorred by men and dreadful even to gods."

**Democrat, Emporia, Kan.:**—Some assertions were made in M. N. Butler's lecture, which, if not refuted must injure Masonry. Mr. Butler is of pleasing address and will interest any audience, whether they agree or disagree with him on matters relating to Secret Societies. The lecture of Mr. Butler was a well-arranged forcible exposition of Masonic Law, the truth or falsity of which is known only to Masons.

## Many Voices.

"A voice that in the distance far away wakens the slumbering ages."

"We hold: 4. That the charters of all Secret Lodges granted by our Federal and State Legislatures should be withdrawn and their oaths prohibited by law."—*American Party Platform.*

#### PROMINENT AMERICANS.

**Thaddeus Stevens**, a prominent Republican politician, held—"By Freemasonry, trial by jury is transformed into an engine of despotism and Masonic fraud."

**President Fillmore, J. C. Spencer and others:**—"The Masonic fraternity tramples upon our rights, defeats the administration of justice, and bids defiance to every government which it cannot control."

**Judge Marshall**, Chief Justice of the United States, decided—"The institution of Masonry ought to be abandoned as one capable of much evil and incapable of producing any good which might not be effected by safe and open means."

**William Wirt**, Attorney General of the United States, speaking of Freemasonry, affirmed:—"I view it as at war with the fundamental principles of the social compact, and a wicked conspiracy against the laws of God and man, that ought to be put down."

**John Quincy Adams**, President of the United States, declared:—"I am prepared to complete the demonstration before God and man, that the Masonic oaths, obligations and penalties cannot by any possibility be reconciled to the laws of morality, of Christianity, or of the land."

**Charles Francis Adams:**—"Every man who takes a Masonic oath forbids himself from divulging any criminal act, unless it might be murder or treason, that may be communicated to him under the seal of fraternal bond, even though such concealment were to prove a burden upon his conscience and a violation of his bounden duty to society and to his God."

**Charles Sumner**, an eminent American statesman, in 1854, penned these words: "I find two powers here in Washington in harmony, and both are antagonistical to our free institutions, and tend to centralization and anarchy—Freemasonry and Slavery; and they must both be destroyed if our country is to be the home of the free as our ancestors designed it."

**Thurlow Weed**, the Warwick of American politics for more than half a century, testified:—"I now look back through an interval of fifty-six years with a conscious sense of having been governed through the Anti-Masonic excitement by a sincere desire, first to vindicate the violated laws of my country, and next, to arrest the great power and dangerous influences of Secret Societies."

**William H. Seward**, Secretary of the United States under President Lincoln said: "Before I would place my hand between the hands of other men in a secret lodge, order, class, or council, and, bending on my knee before them, enter into combination with them for any object, personal or political, good or bad, I would pray to God that that hand and that knee might be paralyzed, and that I might become an object of pity and even the mockery of my fellow-men."

**Wendell Phillips**, America's most popular orator, wrote:—"I wish you success most heartily in your efforts to arouse the community to the danger of Secret Societies. They are a great evil; entirely out of place in a republic, and no patriot should join or uphold them. Considering the great forces which threaten the welfare of the nation in the next thirty years, and how readily and efficiently they can use any secret organizations, such should not be allowed to exist."

**President George Washington's Farewell Address:**—"The very idea of the power and the right of the people to establish government presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established government. All obstructions to the execution of the laws, all combinations and associations, under whatever plausible character, with the real design to direct, control, counteract, or awe the regular deliberation and action of the constituted authorities, are destructive of this fundamental principle, and of fatal tendency."

**Daniel Webster**, Secretary of State in the cabinets of Harrison, Tyler, and Fillmore avowed:—"All secret associations, the members of which take upon themselves extraordinary obligations to one another, and are bound together by secret oaths, are naturally sources of jealousy and just alarm to others; are especially unfavorable to harmony and mutual confidence among men living together under



popular institutions, and are dangerous to the general cause of civil liberty and just government. Under the influence of this conviction it is my opinion that the future administration of all such oaths and the formation of all such obligations should be prohibited by law."

Such, reader, is the unimpeachable testimony of a host of men first and foremost in American politics and history. And now let a few popular newspapers be heard.

#### AMERICAN PRESS.

*Saint Louis Vanguard*:—Masonry is a stupendous sham. The wonder is how such a despicable farce could find support.

*Syracuse (N. Y.) American Wesleyan*:—Secret Societies are the natural hot-bed of "murder and treason not excepted." No matter how pious their pretensions, keep clear of the whole tyled and curtained clan.

*North American Review*:—Incorporation is a privilege granted associations on the ground of public utility. It follows logically that it is an abuse and a fiction to incorporate a Secret Society of any kind.

*Rochester (N. Y.) Earnest Christian*:—Secret Societies. These are becoming so dangerous to civil institutions that some nations of Europe suppress them by law. In this country their influence is fast becoming all controlling in both Church and State.

*Washington Sword*:—We congratulate the Anti-Secrecy Reform movement in its acquisition of a valuable and substantial edifice in this city, to be used as the "headquarters" of this branch of the work. Thus a "battery" is planted in the national capitol, which we trust will vigorously open and continue its fire upon the "enemy" until an unconditional surrender is forced upon them.

*United Presbyterian*:—One of the great hindrances to right governmental dealing in Ireland grows out of the existence of Secret Societies. They are habitually plotting anarchy. It is so always in every place. Secret, hidden caballing among men for any purpose is one of the worst kinds of villainy, and it is to this that secretism inevitably leads.

*Sandy Lake News*:—Had Fagan not joined the secret band of murderers that took the life of Burke and Cavendish, he would not have paid the penalty of complicity in the bloody crime of this clandestine and lawless combination with his life on the gallows. He sowed to the wind and reaped the whirlwind. He joined hands with a Secret Society and shared the doom and disgrace that attached to the murders they committed.

*Toledo Blade*:—No man has a right to place himself where he has no moral control of his own actions; yet this is what he does when he joins a Secret Society and binds himself to blindly obey all orders from headquarters without hesitation or thought of whether they are right or wrong. Indeed he dares not question the mandates of these persons whom he does not know. He must simply do as he is bidden, even though it makes him a partner in the most atrocious crimes, when he has no intention of committing a moral wrong. The lesson these disclosures teach is to become a member of no society whose purposes are not openly declared, to take no oaths to obey persons whose very names are unknown.

*New York Witness*:—Secret Societies for treasonable purposes have received a death-blow in Ireland in two ways. First, it has been made quite clear that these secrets cannot be kept from the government. Second, The Pope has denounced Secret Societies with more emphasis than ever before, and required all bishops and priests to do the same. Third, Their grand mistake is made clear to all the poor dupes who take oaths to obey blindly, even to the extent of committing murder, leaders whom they do not know, only to be given up by those leaders to be hanged when the time of trial comes; and such dupes are likely to be scarce in the future.

*Chicago Daily Times*:—Secret Societies are dangerous because young men and others who are not for the moment fully mindful of their public duties may be led by persuasion under the influence of the peculiar solemnity and impressiveness of an initiation, which unseats their judgment, to take oaths which are inconsistent with their duties towards the State and society, and which they may regret, in moments of reflection, that they have taken.

*Hastings (Neb.) Weekly Gazette-Journal*:—The day for cliques and rings has gone by. Open and frank methods in politics are the only kind that will win. Fair dealing and honest action will go farther than craft, cunning, and underhanded scheming. Democrats, republicans, and anti-monopolists will do well to learn that fact. Combinations and cabals are resorted to only by those who have not the public confidence necessary to successfully land them in official positions.

*Chicago Tribune*:—A ring is synonymous with theft. If partisan purposes were forest there would be no occasion for a ring. Any clique or organization in politics of which the people are not members, and of whose operations they are not cognizant is dangerous to the community, and doubly dangerous when it has the saloon interest and criminal classes at its back.

*New York Commercial Bulletin*:—If there is a more arrogant, and at the same time a more un-American "monopoly" than this, [Knights of Labor] we should like to discover it. In the first place its designation implies a title of nobility, and for these things we have no use in this country. Workingmen especially would do well to beware of them. They are monarchical and un-republican. Our revolutionary forefathers were jealous of all such imitations of royal technique and hence they inserted in the Constitution a clause prohibiting Congress from conferring upon anybody any order of nobility. It is, in addition to this, a Secret Society, another circumstance which exposes it to suspicion.

#### LEADING FREEMASONS.

*Emanuel Rebold*, Past Deputy of the Masonic Grand Orient of France, says:—"The Freemason receives not the law, he gives it."

*Masonic Corner Stone*:—"This wonderful Fraternity has a glorious record. A Mason by making himself known to a brother, always receives aid in distress and danger."

*Thomas Smith Webb*, (the Webb Work is used by more Masonic lodges than any other) on the Masonic oath and covenant:—"No law of the land can affect it—no anathema of the church weaken it. It is irrevocable."

*Albert Pike*, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of American Masonry:—"If a person appeals to us as a Mason in imminent peril, or such pressing need that we have not time to inquire into his worthiness, then, lest we might refuse to relieve and aid a worthy brother, we must not stop to inquire as to anything."

*Rob. Morris*, Masonic Sovereign Grand Inspector General:—"The system of Masonic law has little of the republican or democratic spirit about it. The first duty of the reader of this Synopsis is to obey the edicts of his Grand Lodge. Right or wrong, his very existence as a Mason hangs upon obedience to the powers immediately set above him. Failure in this must infallibly bring down expulsion, which, as a Masonic death, ends all. The one unpardonable crime in a Mason is contumacy, or disobedience."

*A. T. C. Pierson*, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the Masons of the United States:—"We may not call in question the propriety of this organization; if we would be Masons we must yield private judgment. To the law and to the testimony—if any man walk not by this rule it is because there is no light in him." The principle of submission and obedience runs through the whole system and constitutes one of the greatest safeguards of our institution. The Mason is obedient to the Master, the Master and Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and this in its turn to the old landmarks and ancient regulations of the order. Thus is a due degree of subordination kept up, and the institution preserved in its primitive purity."

*Albert G. Mackey*, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States:—"There is no charge more frequently made against Freemasonry than that of its tendency to revolution and conspiracy, and to political organizations which may affect the peace of society, or interfere with the rights of government. We are to give aid in imminent peril when Masonically called upon, not lest injustice may be done if we pause to inquire into the question of affiliation, but because the obligation to give this aid, which is reciprocal among all Masons never has been and never can be canceled. Treason and rebellion also, because they are altogether political offenses, cannot be inquired into by a lodge; and although a Mason may be convicted of either of these acts in the courts of his country, he cannot be Masonically punished; and notwithstanding his treason or rebellion his relation to the lodge, to use the language of the old Charges, remains indefeasible."

*Missouri Masonic Grand Lodge Report*:—"We are all equal citizens of one common government, having equal rights, equal privileges, and equal duties; and in which government, thank God, the majority does not govern. For our order in its very constitution, strikes at the root of that which is the very basis of popular government. It proclaims and practices, not that the will of the masses is wise and good, and as such to be obeyed,—not that the majority shall govern. Not only do we know no North, no South, no East and no West, but we know no government save our own. To every government save that of Masonry, and to

