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OFFICE, 502 FULTON STREET.

Brooklyn, September 19th, 1894.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Governors Island, N. Y. Harbor, N.Y.

My dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences

I beg leave to extend to you a most cordial invitation to deliver one of a series of Addresses at the Opening Meeting of the Institute for the season of 1894-5, to be held in Association Hall on Monday evening, October 1st, at eight (8) o'clock, on the general subject of "The Character of an Epoch" or "The Union of the Blue and the Gray".

The Hon. S. D. McCormick, of Kentucky, will deliver the opening address on the general subject and it is expected that other addresses will follow.

When on the 17th of June, 1775, the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, the military organizations from more than one-half of the states of the Union marched through the streets of Boston and under the shadow of Faneuil Hall, in the long line of companies was one from Richmond, Virginia, with Gen. Fitzhugh Lee as its commander and the company consisted to a man of those who had seen hard service in the Confederate ranks from 1861-5. As the Virginia company passed

Faneuil Hall the band assigned to the company played "The Red, White and Blue". In front of the company marched three men supporting a couple of old and tattered Confederate flags above which floated the stars and the stripes.

As this company passed along without the sound of the voice of anyone, the eye of every spectator was filled with tears of joy at this manifestation of the union of the blue and the gray. This 17th of June was the first time after the Rebellion that any considerable number of ex-confederates had visited Boston and the day marked, in the minds of those who witnessed the scene, the fulfillment of that which the martyred Lincoln had prophesied would come.

We cannot too frequently recall the great lessons taught by the past and we cannot too steadfastly cherish those memories which are helpful to us all, and consequently the evening of October 1st will be made an occasion for stimulating the sentiment of patriotism by recalling the price which has been paid for liberty.

I sincerely trust that you will be able to be present and be one of the speakers. The address need not be more than ten minutes in length for it is not so much a repetition of history that is sought as a recognition of the value ^{of living} to all our people under a common flag.

Hoping to receive a favorable and early reply, I am

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Franklin W. Johnson

THE FORUM, UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK.
EDITOR'S ROOM.

Sept. 19, 1894

Major-Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island
N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 18th to hand. I shall have much pleasure in carrying out your wishes by denying as far as possible the false statements circulated in regard to the Magazine of Am. History.

I have a special dislike for literary frauds, — no matter in what guise they may appear, and I am sorry to say that they are very prevalent and are difficult matters to fight, especially when, as in the present case it is hard to fasten a criminal responsibility on the offender.

Thanking you for your note, I am yours very truly
E. C. Treffry

THE FORUM, UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK.
EDITOR'S ROOM.

Sept. 19, 1894

Wm. W. H. H. H.
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Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
Wm. W. H. H.

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NEW YORK,

Sept-19

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Gen C C Howard

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Enclosed please

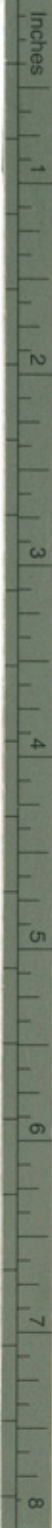
find 25⁰⁰ dol. for the use
of the Mission Church on
the East Side.

Please acknowledge

I am

Yours

J Howard McLean



ST. MARK'S CHURCH
NEW YORK

THE REV. DR. H. W. HAYES
NEW YORK

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
H. W. Hayes

The National Tribune.

(Established 1877.)

The Great National Soldier and Home Weekly Newspaper.

1729 New York Avenue.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19, 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Sir:

We shall not begin the publication of your articles for some weeks yet. Then we shall take pleasure in sending you the copies you wish.

Respectfully,
John M. Elroy.

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Washington, D.C., Sept. 19, 1884.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Sir,

We shall most deeply
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Respectfully,
John M. Wilson

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1729 New York Avenue.

Washington, D. C., Sep 19, 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir:

Please find inclosed
draft for \$27. payment for Part V.
Cassville.

Respectfully
John M. Elroy.

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Established 1877

The Great National Soldier and Home Weekly Newspaper

1729 New York Avenue

Washington, D. C. Sept 19 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir:

Please find enclosed
draft for \$25.00 for Port V.
Council.

Respectfully
Yours,
John M. Blair

209 N 18th St Columbus Ohio

Sept 19 - 1894

Gen O. O. Howard
Governor Island

N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I am
directed by the Superintendent
into Lancaster Camp Meeting
to accept your proposition
to be with us G. A. R.
day Aug 7th / 95. We will
pay you \$100⁰⁰ and your
travelling expenses. We will
also entertain you while
with us. Please come to
Columbus Ohio; then take
Hocking Valley to Lancaster
Camp Ground. Will

Send you a program
at the proper time
Very Truly
J. H. Gardner

of the service. — If you can come, I will

kindly send me the names of the officers

whom it would be agreeable to accompany

you. — I should deem it a favor.

In conveying this formal expression
of the wishes of the Board, — I will add
the assurance of my personal

friendship and esteem —

Russell Conroy

Mr. Russell Conroy

President Union League

Gen. O. O. Howard

Commanding

THE UNION LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA

Sept. 17, 1894.

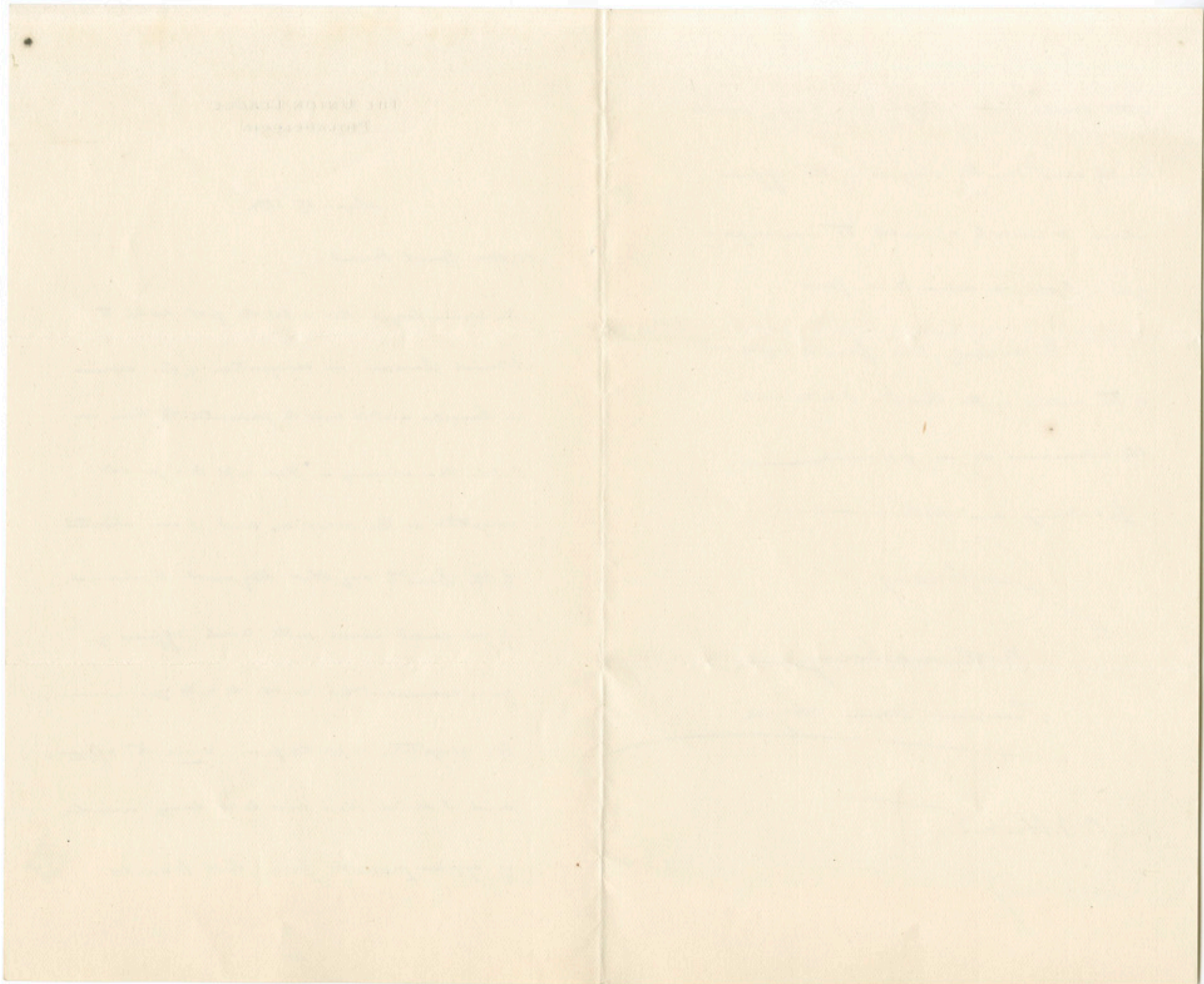
My Dear General Howard —

The Union League has voted its gold medal to
Admiral Benham, in recognition of his services
in Brazil, — and it will be presented to him on

Oct. 4. — ensuing. — There will be a public
reception on the occasion, and I am directed
by the Board to say that they would be honored,
if you could come with such officers of
your command as could be with you. —

The reception will be from nine to eleven,
and I think there will be a large number
of officers present from both branches

*Yours
J. J.*



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National Temperance Society

MAJ. GEN'L O. O. HOWARD, PRESIDENT.

J. N. STEARNS, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
AND PUBLISHING AGENT.

Wm. D. PORTER, TREASURER.

—AND—

Publication House.

P. O. BOX 2658.

58 READE STREET, NEW YORK, September 19th, 1894

Major General O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, New York City.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter for the "Advocate" is at hand, and will at once be put in type.

I note what you say about things having been said over and over again, but that would apply with tenfold force to the Christian Religion, Christian Endeavor work, and all work for the saving of souls and uplifting of humanity. We must repeat old truths in new forms. We need a thousand speakers and a thousand newspapers to where we have one to-day in the Temperance field, uttering strong heart truths for the awakening and convincing of the people.

The regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society will be held next Tuesday afternoon, a notice of which will be duly sent to you, and I hope you can be present with us. It is the first meeting of the Board since the Summer vacation, and although some of our Board have not yet returned to the city, and others cannot be present, yet I expect a few will be here to look over the ground for future work. We have been drifting somewhat of late. The severe financial depression and other matters have conspired to prevent aggressive operations, but the time has come or is very near when we must take hold of the work in right good earnest.

Mr. Powell our District Secretary resigned in the Summer and his resignation has been accepted, which leaves me in entire charge of the "Advocate" as well as looking after other interests of the Society. We must carefully consider two things:

First. The raising of sufficient money to carry on our Missionary work.

Secondly. To secure a bright, active man for practical work in raising money, preaching in pulpits and addressing Temperance meetings, understanding the Temperance work, its needs and its present position, and who can do some editorial work. We could easily name a hundred men, but perhaps not one of them would have the right qualifications. It needs careful, patient attention. I have been about alone in raising the money in the last two years, and am glad to know that our indebtedness is not much greater than it was a year or two ago, but I am about to the end of my rope in seeing and interviewing friends who are able to give to us. I very much hope you can be with us on Tuesday.

Yours very truly,

J. N. Stearns

National Temperance Society

Publication House.

P. O. BOX 1888

58 READE STREET, NEW YORK, September 12th, 1894

Major General O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

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Yours very truly,

L. H. Brown

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West Philad. Sept. 19th 1894

Maj. Genl. Howard

I respectfully address You
these few lines; I intend
in the beginning of next
week to visit New York
with a friend, also to take
a trip up the Hudson
River, if possible we would
like to visit the Military
Academy at West Point and
as I understand it requires
a pass to do so, I would most
respectfully ask You, to grant
the privilege, or direct me,
where to apply to in New
York, as I am not much
acquainted there, I was

present at Washington
D. C. in Sept. 1892, at the
Reunion of the 2nd Corps
where yourself, Genl. Miles,
Brooks and other officers
made addresses to the old
comrades

Very respectfully

Frederick Taxis

3653 Woodland Av.

West Philad. Pa.

a former Private of Co. G.

72nd Regt. P. V.

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Newark, N. J., U. S. A.,

Sep 20th 1894

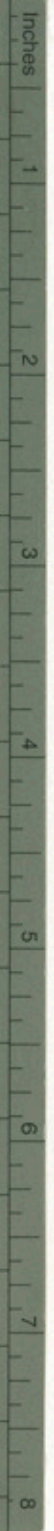
Dear Gen. Howard.

Thanks for your letter of the
19th this moment at hand. I will
present them in person at Washington at
the earliest possible moment. I note
from the paper that Mr Lamont is
not in Washington at the moment.

Would this make any difference? That is
could the Ant-Slavery Oct-?.. Will you
kindly remain me the letter that I left
with you Ady. Genl.

Cordially yours

Wm O McDowell



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100 N. MOUNTAIN ST.
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

20th Sept 1854

Dear Mr. Brown.

Thanks for your letter of the

20th the enclosed at hand I will

present them in person at Washington at

the earliest - I have no doubt

from the paper that Mr. Brown is

not in a hurry at the moment

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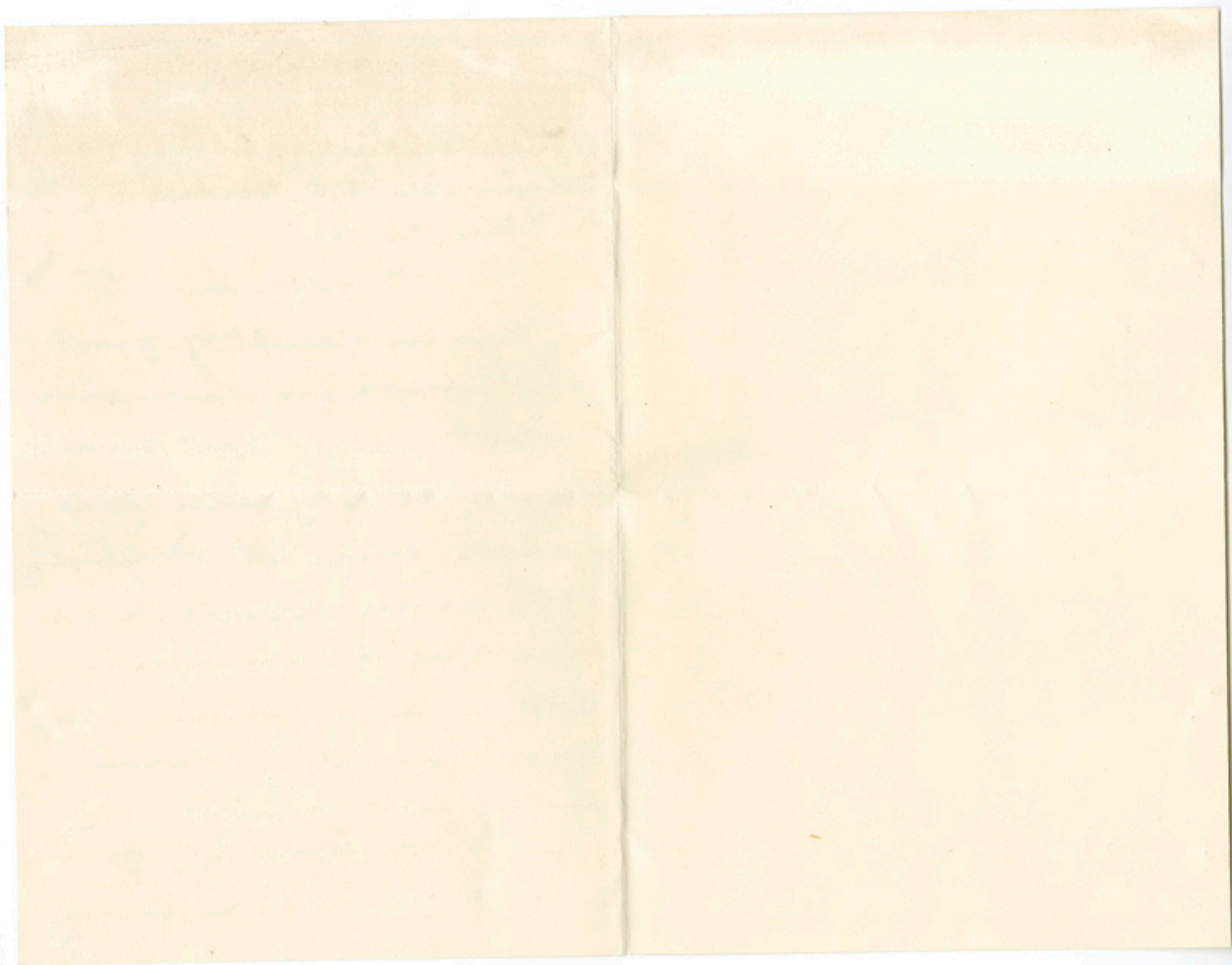
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Minneapolis Sep. 20th 1894
Major Gen^l O. O. Howard
New York

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your
photograph for which please
accept my most sincere
thanks. Mrs. Lyman and
I shall prize it very highly
both as an excellent like-
ness, and a very kind
gift from a man whom
we are proud to reckon
among our friends.

Very respectfully yours
J. W. Lyman



Col. ALBERT D. SHAW, President.
GEORGE B. MASSEY, Treasurer.

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Young Men's Christian Association.

CORNER WASHINGTON STREET AND PUBLIC SQUARE.

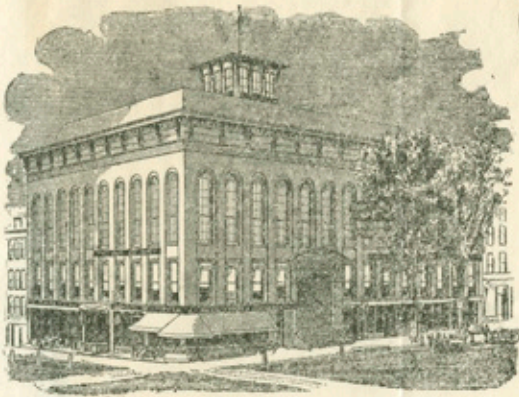
Watertown, N.Y., Sept. 20 1894

Map. General O. D. Howard,
New York,

Dear General Howard:

Now for you? When we held
such converse at Chautauque you said
you might do us good by coming to
Watertown later in the year. I write
at the request of our Association to urge
you to favor us with an address - say
in October 14th. We need you, and
we pray the Good Lord may incline
your heart to come. We will treat
you like a General and a Christian,
and you can help us immensely.
Ory come. Yours faithfully.

Albert D. Shaw, President.



N.Y. Dear Howard - Come for me, if for nothing else. I'll
do as much for you, but days are
shortening - and letters do good which we
remain in this barren ground. A.D.S.



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GEORGE A. MARRIS, Treasurer.
ALBERT D. SHAW, President.

E. A. THORNTON, General Secretary.
E. T. KIRKMAN, Assistant Secretary.

Young Men's Christian Association.

CORNER WASHINGTON STREET AND PUBLIC SQUARE.

Washington, D.C. Sept 20 1884

My dear friends,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the proposed meeting of the Association at Washington, D.C. on the 25th inst.

I am very glad to hear that you are all well and hope that you will have a very successful meeting.

Very truly yours,
George A. Marriss
Treasurer

P.S. I have the honor to inform you that the Association has been organized and is now in the process of raising funds for the purchase of a building for its headquarters.



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H. W. KNIGHT, Supt.

150 FIFTH AVENUE.

New York Sept 20, 1894—189

Oliver O. Howard,

Major General United States Army,

Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear General:-

Your favor of the 20th inst is at hand. Many thanks
for your kindly words about WHAT A BOY SAW IN THE ARMY.

Yours respectfully,

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Yours respectfully,

REV. L. H. COBB, D.D.,
Secretary.
REV. C. H. TAINTOR (Chicago),
REV. GEO. A. HOOD (Boston),
Field Secretaries.
HENRY O. PINNEO,
Treasurer.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING

BY

The Congregational Church Building Society,

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Church Building Quarterly.

Full of Fresh Facts.

Voices Urgent Needs.

Reports Receipts.

CONTAINS BUILDING PLANS.

THIRTY CENTS A YEAR

September, 20th, 1894.

Brethren Geo. H. Stevens, Sec., and Rev. W. T. Stokes, Supt.,

Cong'l Church Extension Society of N. Y. City and Brooklyn.

Dear Brethren:-

I have this day, September 20 th, 1894, received your communication of August 30th, 1894, directed to the Board of Directors of the Congregational Church Building Society. I will have this document copied at once and sent to our Board of Trustees, that they may have the matter fully in mind prior to the meeting of the Board on the second Wednesday of October.

I have no explanation for the reason for the delay between the apparent writing of this document and its reaching me. It comes to me without any post mark, by the hand of a messenger. Please note this, that the Society may not be deemed at fault for not taking more prompt action upon this communication. Had it been here one week ago last Saturday it would have gone on the docket and had all the attention I could secure for it on the part of our Board of Trustees.

I am sure with this promise to do all I can to forward the consideration of this matter, and the most favorable action possible, you will not think me captious or desirous of raising any unnecessary questions if I ask: Is it clear to the brethren whom you represent that it was Mr. Suydam's intention that this Society, whose funds come from all over the country, in many instances in very small sums from poor people,

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The Congregational Church Building Society.
89 BIBLE HOUSE, NEW YORK.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D.,
Secretary.
Rev. C. H. Taintor (Chicago),
Rev. Geo. A. Hood (Boston),
Field Secretaries.
Henry O. Finney,
Treasurer.

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I am sure with this promise to do all I can to forward the consideration of this matter, and the most favorable action possible, you will not think me capricious or desirous of raising any unnecessary questions if I ask: Is it clear to the brethren whom you represent that it was Mr. Stevens' intention that this Society, whose funds come from all over the country, in many instances in very small sums from poor people,

Stevens--Stokes (2)

should take out of those current funds \$10,000. to be put into the Bushwick Ave. Cong'l Church toward the erection of its house of worship?

At our last Board meeting, reckoning up the gatherings of two months for grants to churches, we had less than the sum you ask to cover thirty-six applications. Had your application been before us and favorable action been taken by the Board, it would have taken every dollar we had in that fund, and more too, to cover this one case.

In a conversation with Mr. Suydam more than a year before he died, I very distinctly remember his saying that he had had the strongest encouragement from brethren in the Manhattan Association that that money would be raised in Brooklyn and New York. I have already told Mr. Stokes and written the Bushwick Ave. Church that I was ready to do anything in my power to accomplish just that object. Had we the Stickney legacy which has been so long an object of hope, but a hope as yet unrealized, in our possession, I should not have hesitated one moment, and I do not think our Board would, or had we funds sufficient to cover all the urgent cases in our hands, including the \$10,000. you need, I believe the Board would have answered favorably.

Waiving all formality in this matter, and laying aside every obstructive question, I will ask the officers of the Bushwick Ave. Church to fill out one of our blanks, in order that the Board may have before it the facts concerning that church organization at the present time, and will then place the document received from that church with yours, so that the Board shall have the fullest knowledge of the facts obtain-

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Stevens--Stokes (3)

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This Society appreciates most heartily the need of prompt action in order to secure the benefit of Mr. Suydam's generous offer, but I am very sure that our Board will feel the need of the heartiest and fullest co-operation of the Brooklyn churches in raising so large an amount.

Nor will those whom you represent be unmindful of the fact that on the 29th of November, 1887, we made a loan of \$3500. to that church to enable them to erect the chapel which they are now using, with the condition in writing that that church would pay back that loan at the rate of \$600. a year, beginning November, 1888, and each year until ~~xxx~~ \$3000. were paid back, when the remaining \$500. was to be a grant. On the day before the first installment was due, Mr. Suydam called and paid us \$600. About one year after that date he called and paid us another \$600. The church has made one contribution of \$2.50. This Society has paid out \$78.76 for insurance, which after some delay the church has sent to reimburse us. It will then be seen that we have a mortgage upon that property at the present time for \$2300. as a loan. The additional sum will make our equity in that property \$12,300. I am sure our Brooklyn friends will very clearly see that the very heartiest financial co-operation of the New York and Brooklyn churches must be relied upon by this Society to furnish this sum for this particular purpose.

Yours most cordially,

L. H. Cobb.

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Not will those whom you represent be reminded of the fact that on the 29th of November, 1887, we made a loan of \$3500. to that church to enable them to erect the chapel which they are now raising, with the condition in writing that that church would pay back that loan at the rate of \$600. a year, beginning November, 1888, and each year until \$3000. were paid back, when the remaining \$500. was to be a grant. On the day before the first installment was due, Mr. Stuyvesant called and paid us \$600. About one year after that date he called and paid us another \$600. The church has made one contribution of \$2.50. This Society has paid out \$78.76 for insurance, which after some delay the church has sent to reimburse us. It will then be seen that we have a mortgage upon that property at the present time for \$2300. as a loan. The additional sum will make our equity in that property \$2,300. I am sure our Brooklyn friends will very gladly see that the very heartiest financial co-operation of the New York and Brooklyn churches must be relied upon by this Society to furnish this sum for this particular purpose.

Yours most cordially,

Secretary.

New York, August 30, 1894.

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The people can do no more. We believe it to be essential to the prosperity of this church that no unnecessary delay should be incurred in their setting out to build their church edifice. We are aware that it seems a large sum to ask the Congregational Church Building Society to appropriate for a single church enterprise, but you will readily see from what has been stated that the gift of this \$10,000. renders immediately available the \$5,000. raised by the church, the \$15,000. pledged by Mr. Suydam, in all \$30,000., besides the land for the erection of a church edifice. In addition to all this the \$10,000. legacy will come in to ensure complete success. If this gift is made we believe that it will at once put this church on a flourishing basis of self-support, making it at once a contributor to our various denominational objects, and will add another to the list of churches in this vicinity contributing from year to year to the noble work carried on by your society. Viewed in this light the investment will pay better than several smaller ones distributed along the frontier where self-support can-

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taken by Genl Miles on my case in Dec. 1892 requesting or recommending immediate action on my proceedings after an eight months delay, to allow me to dispose of the criminal charge in Missouri, as prejudice to my case was admitted by that. aroused my suspicions that there was under hand work somewhere, and after investigation I came to the conclusion that a certain J. Thad Ray the states attorney in criminal case, who had pursued me with the most bitter, venomous animosity through out, and who was very bitter that December appearance in court, because he could not try the case and that his term of office expired before another term of court. He had already written me letter to the War Department which I read and which was one entire tissue of lies. had made some false statement to my detriment to Genl Miles and so certain was I in belief that I wrote and asked for the letter or a copy. but while right in

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Sept 20th 1894

Major Genl. A. L. Howard U.S.A.

Governor Seland N.Y.C.

General.

Your letter to my Father dated the 6th inst. has been shown me; I feel deeply hurt that you of all others in the U.S. Army hold such an opinion of me, that you could not draw even one corner of the cloak of charity around my past; And for my own sake as well as my Fathers. I feel called to make some attempt at self defence, and though I expect no benefit therefrom I do not wish you to think me so entirely devoid of the sense of right, and so utterly devoid of repentance for my many and great sins, as your letter implies, for I do know that I have sinned grievously and almost beyond pardon, in fact it seems to me is beyond earthly pardon and forgiveness or even charitable forgetfulness, and my almost only comfort is in the feeling that I am being made to pay so bitterly in this world for my sins.

past that I may at least obtain rest in the next. It is as much for the sake of the few who have stood by me through all, and aided and encouraged me by word and precept, to overcome my old self; that I have desired re-instatement to my old position. For my comfort and peace of mind the service is the last place I should think of turning to, but I am more than willing to face it all, to have this chance to show by my manner of life that I am not all or so black as I have been painted, to be able to live down in the minds of others memory of past misdeeds, and bring happiness to my Father and those other few who have thought it still possible that the soil of my heart was not entirely too barren to receive the seed of true repentance and profit thereby. I feel that I have won the victory over self, but I can regain no lost character among those who know naught of my past. For to them I am in good standing, but I want to conquer those who know. In making out the statement of my affairs military, I did so merely from the facts in the case as developed at my trial, and I must admit that I am not under the imputation of the whole farcical affair. I try not to let resentful feelings get the better of

me but sometimes I fail, and unfortunately you became a witness to one of those occasions, & not intentionally on my part I can assure you. as the statement was intended only for my Father's eyes. I had another struggle with my self when I read your reply to my Father for, I saw you were in a measure uninformed as to the true facts in my case, and the relentless realities and false hood that had followed me through all should its hand over me more, but I hope this time to turn the tables, heretofore I have been balked at every attempt to run to earth these false statements, but I feel sure you will help me inasmuch as in your power, and I have a feeling too that you must be much nearer the author of them than I for you would never, I am sure make the statements you did on the strength of sensational newspaper talk, and if I can once get the one who has done me this wrong. I can then answer with better courage for the wrongs I have done that my load is so much lightened by the removal of what I have not done, but have been charged with. Now in the hazy action

are legion, I do repent me of, and yet I feel as if in some way the power will yet be given me to entirely overcome myself and to so live that in the minds of others if not in my own they will be forgotten.

But I do now and always shall feel that in so far as the actual commission of any offenses purely military are concerned, I am as entitled to the rank of a 2^d Lieutenant as I ever was. And if it should ever be vouchsafed me to again stand in the same position I feel that the grace will give me to keep my place among the most honorable and make glad for ever the few who care for my well fare even in adversity.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
James D. Dyer

My surprise, I never got the letter as the War Dept. refused to surrender it, though I asked them as evidence to be used in a trial for criminal libel. Now your letter reads as though I had been condemned on the criminal count also, so I again think my surprise was right and that some such false statement has been circulated to my prejudice. The true facts of the case I will give you so you may compare, and it is all on record at the Court House Kahokia Clark Co. Mo. To prevent being forced to trial in Hannibal while my lawyer was unavoidably absent, my witnesses not subpoenaed, through, and fault of my own as the U.S. held me at Ft. Leavenworth till too late for personal action, I was obliged to take a change of venue of my case to Kahokia. This was the only delay ever offered to the proceedings by myself. The case was called at Kahokia on Oct. 11th 1892, and I responded ready for trial, the state not ready & secured as its right - a continuance. To expedite matters at considerable trouble I obtained a special term of court.

for my case for Dec. 19-92 the regular term not coming till April 1893. but prior to the October appearance Mr. Ray the states attorney had been informed by the complainant in the case that he would not prosecute or appear as he knew by personal investigation, that I was in no manner implicated or connected with the crime. Mr Ray still held out to give me as much trouble as possible evidently and came alone in December and appeared not ready and without a witness and claimed his right for the state of a second continuance, this was my last appearance in person as the case was called up in its regular turn some months later and dismissed from the docket. That is all of that matter it was more than a slander from beginning to end but it cause many a heartache. As to the misappropriation of public moneys, it is perfectly false and made from whole cloth. I left all my accounts at Fort Townsend Wash. in perfect condition and hold receipts today for every dollar ever handled of such money and all paid on the day they became due. I have seen a slanderous article in the New York World which makes

some such statement, but on application they refused their authority. In this same article I am supposed to make certain confessions to one Lint Sample 14" long. I have his written denial in toto of the whole thing. Another thing too you mention is scandalous conduct at Ft. Leavenworth, if the status of my arrest at that post is considered for one instant the absurdity of this charge is evident. Now in regards to my duplication of pay accounts I most emphatically deny that at anytime did I ever fraudulently or falsely present any account or cause to be presented any account that I did not believe to be true and just. an error in drawing up the specification and charge on this fact relieved me from making a defense, but the astute court found me guilty when the evidence all showed I could not be. I think I was entitled to the benefit of an error much larger than have paid mens lives.

It is for such things that I am repentant. Those sins of which I have been guilty and I frankly confess they are

Headquarters Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Neb., September 20, 1894.

My dear General:

Permit me to introduce to you my young friend S. Maurice Campbell, whom I know very well and esteem very highly.

He seeks a position on the staff of a New York paper. If you can aid him in any way, I shall be very much obliged to you.

Very truly yours,
Wm. B. Smith

General O. O. Howard
Governor's Island, N.Y.

