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Yours respectfully,

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St. Johnsbury
Feb. 19. 1896

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:- your kind favor in answer to my letter came promptly to hand. And our committee think it more than we can pay ($100.)

If we could see tickets it would be all right but our entertainments are all free. & the club is a new thing here

& perhaps they are
wise in making the
expense moderate at
present. I am quite
disappointed for I wanted
to meet you very much.
I am a Scottish
boy & have known all
your brothers very well
But never had any
personal acquaintance
with yourself -

Perhaps another year
we may have you on
our return course.

Hoping at I am time to meet you
I am sincerely yours
Stanley Heath

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., February 19th 1896.

General O. O. Howard,

% Y. M. C. A.,

Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear General:-

Here are two tickets Harrisburg to Gettysburg Junction. It is arranged that we have a special train to and from Gettysburg, be the party large or small, for Friday, the 28th, traveling on our own time. The cost will be $1.00 each, which is the fare one way. General Lee writes that he will be here and will have with him two ex-Confederate officers. A nice party of young Quakers, (young men and young women,) are coming from Philadelphia for our Commencement and wish to visit the Battlefield. Think of Quakers wanting to see a battlefield! Quite a number of our own people will want to go and some from the town.

Remember that the Washington party will be on the train which passes through the Union Station at Baltimore at 8.53 Wednesday morning. There will be a day coach and chair coach, and my Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Standing, will be in charge.

Yours faithfully,

R H Pratt

2 enclosures.
(Dictated)
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House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C. Feb. 19th, 1896.

General O. O. Howard,

c/o Cyrus Kehr, Esq.,

1101 Chamber of Commerce,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear General:

Your 17th is received. I sincerely hope when you are east that you will give me an opportunity to talk with you. If you do not see me in the House come to my Committee room, the Judiciary, as I am either there, or on the floor.

In great haste,

Sincerely Yours,

D. B. Henderson

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Pittsburg Pa. Feb. 19. 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard
U. S. A

My Dear Sir :—

I have just been again reading various accounts of the battle of Seven Pines or Fair Oaks as given in Century's "Battles & Leaders of the Civil War" and again recall as I have often done in past years the part I took in that battle as a private in the 63d Pa Vols, Col. Alex Hays Kearney's Division, Sheinzelman's Corps. I recall that after the battle I was sent to our regimental camp near Bottom's Bridge on some errand and while there our Quartermaster loaded me with a number of canteens full of whiskey to be taken back to the regiment for the wounded. I remember that as I passed Savage Station they were loading the wounded into cars for removal to White House, some wounded of my regiment were among them and I passed a canteen of fire water into the car to them, In the same car was an officer who had lost an arm. I was afterward told that it was Gen Howard. I was then but a boy – having enlisted in my fifteenth year and have many times since thought of asking whether it was really you to whom I was fortunate enough to bring needed

stimulant or not, and to ask whether you recalled the circumstance, I am well aware of your aversion to strong drink and beg to say that I did not at that time or since use alcohol as a beverage but believed it the thing then for our wounded and indeed found many grateful that day for a draught out of my canteens. I would be delighted to know that you were among those helped that day and am therefore induced to ask you. I trust you will not think me presumptuous as I am prompted only by a desire to know whether I had the honor to be of slight service to you. I have again and again read of you in various narratives and histories of the war and the numerous campaigns, notably Sherman's and have — possibly without reason — felt my heart warm to think that we "drank from the same canteen" Kindly favor me with your recollections if you have any of the incident.

Very respectfully

P. Keil Jr.

#4000 Forbes Ave.

Pittsburg Pa.

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Fair Haven Vt Feb 20/94

Major General O. O. Howard,
My dear Comrade
Post Bascomb

No 58 of this place has voted
recently to invite the veterans of
Rutland County to meet with them
on Friday 4th next (Washington) for the purpose
of forming a County Veterans
Association. We hope to have present
with us Gen Meadbury Department Commander
Pepper, Ex Gov Converse & others. Could
you be present with us and give
an address. If our Post assume
all the expenses and are also engaged
in raising funds for a Soldiers Monument
we cannot not at present at least
promise over $25. You cannot
probably stop with your Cousin Max Howard

otherwise we would pay hotel expenses.

Please give me as early an answer as possible. I am preparing the 4th of July on many accounts and trust that that date will ~~[illegible]~~ Year ago

Yours

F H Shepard

Commander Post, Roosevelt

Jer 4 14th Ct Veteran Association

Veterans' Association,

144TH N. Y. V.

E. Gibbs

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Olean, N.Y. Feb. 20th 1896.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Brooklyn N.Y. –

Dear Comrade and Brother,

It has been on my mind for some time to write to you in regard to delivering a lecture in Olean N.Y. under the auspices of our Ladies Aid Society of First Cong. Church. – Some of the members spoke to me about it and I promised to write. Our church is small and has a heavy debt incurred in building a church. And they thought then might be a double benefit – the pleasure of hearing you and of adding something to the fund – It seems of my duties

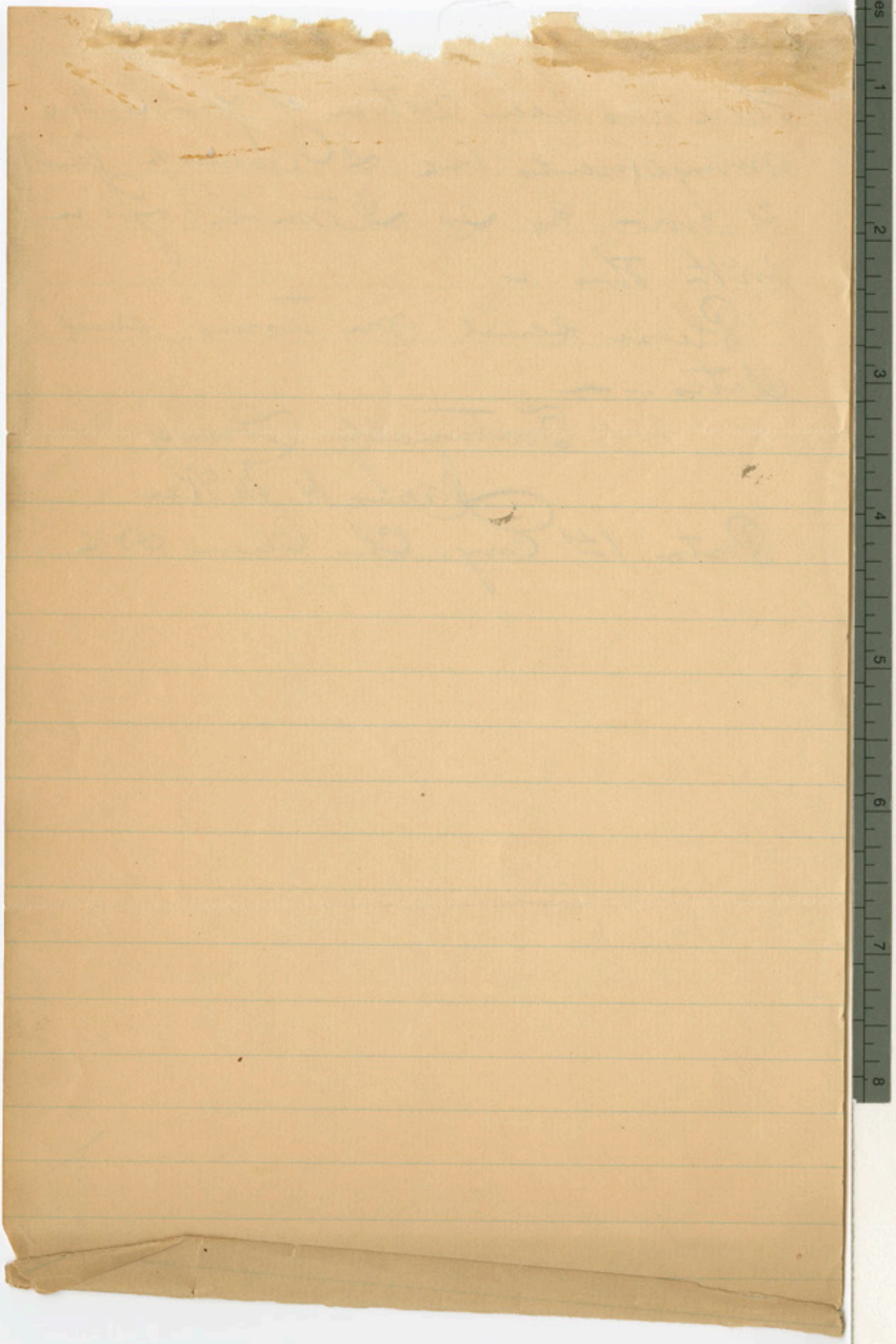
There has been notice of your lecture arrangements but I cannot find it now and so I trouble you with this.—

Please send me terms and dates.—

Fraternally Yours

James H. McKee

Pastor 1st Cong. Ch. Chicago Ills.



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It is alleged that said Brooks was employed by you as a Scout, but the records of the War Department do not show his service.

I will thank you for any information you may possess as to the service rendered by Brooks, and also as to the incurrence by him, of the alleged gunshot wound of left shoulder.

Very respectfully,

D. D. Murphy

Acting Commissioner.

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