

Dr. Geo. F. French
1600 HAWTHORNE AVE.
MINNEAPOLIS,
MINN.

HOURS 2 TO 4 P.M.

March 2, 1896

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard -
Manchester VT.

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that he personally saw them set fire to many
houses. How much truth is there in this
allegation?

Trusting all is well with you, I am with warm
regard,
Your obedient servant -
George F. French

March 2, 1896

Wm. Geo. B. Smith
1800 Exchange Ave
Minneapolis
Minn.

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Respectfully,
George B. Smith

Fair Haven Vermont March 2/96

R L Ells, Dec. 9
 Maj Genl Harwood

Dear L-

Your letter advising
 me of General Harwood's provisional
 acceptance of Post Bismarck invitation for
 the fourth of July week.

I understand that the
 acceptance of this invitation is final
 unless the date has placed him before
 this, ~~at~~, or about ~~that~~ that time, so that
 it would conflict with our date. If I
 do not hear to the contrary during this
 month I shall advertise his coming
 when I send out invitations and
 programme

Yours Truly

F H Shepard.

Engaged at
Legin, Me
July 4, 1896

CYRUS KEHR,
1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
CHICAGO.

LYCEUM ENTERTAINMENTS.

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Your letter of the 29th enclosing check for \$27.80 has been received.

Yours truly,

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Fort Apache, Ariz.
March 3rd 1896.

Dear Gen Woodard:

My wife
has written to me of your fortunate
meetings on the train and of the
great relief she felt from the
anxiety that she should be taken
ill on the train among strangers.

I thank you for your kindness
to her and for your kind message
of remembrance. I trust you
will have many years of enjoy-
ment of health and prosperity in
your retirement from active
duties.

Sincerely yours

E. M. W. W. W.
Capt 7th Cavalry
Brant Major U. S. A.

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My dear friend
March 2nd 1884

Dear friend
I have been thinking
of writing to you for some time
but have been so busy that I
could not find time to do so.
I am now in the city and
am very busy with my work.
I hope to be able to write
to you again soon.

Yours truly
John G. Thompson

wrote you to
thank for the
book as a gift
and more than
that to tell you
how absorbed and
interested I was
in its contents—
It reads like a
tale of romance
and is indeed
a worthy "memento"

1827— H & A
Washington
March 3/96
Mar 3, 1896

My dear General:

The book
you so kindly sent
me was received
about a week ago,
and I hastened
to read it at
once and now

to Estelle's memory - I had
no idea there was so much in
the history of her life to interest
us, but I find it fascinating
and instructive and full
of human interest as
though she lived today.

The edition and style of
illustrating is most attractive

and I hope it will return
you a large reward - If
it does not it will be
only because it is not given
the attention due it, along
with the great mass of literature
that I suppose is coming out
at all times -

Thanking you, dear General,

for this truly
sincere of your
work - With
regards to Mrs
Howard, who I
believe did not
remember who I
was when I called
on her, and to
yourself, hoping
to see you
whenever you
may come my

May 7 Am
most cordially
Dora S. Thice

Genl. H. H. Howard
Burlington
Vt.

Rev. Joseph B. Clark,
Rev. William Kincaid, } Secretaries
Rev. Washington Choate,
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The Congregational Home Missionary Society

Bible House, Astor Place, New York

Publication Department: Rev. Alex. H. Clapp, Editor
Woman's Department: Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Secretary

New York, March 3, 1896

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear Gen'l Howard;

The enclosed letter which came to hand yesterday was inadvertently opened, being among the letters of our official mail. I at once forward it to you as it is evidently a matter of personal concern to yourself.

I have been requested to inquire if it will be possible for you to make any engagement to speak at the closing exercises of an academy in Connecticut, early in the month of June, or about the time of our Annual Meeting, which is this year to be held in New Haven. This inquiry comes from the principal of the school and I shall be glad to convey the information to him, if you will kindly give it to me.

You will be pleased to know that the pledges on the Roll of Honor have reached the number of 730, and we are encouraged in the hope that it will go on until the Annual Meeting in June. It is extremely gratifying to us that the movement has become so widespread and is having so large a response.

Sincerely yours,

Washington Choate.

Ans. 3/4/96
Declined to address
Academy

Rev. Joseph B. Clark,
Rev. William Kinsaid,
Rev. Washington Chouteau,
William B. Howard, Treasurer,
Jas. T. Blackwell, Asst. Treasurer.

The Congressional Home Missionary Society
Publications Department: Rev. Alex. H. Chapin, Editor
Women's Department: Mrs. L. S. Caswell, Secretary
The House, Astor Place, New York

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*Mark this date
June - 1896
Congressional Home Missionary Society
Annual Meeting*

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*Received
June 10/96
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General O.O.Howard,

Care Chancey Howard, Esq.,

484 Broad St., Newark, N.J.

Dear General:-

I have seen the Werner Company. This is a responsible concern and offers to pay cash on delivery of your manuscript. I learned from them that they are paying \$30 per thousand words for average encyclopedia matter. I suggested that you would want about \$40 per thousand words. No objection was made to this and I was asked to get from you a definite offer for 8000 words. I think you can get \$350 for the 8000 words. I will present any offer that you wish to make. They are anxious to have the work done soon, and the man who has charge of the revision is quite familiar with your work.

They would expect you to treat of all the battles of the Civil War in the 8000 words. Where two or three battles were so closely related as to require treatment in the same paragraph, they would probably wish to have it done in that way under the name of one of the battles and make references to the paragraph under the names of the other battles.

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Yours truly,

Woodbury, New Jersey,

March 3rd, 1896.

Dear Sir:-

Would you be so kind as to favor me with a copy, written in your own hand, of the enclosed (or some other if you prefer) printed Military report?

I desire to place it in my collection of letters and portraits of the Union Generals.

I should highly esteem the kindness and courtesy you would thus bestow.

Very sincerely yours,

B. Perry

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Woodbury, New Jersey,
March 27, 1858.

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Very sincerely yours,
Wm. B. Ford

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8.

HEADQUARTERS ELEVENTH CORPS,
April 8, 1864.

In accordance with an order just received from headquarters Military Division of the Mississippi, I am assigned to a new command. Our intimate relations for the past year in sunshine and sorrow have knit us together in close ties of friendship. To me you are known and tried and beloved, so that it is needless to say that there is much that is painful in the change. We have met reverse together, and borne it. We have won victory together, and claim the honor. If by my example and effort I have succeeded in preserving unity, and therefore strength, and have thus been instrumental in enabling you to make a noble record in behalf of your country, I am satisfied. I take leave of you perfectly assured from the past brief though eventful history of the Eleventh Corps that you will give to the new organization of which you will form a part, and to our common leader at the head of it, tried and honored in so many battles of this war, the same obedient, cheerful, and energetic spirit that has carried you through every description of danger.

By a continued devotion to duty, under the Divine blessing, a reward hardly as yet anticipated is in store for each of you, as for every soldier of the Union, at the hands of free and grateful people.

O. O. HOWARD,
Major-General, Volunteers.

Received

this command at the evening parade following its receipt.

By order of Brig. Gen. T. W. Sweeny, commanding:

LOUIS H. EVERTS,

Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General.

SPECIAL ORDERS, } HDQRS. LEFT WING, 16TH ARMY CORPS,
No. 90. } *Athens, Ala., April 8, 1864.*

I. Brig. Gen. J. C. Veatch, commanding Fourth Division, Sixteenth Army Corps, will proceed with his command to Decatur, posting one regiment at Mooresville and a sufficient force at the junction to secure the safety of stores and trains at that point. He will have command of all troops at Mooresville Junction and Decatur.

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By order of Brig. Gen. G. M. Dodge:

J. W. BARNES,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

CULPEPER COURT-HOUSE, VA.,

April 9, 1864—10 p. m. (Received 3 p. m., 10th.)

Maj. Gen. H. W. HALLECK:

Will you please ascertain if General F. P. Blair is to be sent to General Sherman? If not, an army corps commander will have to

GIFTS AND REQUESTS TOWARD AN ENDOWMENT WOULD GREATLY AID IN ENLARGING THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Telephone 305-3.

122-9-85-EM-M.

Young Men's Christian Association,

259 MAIN STREET,

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.,

March 4, 1896.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Congregational Home Missionary Society,

Bible House, Astor Place,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We desire you to deliver the address on the occasion of our Annual Memorial Day service, to be held in the largest theatre of our city Sunday, May 24. The Grand Army and the Sons' of Veterans will attend in a body, and hundreds of our leading citizens will be present.

The Association is seeking to strengthen public sentiment in the direction of a proper observance of Memorial day, that both the dead and living soldiers may be honored, and that our nation may be held in higher esteem by the young men. I may add that this Association leads in this particular feature, and that your presence will be felt throughout the entire Association world. Last year Corporal James Tanner of Washington, was with us.

I not only convey to you the unanimous desire of our Board of Directors, but a strong expression from the Grand Army Post of our city. We desire that the remuneration be in such an amount that may be satisfactory, and if we can meet the terms you name, we shall be most happy.

Desiring to make early and adequate arrangements, I hope you may find it possible to give us a favorable and an early reply.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Cook
General Secretary

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I. D. VER WARNER, President.
ORANGE MERWIN, Treasurer.
J. W. COOK, General Secretary.
W. H. DAVIS, Assistant Secretary.
HARLAND VAUGHAN, Assistant Secretary.
G. L. GABLER, Jr., Physical Director.

Mark the date -

May 24: 6 -

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250 MAIN STREET

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I not only desire to give the memorial service at our house on Sunday, but a strong expression from the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans that the remembrance be as such an event that may be held in our city, and if we can meet the service well, we shall be most happy. I believe you are a great and capable man, and I hope you may be able to give us a favorable and an encouraging reply.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICES OF

LOCKWOOD & BEERS,

DAVID B. LOCKWOOD.

ALFRED B. BEERS.

Rooms 4, 5, 6 Sturdevant Building,

325 MAIN STREET, COR. BANK.

Telephone. ~

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 4th 1896

US. }
Maj Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir

I trust you will pardon me for addressing you without a personal acquaintance but I rely upon your good nature to absolve me when you learn why I do so. Like yourself I am a veteran of the late war and I am deeply interested in Memorial Day services. My friend the Sec of the local Y.M.C.A. informs me that he has invited you to speak in Bridgeport the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. and I in common with all my comrades are anxious that you should come. The Y.M.C.A. of our City have taken up this work as supplemental to the G.A.R. we think they should be encouraged as we cannot in the nature of things be here very long to attend to it. You will receive an enthusiastic welcome in Bridgeport and I desire to add my appeal

to that of the Sec. that you will
accept his invitation

Very Respectfully Yours

Alfred B. Barnes.

Past-Dept. Genl.

Dept. of Comm. F. A. R.

Williams, Wood & Linthicum,

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Geo. H. Williams,
C. E. I. Wood,
J. B. Linthicum,
J. C. Sanders,
Attys at Law

Chamber of Commerce Building,

Portland, Or. March 4, 1896.

My dear General:

I am in receipt of a letter from your son, under date of the 28th ult., enclosing a communication (returned herewith) from the Acting Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., relative to the case of one Abraham Brooks. Your son asks me what I remember, if anything, about this man, - the information being desired by you.

I do not personally recollect Abraham Brooks as one of our Indian scouts; but that fact does not count for much, as I do not recollect any of them except James Reuben. There was a man *wounded by a stray shot from across the river* on July 12, 1877, when we were camped at the Kamiah ferry. I think it was on the 12th, being the evening of our second day's fight on the Clearwater; and it is my impression that it was a white man. On the next day - July 13th - Col. Mason, you will remember, made a reconnoissance on the Lolo trail, taking all of the Indian scouts. They were driven back by the rear-guard of Joseph's force, and James Reuben and another Indian were wounded. This other Indian is undoubtedly the man Abraham Brooks, mentioned in the letter of the Commissioner of Pensions; but unfortunately I have no distinct recollection of his identity. Perhaps Col. Mason might know, though I doubt it; but I should think that James Reuben

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could certainly tell, and I believe he is now on the reservation at Lapwai, Idaho.

The records of the War Department would not show the services of these Indians, for we had a number who volunteered as scouts while we were in the vicinity of the reservation, but who did not continue with us when we began the march on the Lolo trail; and none of these men were taken up on the rolls, and I think none of them ever received any pay or recognition of any kind.

I have no moral doubt that this man Brooks is what he claims, and that he received his wound as he says; but all I can personally testify to with exactness is that on July 13th, in the reconnoissance referred to, two Indians were wounded, one of whom was James Reuben. I know that one of them was wounded in the shoulder, though which one it was I cannot say. I regret that I cannot give you more definite information.

Since the foregoing was written, I happened to recollect that Maj. James Jackson, formerly of the 1st Cavalry, but now living here on the retired list, was the line officer on the reconnoissance mentioned, Col. Mason acting as your representative as chief of staff. I have seen Maj. Jackson about it, and he says that he recollects the circumstances very well, - that two Indians were

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FRANCIS B. SWAYNE.
ALFRED H. SWAYNE.
NOAH H. SWAYNE, 2ND.

ENCLOSURE.

EQUITABLE BUILDING,
120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

March 4, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
C/o F. E. Francisco,
63 Martin Street,
New York City.

My dear General:

I duly received your very kind letter of February 19th, from Chicago, advising me that you were to lecture in Harlem this evening at Pilgrim Church, and asking me to make our friends of the Loyal Legion and the LaFayette Post aware of the fact.

I did not know how I could reach the members of the Legion otherwise than through the Recorder; or the members of the LaFayette Post otherwise than through my valued friend Colonel H. H. Adams, who was recently the Commander of that Post. I accordingly wrote to Major Blakeman the Recorder, advising him of your request, and did the same thing by Colonel Adams. I have no reply from Major Blakeman. Colonel Adams' son wrote me that his father is out of town, but that he is doing what he can in that direction.

I afterwards had a call from Mr. Francisco, asking me to attend the lecture and preside. I told him that I would do so with pleasure if I was not called out of town, but was apprehensive of being so. It has turned out that I must start for Washington to-night, and be there probably until Saturday night, possibly even later. I greatly regret being absent, and as some little compensation to myself, I send with this my check to your order, for twenty dollars, as a contribution to the mission fund in behalf of which you lecture. This will not compensate me, however, for not seeing you, and I write to ask you kindly to address a line to me at the Hotel Renaissance, 10 West 43rd St., and advise me whether you will be in New York next Sunday, and if so, where you can be found. There are two or three things about which I would like to see you and talk with you.

Meantime, I am especially grateful for your message that you sometimes ask a blessing of Grace for me. If I know myself, I would rather have that than anything in the world, and perhaps there is nothing I need so much.

Yours very truly,

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Wager Swayne

SWAYNE & SWAYNE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

120 Broadway, New York
March 4, 1896

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WILLIAM SWAYNE
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Gen. O. O. Howard,
C/o P. M. W. W. W. W.
63 Madison Street,
New York City.

My dear General:

I duly received your very kind letter of January 18th, 1896, advising me that you were to lecture in Harlem this evening at Piquette Division, and asking me to make my friends of the loyal legion and the Lafayette Post aware of the fact. I did not know how I could reach the members of the legion otherwise than through the Harbinger; on the members of the Lafayette Post otherwise than through my valued friend Colonel W. H. Adams, who was recently the commander of that Post. I accordingly wrote to Major William the Harbinger, advising him of your request, and did the same thing by Colonel Adams. I have no reply from Major William. Colonel Adams, who wrote me that his father is out of town, but that he is doing what he can in this mission.

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