

The Benesford  
New York July 22, 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard  
Burlington Vt.

My Dear General:

I beg to acknowledge  
receipt of your very kind  
invitation to make your  
house my home when in  
Burlington.

I find that our mutual  
friend, General King, Secretary  
of the Society of the Army  
of the Potomac, has already  
engaged quarters for me  
which he insists upon my  
occupying as his guest. 

He assigns two reasons:  
1<sup>st</sup> that he desires me to  
be so situated as to be  
conveniently accessible to  
himself and other officers.  
2<sup>d</sup> That there will probably  
be present on the occasion  
of the reunion many  
old comrades who will  
desire to renew my acquaint-  
ance and who will naturally  
look for me near head quarters.

Assuring you of my appreciation  
of your generous courtesy  
I am, under the circumstances,  
constrained to decline.

With my thanks to yourself  
and Mrs. Howard, I remain  
Sincerely yours,  
Orland Smith

Glad that he is to make  
Lawrence a visit - Uncle  
Charley's boys are all  
nice I think - This has  
been our first rainy day  
but even today we managed  
to get a bicycle ride between  
showers. We will be home  
before long & I hope you  
are to remain as long as  
I expect to, i.e.: sometime  
With love to all at home  
Sincerely Pevie.

Westbrook Conn.  
July 22. 1896.

Dear Father -

Thank you for your  
good letter - Mother sent  
your personal & political  
speech - I was interested  
in reading it & glad to  
hear your views on some  
of these trying questions  
of the hour - What is  
the Campaign it is going

to do! Seems to me all the  
that is necessary for a  
man now is to decide  
whether he is loyal to  
his nation, caring for his  
nation's honor or whether  
he wants to hurry its  
downfall; any way the  
warring of it in the eyes  
of other nations - But  
politics trouble us little  
here - We ride our bi-

cycles, go in bathing, try our  
hands at rowing, & occasion-  
ally take a drive - My  
house keeping duties are  
not heavy & I enjoy what  
little I have to do - Helen  
goes to bed at eight-thirty  
& I write letters or read  
a little before joining her  
in the land of nod.  
That was fine to bring Don  
home with you and Sam

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Williams, Wood & Linthicum,

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

Chamber of Commerce Building,

Portland, Or. July 22, 1896.

My dear General:

Your letter enclosing check for \$35.05 was duly received, and the amount credited on your account, to balance disbursements to date.

I fear that in the present condition of the real estate market, it will be impossible to sell the property for the principal, interest, and costs, or even the principal alone; but I do not think the present state of things, in that respect, can last very much longer. I will see what I can do.

We are all well. Replying to your implied enquiry as to my political health and complexion, it gives me pleasure to say that I do not belong to the Altgeld wing of the Democratic party.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Burlington, Vt.

*C. E. Wood*

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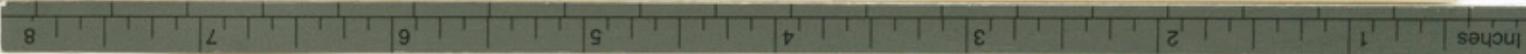
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Gen. O. O. Howard,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Sometime ago you wrote us regarding the assessment of twenty five cents a share on your twenty shares of stock, and offering to pay same by contributing an article to the OVERLAND MONTHLY which offer we were only too glad to accept.

While I do not want to hurry you in this matter it is absolutely necessary that something be done, before my next report on the first of September to the Board of Directors.

Very truly yours,

*Rounsevelle Wildman*  
Manager.

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Respectfully,  
*Wm. W. ...*

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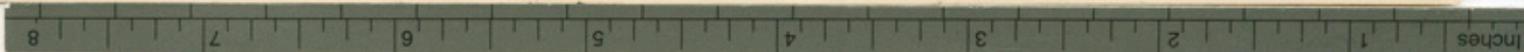
My Dear General.

Boston, July 22 1896

Yours of yesterday just received. I have  
already written Leggett's Powers Candidate for  
Governor of Maine recommending that  
they put you into the State for the September  
Election. I have not had any reply from  
him yet. I don't know who the Chairman  
of the Campaign Committee is. You right to do  
good in Maine. I should like to talk with  
you either there or in Vermont or any where  
else after the Campaign over if I can arrange  
my affairs. I am going to Maine for a

week or ten days rest, as I am rather  
tired out. I am always yours very  
Sincerely  
Edw. A. Nelson

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"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of god."  
"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."  
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LEVI W. CRUOCK, Pres't. MISS C. V. WHIPPLE, Sec'y, OLIVE ROGERS, Treas'r  
Norwich, Conn. Mystic, Conn. Old Mystic, Conn.

CONNECTICUT PEACE SOCIETY,  
BRANCH OF UNIVERSAL PEACE UNION.

ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT  
PEACE GROVE, MYSTIC, CONN.

Mystic, July 23, 1896.

Gen. C. C. Howard,  
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:

Our annual Peace  
Meeting is appointed to  
be held in the Peace Grove at  
Mystic, Conn., August 26, 27 and  
28. Can you not be present to  
address our great audiences?

Three meetings have grown  
from a little picnic-meeting  
of about forty earnest men and  
women who met, one summer  
even after the way with its sor-  
rows fresh in their hearts, to  
discuss the great subjects of war  
and peace and brotherly love  
and arbitration. The attendance  
and the influence of the meetings  
have increased from year to year  
until in late years it has been

estimated that the attendance  
on one day's meeting is nearly ten-  
thousand people. We believe  
that we have a rare opportunity  
to present the cause of Peace  
to many who might hardly  
be brought into sympathy with  
it in any other way.

This year we are to dedicate  
the new Temple - the first  
Peace Temple, we believe, since  
the Temple of Concord in  
Ancient Rome. We expect larger  
audiences, <sup>this year</sup> than ever before; and  
hope for the best meeting we have  
ever had.

As this season returns the  
loving and grateful memory  
of your brother - Rev. Rowland  
B. Howard is most fresh in  
our hearts. He was a speaker  
at the convention two years and  
was the guest of our home for  
several days on each occasion.  
He passed away at nearly the  
same time as our Father, and that

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we saw a strong resemblance  
between them in personality and  
in character, makes us honor Mr.  
Kerridge ~~more~~ the more.

I believe that you can speak  
to our people very greatly to  
their edification and to the  
honor of our cause.

In the earnest hope that  
you may address our meeting,  
and hoping for the favor of an  
early reply, I am

Very respectfully yours  
Christine S. Whipple - Sec.

Conn. Peace Society  
Mystic, Conn.

CONNECTICUT PERCE SOCIETY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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FROM THE OFFICE OF  
L. EDWIN DUDLEY,  
50 BROMFIELD STREET.

Boston, Mass.,

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July 23 1896.

Maj. General O. O. Howard U.S.A.  
Barlington  
Vermont.

Can you attend a conference of gentlemen who served in the Union Army and Navy during the War of the Rebellion, to be held at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York City, on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 2.30 o'clock P.M.?

The Conference will consider the advisability of forming an organization of Union Veterans for active work in the pending Presidential Campaign in behalf of McKinley and Hobart and the general welfare of the whole Country.

It seems to me: That the men who by their valor once saved the Country will rally now to preserve it from dishonor and financial ruin. That large numbers of men who fought for the Union will in this crisis prefer their Country to their party, as they did in 1861. That the Veterans, organized and united, will revive the enthusiasm and the old feelings of loyalty and patriotism which gave them the victory in the battle for the Nation's life. That the old Soldiers and Sailors recognize in Major McKinley a comrade tried and true, who may be relied upon to preserve the Government for which they fought and for which many thousands of their Comrades died. That the active efforts of the surviving Veterans and the memories of those who died that their Country might live will exert a most powerful influence upon their fellow citizens in all parts of the Country; and bring to the support of the Republican Party many thousands of voters who would otherwise support the opposition or refrain from voting.

If you are not able to attend the Conference will you kindly express your views upon the subject fully, that those who are assembled may act with all the light possible?

Hoping that you can be with us, I am

Sincerely yours,

L. Edwin Dudley

Formerly Secretary Veterans'  
National Committee.

July 23 1898

J. EDWIN DUDLEY,  
20 BARKERS STREET

*My Dear Mr. Dudley*  
*Thank you for*  
*the letter of the 17th*

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THEO. DE WITT.

LAW OFFICES OF  
DEWITT, LOCKMAN & DEWITT,

No. 88 Nassau Street,

*New York,* July 24th, 1896.

Cable Address: "EACH—NEWYORK."

Genl. O. O. Howard,

My dear General:-

Yours of the 23rd inst. enclosing vouchers received this date. I will forward them to Mr. Zabriskie and request him to send the check to and communicate with you.

I thought you and Mr. Zabriskie arranged about your expenses while you were in Chattanooga; anyhow I will write him a letter telling him that he had better attend to the matter at once.

I believe Mr. Zabriskie is now absent from the City visiting the battlefields of Chattanooga in company with a party of 12th Corps men, that may account for the delay in your matter.

Trusting that you are well, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Lockman*



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Very truly yours,

••• The Rankin-Richards Institute •••

WINDSOR, BERTIE CO., N. C.

RHODEN MITCHELL,  
Principal and Superintendent.



WM. L. LYONS,  
Clerk of Superior Court,  
Treasurer for the Institute,  
T. R. SPELLER,  
Secretary.

Windsor, N.C.

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1896,

General C. C. Howard  
Governor's Island  
New York

My Dear Sir and friend -

I send you a state-  
ment of a meeting, which is  
to be here in the interest of  
the Rankin-Richards Institute.  
I can hardly expect you to be  
here with so short a notice,  
but if you will kindly send  
a letter it will be read,  
and received with great ap-  
preciation and love, if you  
can send one of these circles

law to some friend, who will  
help, it will be you help-  
ing the same time as  
the friend - Hoping this will  
find you and family well,

I am dear Sir, Yours  
Very truly and  
gratefully.

Roderic Mitchell  
Pine, and Lapid  
Winston N.C.

# REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,

1896

JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Augusta, Chairman.

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*Augusta, Maine, July 24th, 1896.*

Dictated.

My Dear Sir:

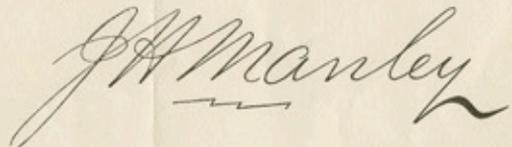
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Will you please inform me, at your earliest opportunity, how many speeches you can make in our State, and upon what dates. I trust I may receive an early and favorable reply.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,



Chairman.

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I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

*Joseph H. Manley*

Chairman

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Lot.

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7/25/96

Dear Boss -

Don was here  
left for Williams. I find  
I cannot get any ticket  
over N.Y. Central as I  
had hoped for Lawrence -

So unless you can help  
him, Don must send back  
his ticket. We hoped  
they could come on together  
from Buffalo & to room  
on berth four -

Edwin Harte - you  
will do what you can  
for them. I am trying  
L. from Buffalo to Chicago -  
Yours  
C. H. Howard

Dear Lawrence:

According to this  
you must send  
back your trans-  
portation from Buffalo.

Form 2.

# 948 TELEGRAM

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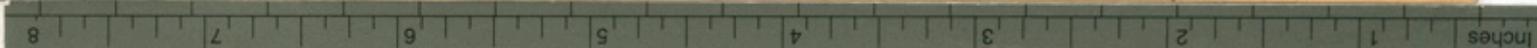
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Gen O Howard

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Will you request personal letter from  
State department of ambassadors France and  
Russia for Russel Lambert Dunn Native San  
Francisco age thirty seven mining engineer leaves  
Tuesday for Siberia via Paris will be Arlington  
hotel Washington August third, personal friend and  
worthy answer O R Howard Jr



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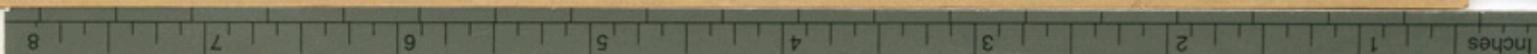
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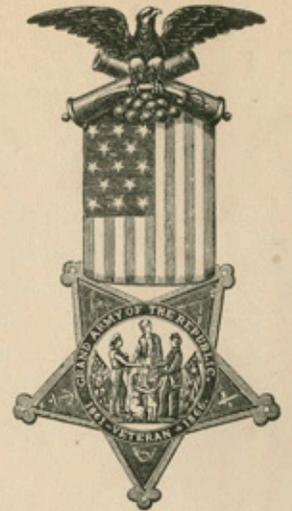
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**G. A. R.**  
**REUNION COMMITTEE ROOMS.**



Lincoln, Neb., *July 25<sup>th</sup>* 1896.

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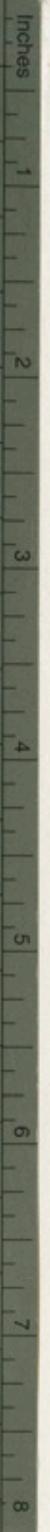
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O. W. WEBSTER  
JOHN L. MCCONNELL  
C. M. PARKER  
JOHN McCLAY

Gen O. O. Howard,  
Sir. We think  
there is no man that can  
do as much good for the  
Republican in this state as  
you can. There being so many  
old soldiers here over whom  
you have a great influence.  
Can you not arrange with  
your committee to have you  
come out to this state for a  
few weeks in the meantime  
give us an address at the  
reunion. not a political address  
but one to the soldiers -  
Please let us hear from you.  
Respectfully,  
J. B. Ferguson.



LOCAL COMMITTEE

W. H. ...  
J. M. ...  
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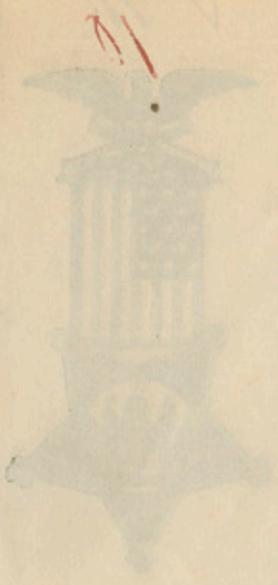
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G. A. R.  
REUNION COMMITTEE ROOMS

Lincoln, Neb., July 3, 1898

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THE  
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1773 BROADWAY



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ED. L. MONTGOMERY, Vice-Prest.  
CHAS. F. BRUDER, Secretary.  
CHAS. B. PAGE, Treasurer.

New York, July 25, 1896

Major General O. O. Howard,  
U. S. Army.

My Dear General:

Will you kindly advise me, if within your knowledge, whether Stuart Eldridge, formerly of the Freedmen's Bureau, is still living in Japan, to which country he went some time in 1867 or 1868?—

The husband of my younger sister, by name Fred M. Clarke, left his home in Texas, Dec. 31, 1894, and no word has been received from him since, and as had been for some time previous at work upon an invention of some kind of Torpedo, and after announcing his purpose to endeavor to sell it to the Japanese Government, it is inferred that he went there, which inference is strengthened

by the fact that in February  
and March 1895, my <sup>sister</sup> received  
newspapers from Yokohama,  
which constitute the only clue as  
to his whereabouts.

If Dr. Eldridge is still in  
that country I hope to enlist  
his interest in prosecuting  
inquiries concerning Clarke.

Hoping that you are well  
and hearty, with kind  
regards, I remain,

Yours Very Truly,

W. B. Gonsalves,

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Williamstown Mass.

July 25, 1896.

Dear Uncle Otis:

I have arrived here in Williamstown all right and am in the library with Lawrence. I found when I opened Papa's letter that he had sent Lawrence transportation which will take him from Troy to Chicago. On the New York Central from Troy to Buffalo and from Buffalo to Chicago on the Nickel Plate. so that we shall go home part way if not all the way, together.

I got the money Papa sent just before I left so that I did not get a chance to pay you.

Papa will make that all right though when I get home. Give my love to all, thank Harry and Guy for all they did for me. Good Bye

Edon  
(not mine!)

P.S. I have sent the Dr. Co. 1/2 to Benie.

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Williamstown Mass  
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Dear friends etc

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a paper paper letter that he had sent  
Lawrence transportation out of will  
tabularium from trap to Chicago etc  
The first part of from trap to Buffalo  
and from Buffalo to Chicago etc  
Richard Plate is that we shall examine  
part way of out all the way together

Get the money for part paper etc  
I hope to see you at a chance to paper  
I will make that all right  
I will have time to see to it  
I will be glad to see you for me

convinced they needed  
your services, it might  
be possible for me to  
assist you, in the way of  
the musical part of the  
programme. Will you  
advise me what is best  
for me to do in the matter?  
Whether I had best volunteer  
my services to Major McKim,  
and tell him what is <sup>my</sup> ~~my~~  
desire in the matter of  
going with you, or whether

[ca. July 25, 1896]

518 W. Monroe Street.

My dear friend, Gen. Howard.

Thank you so much  
for sending me the paper  
containing the political  
interview with you. I enjoyed  
reading it very much as  
did Papa, and should have  
acknowledged it long before  
this, but have been very

be dreadfully. and too, she has taken  
with her, her little pet Beatrice, so our  
home seems a little bit gay, just now.

I am quite anxious to know General  
whether or not you will speak during  
the campaign. You know you told me  
you had spared your arrows to  
Major McKinley, and that if the National

much occupied during the  
past two weeks, owing  
to Maunua's absence from  
home. She is visiting and  
rusticating down on our  
farm in Southern  
Illinois, and writes  
us that she is having  
a delightful restful time.  
Am in hopes however she  
will not care to stay very  
much longer, as Miss

It would be nice to let the  
suggestion come from you.  
Of course, you understand  
Mamma would go with  
me always and I myself  
am greatly in hopes it  
can be arranged. I want to  
do exactly the right  
thing, and know you  
can advise me. I myself  
would naturally prefer  
to have you mention

fight, and I would love to take some  
active part in it, providing, of course  
I could do so in some such way  
as we talked of. Will you kindly write  
me in answer to this, as soon as  
you can, conveniently, and believe  
me, to be very sincerely, your friend  
Wm. Logan Pearson.

the matter <sup>etc</sup>  
kindly for me, as I know  
him so slightly. But  
certainly nothing would  
give me greater pleas-  
ure than to feel that  
I was actually doing  
something towards the  
success of the coming  
Presidential Campaign.  
It seems to me it is  
going to be a great

D. H. HASKELL, PRESIDENT  
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We are, very truly yours,

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26 July 96

Major General Howard,  
etc

My dear Sir

You will remember calling at my home with Gen Given while I read to you some extracts from my forthcoming poem The March to the Sea. You seemed pleased with what I read to you, and I am most anxious to have your opinion of the whole book. It will appear about Sept 1st from "Arena Publishing Co" Boston and I have asked them to send you advance sheets when ready.

Now my dear General, if you find this vol, what I hope you may find it, you will confer a favor on me if you will write to the publishers a concise strong letter about it that they may print it. In the poem I have tried to do honor to our glorious army that made the "March" and to them it is dedicated -

Your <sup>favorable</sup> opinion of the poem should

go far to establishing it with the public.

I am guessing only at your present address

I am sure you remember me at our meetings of the Army of the Tennessee - and as the author of the song Sherman's March to the Sea

With many good wishes for your continual prosperity and honor

Yours very truly

A. N. M. Byers

Gen. O. O. Howard

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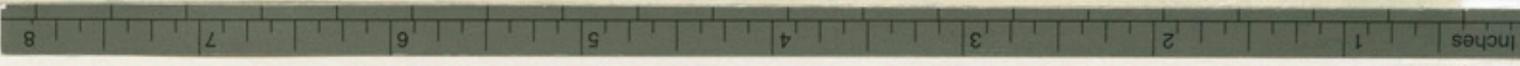
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I predict that it will be well-thumbed on the chair-arm of every old soldier whose brain lives with his heart. The new generation will grow more soldierly as it reads these pair-and-glory tales of our fathers.

Wit, humor, pathos martyrdom, heroic conquests, magnanimity--all the finest war thoughts and potencies are in it. The nation will not become weak in memory or present action while such battle-verse is written and read.

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*I have revised, and I trust improved, the poem since it was seen last Spring by the gentlemen who wrote the foregoing expressions.*



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