A few Facts about General Joseph A. Mower.

Washington, D. C., December, 1892.

To the Survivors of the Army of the Tennessee and others:

Comrades: Many who never met General Mower know his fame; but they who served personally near him know, as no others can, the completeness and charm of his character as an officer, patriot, and gentleman. In well-directed dash and cool intrepidity he had no superior; in zeal and self-sacrifice to duty he had few equals; in efficiency he had the entire confidence of his official superiors. Although without academic preparation he held a commission in the Regular Army, and had a native military instinct that was broadened by painstaking private study of the military art and science. This, united to a passionate love of country, a kindly heart, a splendid personal bearing, and never asking officers or men to go where he did not lead, made him a commander of uncommon efficiency and genius.

But sudden death cut short a young life filled with exploit and promise. A longer continuance of active operations would have led him to a most distinguished place in the world's military history, for he had chosen the profession of arms and to that he was by nature adapted, and in it he was wrapped up, soul and body. From the time he entered the engineers, as a young man from Vermont to serve through the Mexican war, to his death, his career was one continuous succession of brilliant deeds and promotions. He was brevetted through every grade for "distinguished service." This address could not give all of the circumstances of such a military history; but in general it may be said that he was appointed as second lieutenant in the First U. S. Infantry in 1855, by President Pierce, and served in that regiment in Texas where he attained to the rank of captain at the beginning of the war for the Union. Then, resisting the surrounding blandishments of treason by other sons of the flag, he proved to be loyal and also grateful for the commission he held. He was soon ordered to command the fortifications of New Madrid under General Pope, and shortly after the fall of Island Number Ten he was commissioned as colonel of the Eleventh Missouri Infantry. Here he commenced to look for opportunities to deal useful blows, and his purpose never flagged. His mind took in the whole field of war, and the duty of his profession was spurred on by his intense hatred of treason. As colonel commanding a brigade he was severely wounded in the operations about Corinth and was captured, but escaped the same day by a feat of personal daring. At Young's Point he received a commission of brigadier-general, and with that rank participated in the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson. On the Red River campaign, under A. J. Smith, he commanded two divisions and charged in person with the Twenty-fourth Missouri capturing Fort de Russy. With his command he captured a regiment and battery at Henderson Hill, fought the battle of Pleasant Hill, and, in aid of A. J. Smith, fought the battle of Bayou de Glaize with 4,000 men against more than double the numbers, it being a decisive event in the campaign under Gen. Banks. Then crossing the Achafalaya he fought with A. J. Smith the battle of Tupelo, and next, with his division, he followed Price through Arkansas and Missouri, when he received on the field his commission as major-general of volunteers. When General Sherman was given the command of the Military Division of the Mississippi, having marked General Mower as a favorite, he immediately sent for him with a view of giving him command of a corps, but reasons in the rear left him in command of the First Division of the Seventeenth Corps. At Washington he was given command of the Twentieth Corps. We of the First Division remember how aggressively General Mower forced, with his division, the siege of Savannah and the passage of the Salkehatchie, where, after leading in person his skirmishers through the swamp during a winter's night, icicles were broken from his cloak in the morning. The severe exposure here, having waded bodily in the water, induced pulmonary disease that added complications to his final illness five years later. At Bentonville, his separating his division by permission and charging upon Hardee's left, hurrying the entire force of the enemy across Mill Creek in full retreat, was his last display with us of his prompt daring guided by quick and clear perception, and a movement that General Sherman afterwards strongly commended and expressed his regret that he did not take advantage of it at the time to force Johnson to battle. The concurrent experiences of officers who were near General Mower, from first to last, is that he was directly under the fire of the enemy more than any other officer in the service. He loved to be ahead of his skirmishers, when essential to clear observation, knowing that plenty of generals could always be found.

After the war he was given command of the New Orleans District where he died in 1870 of congestion of the lungs, leaving a young and affectionate family not provided for adequately to his rank and services; for he never had a thought of monetary acquisition but gave all his faculties to his government. Although he cannot speak to mortals his deeds and his comrades must speak for him. As modest and reticent in private life as he was terrible in battle he never alluded to himself, even to those who associated with him in hourly intimacy; and now that his restless spirit is silenced let us continue that living faith we had when we were riding by his side or marching under his inspiring lead and see to it that the carved granite shall transmit to posterity his merits. This is not only our duty to the man but to the country.

It is suggested that money be raised by the various regimental organizations of the first division, and others that he commanded, and also by various G. A. R. posts that are specially interested in his memory, by public entertainment or private subscription, and forwarded to the treasurer, who will promptly receipt therefor.

Letters of inquiry may be addressed to Col. William Hemstreet, corresponding secretary, County Court, Brooklyn, N. Y., or to B. F. Chase, recording secretary, Washington, D. C.

By order of the Committee,

J. M. RUSK,
Chairman and Treasurer.

Mower Monument

No date
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The Mower Monument Committee.

APPOINTED BY THE SURVIVORS OF THE ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE AT THEIR LATE REUNION IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Col. J. C. DeGress,
Gen. O. O. Howard,
Col. C. B. Stoddard,
Col. Wm. J. Wright,
Gen. D. T. Kirby,
Capt. David Pollock,
Col. John W. Sprague.

Washington, D. C., December, 1892.

To the Survivors of the Army of the Tennessee and others:

General Joseph A. Mower has been buried twenty years and his grave in Arlington is yet unmarked. The statement of this fact at our late Reunion in Washington awakened a strong feeling among the comrades, and they appointed this Committee to solicit funds and erect a monument to his memory. The Committee inclose herewith a statement of some of the facts respecting the distinguished services of General Mower, and solicit such sum as you may see fit to contribute towards erecting the proposed monument.

Contributions may be handed to any member of the Committee, or sent direct to the Treasurer, General J. M. Rusk, at Washington, D. C., who will receipt for the same when received. Send by draft, post-office money order, or registered letter, under cover of the inclosed envelope.

The Committee hopes to be able to make a satisfactory report to the comrades at their next Reunion at Indianapolis on the occasion of the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1893. The *names* of all contributors to the fund will be included in their report. And what comrade will not take pleasure in having his name enrolled among those who helped to place a suitable commemorative stone over dear old Joe Mower's grave?

By order of the Committee,

B. F. CHASE,
Secretary.

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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Dear Sir:

The views of a number of our most eminent writers and thinkers on the above subject are to be published in a syndicate of leading newspapers.

It would afford us much pleasure if you would send a contribution on this interesting topic, which is sure to attract wide attention. We feel confident that the value of the symposium would be enhanced by a few lines from your pen and it is hoped that you will find it ~~convenient~~ convenient to take part in the discussion. Awaiting an early response,

Very respectfully Yours

The Bok Syndicate Press

[Dec, 1872]

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New England Cong'l Church,

SOUTH NINTH STREET, NEAR DRIGGS.

142 Rodney St.

Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir.

Permit me to extend congratulations for your safe return and for the noble testimony you made for Prayer.

I enclose two tickets which I trust you will be able to use to our Celebration Dec. 21. We anticipate a grand time. Dr. Virgin is to take for his theme the "Influence of the Puritan Fathers on the Religious Life of our People", how would it do for me to announce yours as the "Influence of the Puritan Fathers on the National Life of our People.

This would give you an opportunity to say something about our soldier heroes. As I am to have the subjects printed will you kindly let me know if the one suggested will answer or if you think of one that will suit you better all right

Sincerely Yours.

Alexander Lewis

Alexander Lewis

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New England Cong'l Church,

SOUTH NINTH STREET, NEAR DRIGGS.

142 Rodney St.

My dear Gov. Howard

Please accept my hearty thanks for your kind response at our Forefathers gathering. I am certain that your words did good.

May God bless you for your noble stand on all questions of public interest

Resp.

Alexander Lewis.

Lewis Alex.

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Mc Guen, N.R.

New York Dec 1st 1892 (Dec. 1)

Major General O. O. Howard.

Dear friend!

Inclosed the receipted bill, did not like to give it to Mr Meierhofer as you suggested. Thank the Lord you are home again oh, dear dear General how unhappy am I, no luck whatever, and I do need your good advice more than ever, and as soon as you feel rested and feel inclined, would you kindly grant me an interview? (private)

And pardon me if I take the liberty of asking you as a personal favor, not to mention anything of my affairs to Mr Beck or any one of Camp Memorial Church. I would be more than thankfull, please! remember it, if the oath you concerning me.

Trust and pray to the Lord to see you safe, and May the Lord bless you and yours.

until my eyes close in death I am Yours most sincere & greatfull

servant

Martin R. McLaren

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My dear Genl Howard -

We do not know if you are at home yet; but if you are will you come in to luncheon Sunday? The Dr is aching for a sight of his old Friend

Very sincerely yours

Elizabeth Kendall Upham

Dec. 2. 1892

44 West 35th Street.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE,
REV. O. L. SEVERSON, PH. D.,
PASTOR.

Sayre Pa Dec 2 1892

Maj Genl O O Howard
U S A

Dear Genl

I had the honor to write you early last summer for the purpose of securing your presence and an address from you at our Wyoming Conference Vet association to be held in April at Scranton. The time has been fixed for Apl 12 for one week and we the Old Soldiers - who are now Ministers & Members of the Conference (M E) have organized a Vet ass - & will hold a Camp fire some evening during the week begining Apl 11th. Can you give us an evening? I to inform you just as soon as I can possibly deffinally the date.

We are to hold in the New Elm Park Methodist Church at Scranton. Come if possible

Please state terms. An early reply is desire that I may arrange & print programme

Your obd Servt
O L Severson
Late Co E 187 N.Y. V.I.

Teverson, O. L.

~~CLINTON B. FISK,~~ *Chairman.*
~~St. Louis.~~

~~WM. STICKNEY,~~ *Secretary.*
Washington, D. C.

Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D. C.,

December 3rd, 1892. 187

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and Conference with Secretaries of Missionary Societies, and other friends of the Indians, will be held at the Riggs House, this city, January 12th, 1893.

This will be an important meeting for discussion of the condition and outlook of the Indian Servuce, and you are cordially invited to be present.

Yours truly,

A. Whittlesey

Secretary.

Wheatley, Ms.

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Secretary.

177 W. 45th Street,
N. York,
Dec. 3. 1892.

My dear General Howard,

I hope you had a pleasant visit abroad, and that it was profitable in the object for which you went to Spain.

The book of which I spoke to you is "History of the Conquest of Spain", by Dr. Henry Coppée: published in 1881 by Little, Brown & Co. Boston, 2 vols.

A copy of this is in the Mercantile Library here.

Although the subject of Coppée's book is anterior to the time of Isabella, it may assist you in constructing the causeway leading up to your subject.

Yours Truly,

Jno. C. Tidball.

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Entertainment by Mr. HARRY PEPPER,
"An Evening with the Ballad,"
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Refreshments at half after nine.

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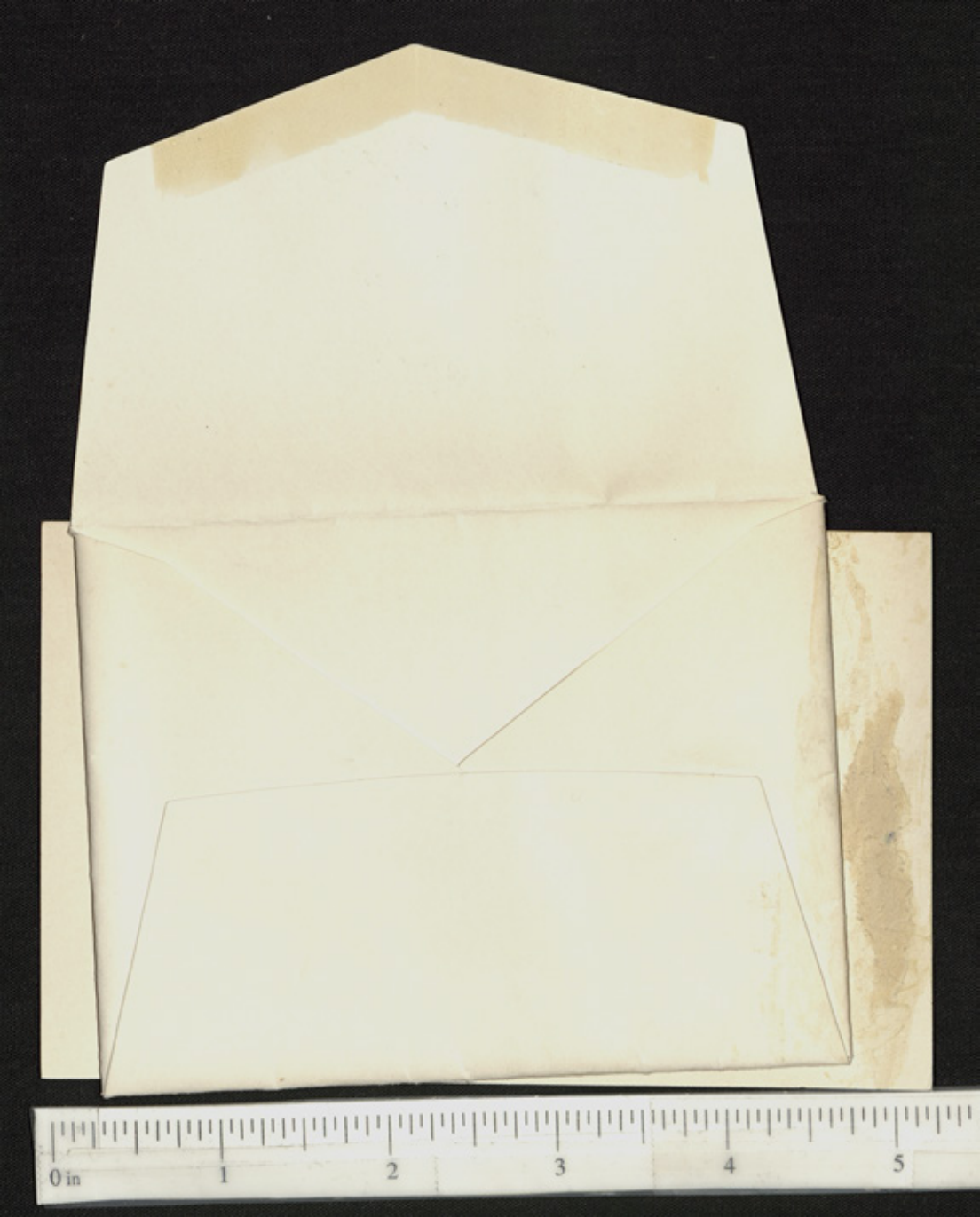
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of Brooklyn.

Reception

Saturday evening, Dec. 3rd 1892
at eight o'clock.

Admit Mr. .....

Compliments of .....

Present this at the door.

FORT MYER, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec 5 1892

My dear Bul Howard

Congratulations upon your escape – or are we to become the story "Cum grano salis" I am afraid you have had so much water – you will not agree with my idea of our sale of beer at Exchange

In haste

Geo. E. Henry

1892

Henry G. V.

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Coppinger, Alice

Tivoli Villas, Cork
Ireland.
Decr. 5th/92

Dear General Howard,

I forgot to give you my card, & fear you may not remember our address without it.

We shall be so anxious to hear of your safe arrival, and that little Hildegarde has left her cough on board ship.

With our very best and warmest wishes for your safe and pleasant journey, and with love for Mrs. Howard and Hildegarde. Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Alice Coppinger

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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Dec 25 1892

TO { General Howard steamship Harel Newcastle

Rejoicing at your preservation we pray for your safe return Home

Mr and Mrs Porter

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N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Foreign Missionary

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military anecdotes would be an open sesame to the good services of some of our surviving soldiers; I trust this is indeed so & that, to forward the success of an article every boy in the land will desire to read, you may find for me in some retrospective corner of your kindly remembrance a thrilling war story in which Father bore a part. With manifold apologies for presuming on your valuable time, but hoping much of your soldierly patience and interest

Believe me
Dear General Howard
Very faithfully yours

(Mrs.) Susan W. Seefridge

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Dec: 5th 1892. [5?]

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38 Louisen Strasse
Munich - Bavaria

Dear General Howard.

There are times when one turns naturally to the saving might of a stretched out arm: - I have been asked by a N. Y. Syndicate to write an article to be called "Stories of our Fathers": war & military anecdote & reminiscence of Phil Kearny.

Having grown up since the war of the Rebellion the task is difficult for me without the aid & cooperation of those who served with him & in whose warm hearts perhaps many a characteristic tale of the soldier lies still unforgotten.

Several officers who served in the Army of the Potomac have assured me that a request made for

Talmage Rev T. De Witt.

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Brooklyn
1 South Oxford St
Dec 5th 1892
[Dec ?]

Dear General Howard

"The Young Men's Christian Association" of this city (one of the grandest institutions on the continent) want you at their anniversary, & I want you, & all Brooklyn wants you! This meeting will be in Brooklyn Tabernacle. We will, if you come, have 7000 people to hear you & you will have a welcome that will more than pay you for the

perils of navigation from Governors Island. You will come to my house to dine at six o'clock & see my wife & children who have grown very much since you dined with us years ago, & then we will go to the church to a meeting which blessed of God through your message will be something to think of forever. Do say yes to the young men's invitation

Yours &c

T. De Witt Talmage

Bring your family with you, & your military staff.

United States Circuit Court,

Northern District of Georgia.

CLERK'S OFFICE.

O. C. FULLER, Clerk.

Atlanta, Ga., 189

Dear Genl.

I find the application has to be forwarded from here to his lawyer in Wash.gn.

The Pension is for John Fitch, Certificate No. 321.197. Co. "H." 10th Conn. Inft.ry. and your letter you will please send to Comr. Pensions, Rawn _ Wash.gn.

Resp.ly

A. S. Newell.

Clerk.

Atlanta, Dec. 5th

My dear Genl Howard

I was very glad to meet you last Summer. You are the best Parishioner I ever had, and I am inclined to think, the best man I ever knew. Do you recall that slow & cold ride to Plattsmouth? I never heard you speak better than that day. I hope we did some good.

How I wish you will
come here again & stay
longer! Is it not time
for an official visit?
Our church is doing
quite well. It is hard
to grow here & plenty of
obstacles to overcome,
but we try to keep our
integrity. I have steadily
endeavored to preach
better here & otherwise
do better work than
ever before. I now
intend to keep

another year. after
which D.V., I dont
know - I remember
separately & distinctly each
member of your family.
Please give my love to
each, & in this Mrs. Shemill
joins - The air is soft to day
full of mellow sunshine
like a day in June.
I enclose to you an "appli-
cation" to go to Washington.
It is urgent - a Parishioner,
poor & sick - generally
also incapable - We thought

Thomas, A. F.

it might be proper for you to add some very helpful word. I shall feel personally befriended if you can do it consistently and it will aid a deserving man. He incurred disease in the army and is an unfortunate. [illegible] habit.

With all love & esteem,

Very respectfully
your friend

A. F. Thomas

Riverhead, N.Y.

Dec. 6th 1892.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir: The Riverhead Lecture Association in arranging the lecture course for our village this season has fixed upon Feb. 6th as one of its dates and March 15th as the next date. Between these two dates there is an inteval of six weeks and we desire to add another lecture to the course, to be given in the latter part of February. The committee having the matter in charge desire to have you fill this date. It is the very general desire of our people to have you visit us. If you can arrange to favor us it will be greatly appreciated.

Please let me hear from you in the enclosed stamped envelope as to whether you could lecture for us in the latter part of February or first of March. Also please state your terms &c.

Very respectfully yours,

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CLARENCE B. RHEEM.

December 6th, 1892.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Care War Dept., City.

Dear Sir:-

A number of years ago you sold to Mr. Frank G. Middleton of this city Lot No. 16 in Block 20 Meridian Hill.

After all these years a bill has been presented to the widow of Mr. Middleton for a special improvement tax levied against the property June 15th, 1877, which is now reported due and unpaid with interest amounting to more than the original sum. Of this tax Mrs. Middleton (now Mrs. Shumate) of course knows nothing and cannot properly be held responsible for its non-payment. Had the tax been assessed during the ownership of Mr. Middletown his estate would be liable for its payment, but if you were the owner of the property at the time, the liability applies to you under the conditions of your deed to him.

We are requested by Mrs. Shumate to communicate with you on the subject and ask that you investigate the facts of the case as presented and if you find them as suggested to make known to us your disposition in the matter. Enclosed please find bill.

Very respectfully,

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San Francisco, Dec 7. 1892.

Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I am moved to write you on behalf of our brother Capt Isaiah Bray of Oakland, who was to receive the appointment as Captain of the Quarantine Steamer (new) now lying at the Angel Island Station, but she has not been put in Commission, and meanwhile he has used up all his means, and his family are almost in want, and in imminent danger of being turned out of their house.

A letter from you to Surgeon Genl Wyman at Washington may secure the issuing of Capt Bray's commission, even though the Steamer should not be run at present, and as he has been waiting several months it would be only right to have it dated back, say 3 months. Dr Carmichael in charge of the Station wants Bray, and assured him sometime ago that his appointment was assured, and he has been waiting. Bray is a good Xn worker, and he & his wife have recently received a great accession of The Spirit. They are joyful even under great trials, and The Master wants us to do anything we can to aid them. I am also writing to our Oakland Member of Congress to call on Wyman.

Very respy & sincerely — Edward P. Flint.

Stein, E.P.

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December 8th 1892

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of enclosing to you an invitation to the third annual sundown supper of the Tenderloin Club.

The occasion will be made memorable by the introduction of some new features which will prove novel and entertaining.

Trusting that you may find it convenient to be present I am

Very Truly Yours

Geo. W. Sills

Secy & Treas.

Genl O.O. Howard

The Tenderloin Club

requests the pleasure of

Gen. O. O. Howard's

company on Sunday evening,

December the eighteenth, at 7.30 o'clock.

at Jaeger's,

Madison Avenue, corner 59th Street.

This card must be presented at the door.

R. S. V. P.

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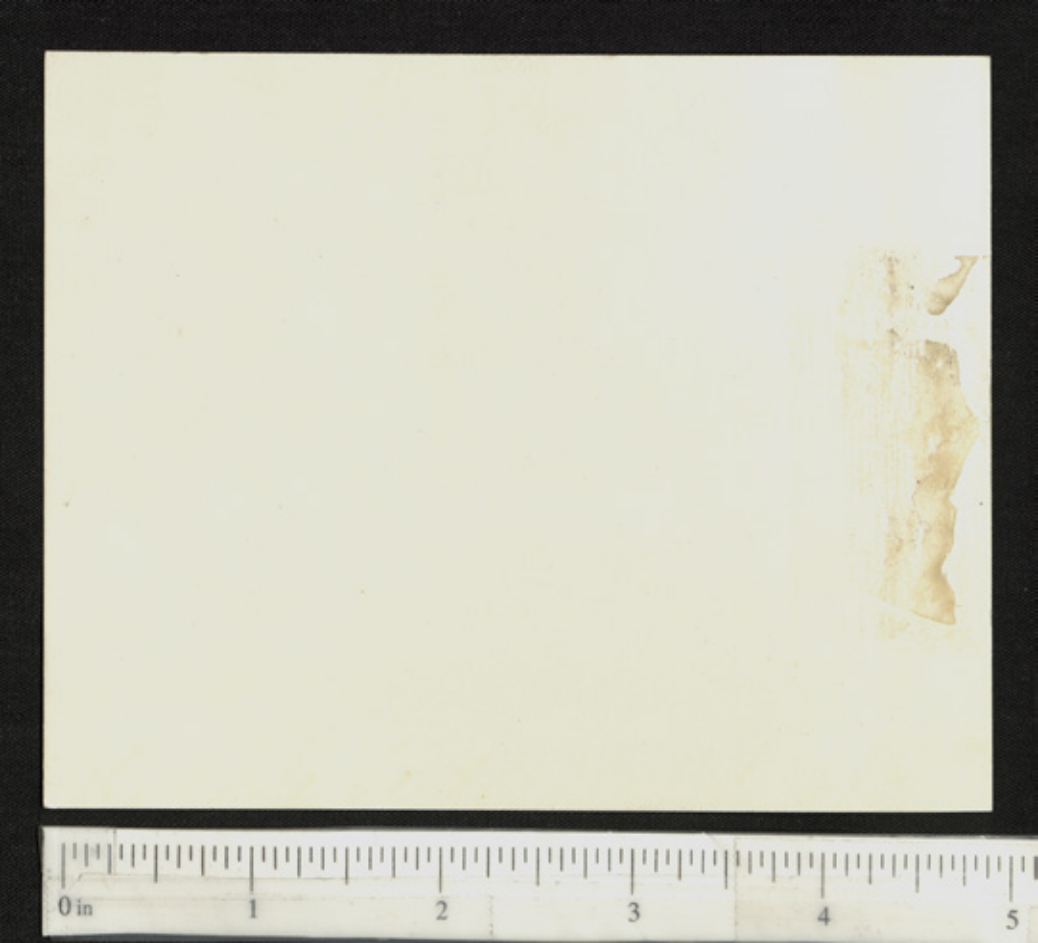
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many. But one in particular since coming here, i.e. that you had rather study people than scenery. This is a grand place for character study. I love these people so impulsive and brim-full of fun, seeing the ridiculous side of everything. There is a sort of affinity between us.

You will doubtless get many letters of congratulation and sympathy, so I'll make mine brief. I am taking the precaution to enclose a likeness of myself, so as to refresh your memory.

We expect to return in March. And if I should be convinced of two things between this and then, I

13 Lower Mount St.,
Dublin, Ireland.
6th Dec. 1892.

Dear Gen. Howard:—

Words fail me utterly to express all that has been in our minds and hearts since we read that you were on the "Spree" with Mr. Moody.

My first thoughts were very wicked rebellious ones, something to this effect:— "How awfully cruel of Gen. Howard to come over here, and not let me know of!" and I decided never to go to see you in New York again. But when I heard that

a narrow escape you had. Of course my heart melted, and now I wish to say how awfully sorry we have felt for you and Mr. Mordy, and how thankful we are that you escaped as you did.

The night before we heard of the accident, father preached to a lot of soldiers in Vermont, and he said a great deal about you — in fact, I think you were his text. I pictured you in New York, and inwardly resolved to finish one of the letters I had commenced to you, the next day.

I can't think why you didn't let us know you were in England. I would have gone over to see you like a shot! Father says you probably went over on business and stayed only a few days, etc. All this is simply to comfort me, I know. In one private and very intend-before opinion, that your recollection of a certain ambitious fri- whose greatest desire was to send the list of previous rivals, is rather misty. This opinion is far from comforting, and if you can say anything to explode it, I shall relish it mild bring.

I wish you could have run over to this island and see the interesting work going on here. You thought of a remark I heard you make the other night of a good

Whitte, Mary

shall try to see you in New York.

One of the things is, that there is a Change of my realizing my ideal, or idealizing my real: and the other thing I want to be convinced of is that you still remember

Your Ever Loving (no.?)

Mary Whitte.

My father and Mr. Stebbins both send you their love. Father said he would have gone to Queenstown to see you if he had known you were to be there. G. D.

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The Livingston
Dec 8th pm
Dec 8 1892

My dear General:

I saw by the papers you had returned safely, at the same time narrowly escaping an accident at sea. It reminded me at once of the stories related

When we met in
New York of the
man who thought
of his prayers
during the storm
on Chickasaw —
You probably have
received the paper
by this time containing
notice of my dear
mother's death and
I write to say

Rec'd. Nora. G.

him holding the-
Rice here for the
present but he will
be going to Chicago
very soon—
We are all very
well and often
speak of the pleasant
visit we made you
back of Iron Hill.
I dreamed of the
great ball that I
would attend in

So short a time.
Hoping you enjoyed
your journey abroad
and that we may
meet in the new
future I am
with kindest
regards sincerely
Jessie G. Price

Emil H. H. Howard.

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Syracuse University.

C. N. SIMS, Chancellor.

Syracuse, N. Y. Dec. 4, 189 2.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir:

I am very anxious that you should visit our University during the present winter, and deliver a lecture before our students and citizens. We will be pleased with any subject you may select, although I should be glad if you could talk to us upon anything connected with the army

Linn. C. N.

and its history.
While here, I also
desire that you
should meet our
students in a religious
service.

Please write me if
it is possible for you
to come, and if so,
when, and what
you would charge
us.

Yours Cordially,
C. H. Pinns.

LORENZO M. JOHNSON,
C. PORFIRIO DIAZ,
ESTADO DE COAHUILA, MEXICO.

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Col. Porfirio Diaz
Mex. Dec. 8/92

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
U. S. Army
Com. Dept. of the East
Gov. Island
New York.

Dear General:-
"Merry Christmas!" is ringing about now a good deal. Every one is getting ready for one.- Last summer when we were in Win-

office & mantel &c.
revival, & perhaps
to shew that handsome
picture of that you sent
to me, & say: "This is from
a great general." I am
ever so much obliged
for it. – We have enjoyd
our summer in Winnetka
very much, & can imagine
you enjoying your trip to
Europe very much, as
they all must (that is, the
people) know so much about
you, & that you will find

objects of interest every=
where—We have also
had the splendid treat
of going to Durango.
The International's new
railroad there has just
been completed & the
inauguration was to
occure Nov. 10, 11 & 12th. Mr.
Huntington & friends, &
many notables from City
of Mexico, were also there—

I was very much interested in the late presidential Election, but my interest stoped for a while, after it was known that Cleveland was going into the White-house. But I think that we (the Republican party) will be elected in '96, because now we can see that we are not so strong, as to neglect so much as we did. We enjoyed the pleasure of republican rule so much so long, that we did not think defeat

possible; but we sometimes find that defeat is best for us. And we know from reading history that a great defeat is often followed by a great victory. — Hoping that you will agree with me on this subject, I am

Very sincerely yours
J. A. Stewart Johnson

Dec. 25th 1872.

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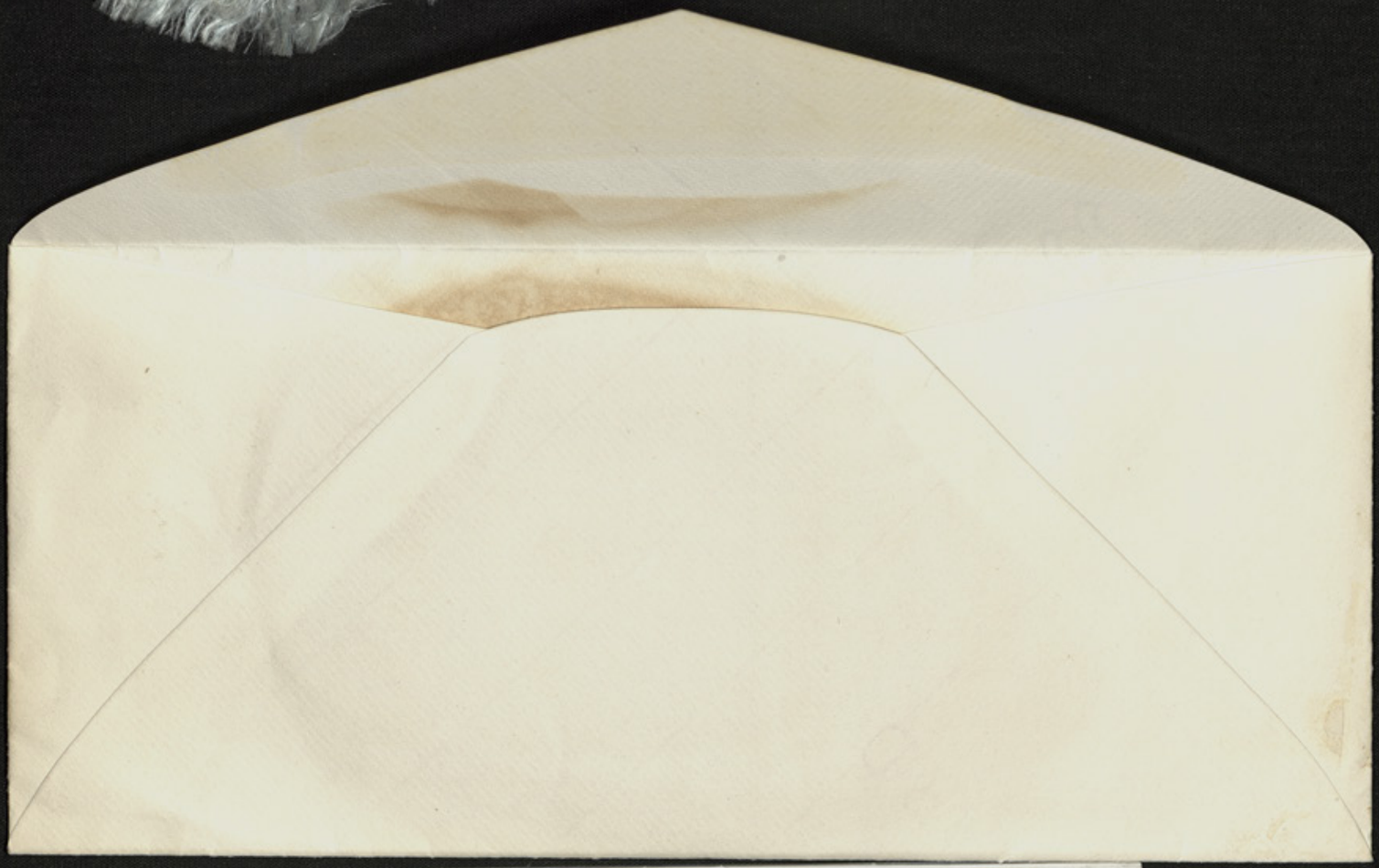
Wishing
you a merry
Christmas.



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Gen. O. O. Howard
Governors Island
New York City

Dear Uncle Otis:- I have some bonds of the United Coal Co of Denver which I am making an effort to place with savings banks etc in New England, and I desire very much to approach Mr. A. C. Barstow, of Providence R.I. Knowing him to be a friend of yours I thought that you might be willing to give me a letter of introduction

to him.

I was more than pleased when in New York last Saturday to learn of your safe arrival back at Queenstown and to learn how safely you all came out of your terrible disaster. Both Helen and myself send love to all.

Your aff. nephew
O. O. Howard, Jr.

Address 27 Tremont Row,
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Boston Mass.

E. P. Hammond,
Hartford, Conn.

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Hartford, Conn.

Dec. 8, 1892.

Dear Gen. Howard;-

I have been reading about the dreadful time you had on the S. S. Spree. I thank the Lord that the lives of all were spared. It reminded me of a somewhat similar experience which I had when we struck an Iceberg off New foundland. You perhaps have read about it in the book I gave you the Reaper and the Harvest. I have been holding meetings since I saw you in various places. We had a very good time in Tren on. Kind reference was made to your work. Last Sunday I was in the Poquonock Church in Windsor, Conn. Between 40 and 50 professed conversion. It would have rejoiced your heart to have seen sinners young and old coming to Christ. I have promised to go to Waterford, N. Y. a place a little north of Troy to hold meetings about the 8th of Jan. The people there seem to be in earnest, and I

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think there will be a rich blessing there. Please remember me kindly to your dear wife and family, Am glad your daughter now that it is all, ober, could hav been with you, durinh that fe rful experience on the Ocean. "Perils in the deep". With our united love and much of it, I am your brother in Christ,

E. P. Hammond.