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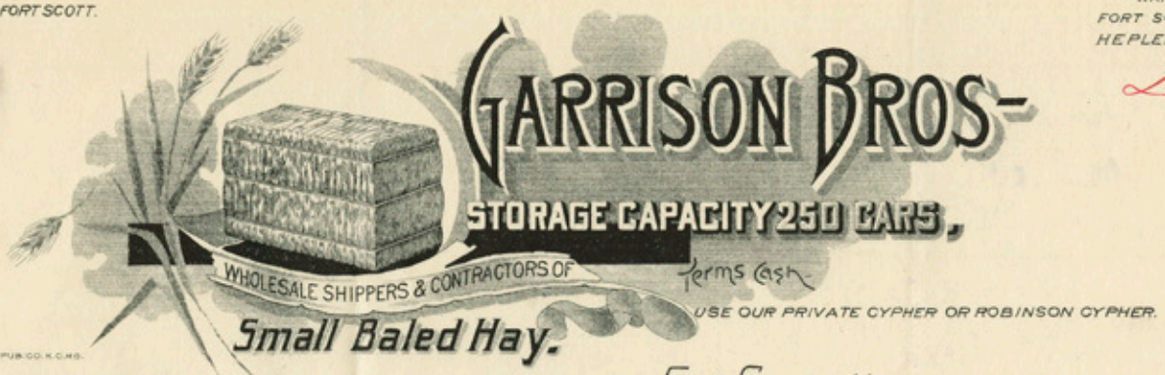

Fort Scott, Kan. Dec.27th.,1895.

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Of course you know all about the law by which enlisted men can secure commissions by passing certain examinations,but what I wish to know is how well does that law stand in the estimation of the veteran officers,and what are the chances of it's being repealed in the next ten years;and if it is repealed,what is the nature of the law which will in all probability be substituted for it?

You can doubtless readily see by the nature of my questions that I am thinking of enlisting.

Now you have had a large experience in the regular army and are therefore capable of advising me in this matter.

I am at present in the office of Garrison Bros.and have an excellent chance to learn a good business,but---

First:Ihave a natural inclination toward the life of a soldier. Again;I can say with all confidence that I have a physique which will stand the most trying ordeals through which a soldier has to go.

I also have a pretty fair education now with a studious disposition and I believe that if there is no change in the law I can in four or five years pass the examinations.

Now with the chance that I have in business,and the condition of the army at present would you advise me to leave this work and try by hard work and faithful attention to duty to raise above the ranks?

Any other information in regard to the army will be very acceptable.

Trusting to hear from you soon,I am

Yours very respectfully,
Will H.Blatchley,

Fort Scott,Kansas.

c/o Garrison Bros.

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Chicago, Ill. Dec. 27th. 189 5.

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Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother:-

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I write particularly to ask whether you could not be with us on Sunday, January 5th., as you are to lecture at Dayton on Monday evening, the 6th., and could easily go down from here Monday morning. There is a public reason why we would be glad to have you in Chicago if you feel that you could do it. It is this: There is to be a great mass meeting for the purpose of memorializing the Marquis of Salisbury on Turkish and Armenian affairs to be held Sunday afternoon. A special request has been sent to you, I believe, but may not have reached you. There was one such call came to Glencoe, asking you to meet with the committee. There will be a number of speakers and they would be very glad to have you occupy ten or fifteen minutes at least.

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I heard a letter read at the Congregational Club from the Rev. Mr. Gates of Chicago, now at Harput who said that the Turkish soldiers proposed to him to leave and told him if he stayed that he would be killed. He replied to them then he would be killed, and I am confident this will be the spirit of all - men and women - and it seems to me ~~entirely~~ utterly disgraceful for our governement to make such a proposition as it did.

I have written in my paper this week "O, for a Commodore Perry and an Andrew Jackson or a U. S. Grant, who could say to the Sultan "you will allow your soldiers to destroy American property at your peril, or to injure an American citizen, and you must stop the massacres and rioting in the vicinity of the American missions, or you will be held to answer for the consequences." Such a message as this, with one or two gun boats, sent to Alessandria or to

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I have written in my paper this week "O, for a Cromwell". Every man an active Christian, or a . . . Grant, who could say to the Sultan "you will allow your soldiers to destroy American property, you will or be injure an American citizen, and you must give us satisfaction or I will be in the vicinity of the Dardanelles, and you will be held to answer for the consequences." Or, if Grant, with one or two gun boats, could go [illegible]

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Dardanelles would stop the whole business and Salisbury would be ashamed not to co-operate with us. There would be no jealousy of the U. S. and it could take the lead in this matter if we merely had some one at the head who had the backbone.

Please give my heartiest New Year's greeting to each and every member of your family.

Very sincerely yours,

C. H. Howard

P. S. There came to you, addressed at Glencoe, a letter, enclosing a five dollar subscription from Mr. Jos. T. Plummer. I thought it best to open it, thinking it might be something I could attend to. He was present and heard you speak and, as he is a member of the Society of Friends, undoubtedly the Home Missionary Society would not have received this five dollars except for your little address. I thought it would please you, as you can forward it to headquarters. I think it would be rather nice if you saw fit to send a line of acknowledgment, as he is a pleasant neighbor of ours and the son of Jonathan Plummer, who was, for many years, a kind neighbor of Aunt Martha Strickland at Richmond.

C. H. H.

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P. S. Have you ever suggested at Washington that Congress appropriate a five dollar subscription from Mr. Joe. T. Plumer. I thought it might be something I could attend to. Again please and heard you speak and, as he is a member of the Congress of Africa, unanimously the home missionary society will not have unpaid bills two months hence for your little subscription. I expect to visit Plumer, as you can, towards it to headquarters. I think it would be rather nice if you can let me send a line to Plumer, as he is a pleasant acquaintance of ours and the son of Chairman Plumer, who was, for many years, a high officer of this Methodist Episcopal church in Canada.

C. H. B.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

Dec 28th 95

Dear Gen. Howard:—

I am in receipt of your very generous contribution of $15. toward our work. Allow me to thank you for it, and to express my appreciation of your liberality and attitude toward our institution. I should say yours as well as "our" for you have become one of us. and I am confident that you will ever be happy to work in the common endeavor for the master.

Yourself in this makes you a sustaining member for one year.

Very Cordially
John Wilson

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Dear Mr. Howard:—

I am in receipt of your favor of yesterday enclosing letter of Mr. Moore, which we will return you in it, and together with expression of your liberality and satisfaction having our institution. Many thanks as usual for your assistance in helping us.

Thus enclosing this you — and also wish to express — I the sincere appreciation of the Association.

Yours sincerely,

Thanks for the receipt of a duplicate receipt for our Year.

Very truly yours,
[illegible]

PEASE & MANSON,
The One Price Cash Clothiers,
108 CHURCH STREET.

Burlington, Vt. Dec. 28th 1895

Gen. O. O. Howard
My Dear Sir
I enclose check to pay you actual expenses in going to the County Meeting at Westford last June -
I did not expect to keep you out of your own so long & trust you will pardon the delay
Very truly yours
Fred. D. Pease

ANDREW L. HIMLE,
Attorney.

N. N. QUANDAHL,
Abstractor.

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LAW, LAND, LOAN AND ABSTRACT.

OFFICE OF

HIMLE & QUANDAHL.

Decorah, Iowa, Dec. 28th 1895

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Burlington Vt.
Dear General:

"Donalds School days" received, and you cannot conceive how delighted we all are with your charming story, the fact is General, you have out generated, Gen. Howard in this boy book. it comes so near, so close to all of us that in all candor the tale from begining to end made me feel the boy again, the family, the mother, the old house at home, the storm, the lightning striking the tree, and the quiet evening at home, Donalds struggle with that quick temper, his loves and all that. Harry's race with the deer, the charge, and broken arm and then the conversion, and your description of Harry's position before and his letter to Donald after his conversion, is as beautiful and true

ANDREW L. HIMLE,
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HIMLE & QUANDAHL. 1

Decorah, Iowa, 189

and noble a pen picture of a boy's trials and doubts and victory as was ever penned!—thanks. Sans intermission

General. now that President Cleveland has called up the Monroe doctrine, which brings with it these rumors of war. We, as sons of Veterans wish to do something to preserve the honor of the nation you gave us.

Our plan is. have Congress pass a law allowing the sons of honorably discharged veterans both federal and confederate to organize, what shall be known as the "National Reserve." following as near as practical Switzerlands plan. this would give us an Army which I think the Old veterans would at least have confidence in. and without doubt do more to cement peace and good will between north and south than generations of time could, at comparatively a nominal cost, for we

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Could be officered by G. A. R. men, who would teach us the art of war at home, and we would make you our Commander in Chief :- If I had the means, I would go to Washington at once, and beg for leave to do it.

You know we have an army of over 46,000, tramps, who each year become bolder as they learn our ~~Military~~ weakness. not mentioning outsiders.

Now General. I trust, and know that you will take this in the spirit it is written, unalloyed patriotism.

Yours Always
Andrew L. Himle

To Gen. O. O. Howard.
Burlington Vt.

N.B. With you to direct and advise us, we would truly be invincible.
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December 29, 1895.

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My dear Sir:-

Have you received "Our Country" for December? It contains "The Young Citizen's Catechism". I am anxious to have you read it carefully and make suggestions for improving it. Will it be possible for you to do it this week or next? I want then to put it in book form.

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909 Caldwell Ave., New York,

Dec. 30th, 1895.

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Dear Sir and Brother:

You are a good Congregationalist and are good to Congregationalists. Perhaps you know of the Forest Ave. Congregational Church, formerly the First Cong'l Church of Morrisania, but you may not know present particulars. I would not burden you with a long story, but simply state that in moving the church a debt was incurred which has been quite troublesome, and in order to help the situation a parsonage is being erected, the income from which will be sufficient to about pay the interest on our mortgage, a part of the money to pay for the parsonage to come from sale of property at the old location. We planned to have the parsonage cost $3,000., but find that it will be necessary to spend a few hundred dollars more. Our church was but recently built, and the people ~~will probably~~ think that they have done about all they can in the way of special effort. In order to provide for this few hundred dollars above $3,000., I have thought that you might be induced to come and give us one of your most excellent lectures, making a charge that we could pay and at the same time clear a nice sum. Of course it would be entirely out of the question for us, a Home Missionary

Church, above the River here (166th St. and Forest Ave) to pay the regular price of your lecture, which we understand to be $200. Could you not at some time, convenient to yourself, give us the benefit of a lecture, we paying your expenses say? Is this asking too much? Any favor which you can do will be highly appreciated.

Awaiting your kind reply, I remain

Very truly yours,

B. S. Woolworth, Pastor

Our church, with the Sunday School Room which can be used in connection with it, holds upwards of ~~400~~ four hundred people.

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The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations,
40 East Twenty-Third Street, New York City.

December 30, 1895.

Dear General:-

I want to thank you for your kind remittance of $15.- in aid of the work of the Committee for 1895, for which I take pleasure in inclosing the receipt of our treasurer. While I regret that circumstances made necessary the reduction from $25.- I can assure you we most heartily appreciate the help that you have given us. We hope that the coming year may be a very pleasant and prosperous one to you, and possibly at its close, we may have a return, not only to the amount you have before given us, but possibly a doubling up of it. I am sure that you would be very glad if you could do this next year.

I think that I sent you our documents for 1895 - the Year Book, little college report and railroad report, and the report of the Springfield Convention. But lest I may not have done so, I will say that if at any time we may have any documents that you can use, we shall be very glad to furnish you with them. I send you one of our little lists and want to call your attention to the last two books upon it, both of which are exceedingly valuable, and the last one particularly so. It is a book worth not less than $2.50, although we send it postage paid for $1.50. It is the most valuable Association book ever published. We have also a very pretty photo lithograph of the Convention taken at Windsor Castle, A beautiful picture of the Castle and over two thousand delegates, large enough to distinguish all that you know.

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Truly yours,

Thomas K. Beecher

General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

I forgot in writing that you are a book maker rather than a Book buyer. I hope next year may be a good one for good Books and may turn in a large amount to the Charity fund.

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Burlington, Vt.

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Richmond Ks 12/30/95.

Gen O. O. Howard
Dr Sir

In reading your last articles in Tribune brings to my mind my own experience about that time.

I was captured on retreat from Guntown June 12-64 was taken to Andersonville, was taken out after fall of Atlanta and sent up to Near Rough and Ready to be exchanged under Shermans and Hoods special exchange but when we got up there we found there was no exchange for us Guntown men as

we called our selves, we were at or near Royhand ready on the 23rd of Sept. We were started back to Loo-foys station about 5 O'clk in afternoon, when near Jonesborough I and a Com-rade escaped and reached your head quarters at Moon on the 26th. you may not remember it but I had on Coat and Shirt but no pants; After asking us quite a number of questions you ordered your Cook to give us a good dinner. it is hardly necessary to tell you that we was not as many wrinkles in our skin after eating as before taking

after dinner you sent us to Atlanta to report to Sherman at Midnight of 26 of Sept we started back to Chalanoga The train a head of our car our car was thrown from track between Marietta and Big Shanty Train burned and all on board captured. The night of 27 we stayed at Big Shanty with friends of Hills first. the night of 28 we were at Acworth with friends. troops were then hurrying back to Rome On 29 we left Acworth for our command on Mission found our command at St Louis returned to Nashville. was in

two days battle then, on last days fight we captured some of the men that was guarding us when we escaped at Jonesborough. On our way down to Lovejoy Station from Macon we saw a great many citizens that had been sent out of Atlanta they told us Hood was. Playing "Sharp" (as they exp- ~~exp~~ed it.) on Sherman On our trip down then I saw a Macon paper containing Jeff Davis Speech made at Macon He told the people he had changed commanders of the army he had given them a star with a lions head but had a wooden head

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Burlington, Vt., Dec 31 1895.

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Can you do us the great favor to speak, choosing your subject, at our W. C. T. U. Head quarters, next Sabbath afternoon? We hold Gospel Temperance Meetings every Sabbath at four o'clock, cor. of Winooski Avenue and Pearl St.

Very Respectfully yours
For Helen M. Wellman
Evangelistic Committee
from the First Church.

CYRUS KEHR,
1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
CHICAGO.

LYCEUM ENTERTAINMENTS.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 31, 1895.

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear General:-

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing your check for $27.05, for which please accept my thanks.

The definite dates for January are ~~Dayton~~ January 6, Dayton, Ohio; January 15, Iowa City, Iowa; January 25 and 26, Providence, R. I. Others are under consideration.

Another letter from the Iowa Chautauqua Assembly states that they will hold dates open a little longer. Probably July 22 and 23 will suit them best. You will remember that we talked about this when you were here and you said that you would try to determine soon whether you cared for the summer engagements. If you should wish to go to only a limited number of Assemblies, I might correspond with the largest and those that are most conveniently located.

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