Dear General Howard. We met tomorrow at General Sickles house to decide upon the address to be issued. I was directed to make the first draft. This is the result. We shall be glad to recieve any suggestions as to needed changes. May we append your name as one of the signers?

Sincerely Yours
L. Edwin Dudley

The Union Veterans' National Non-Partisan Committee

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NEW YORK, August 1896.

AN ADDRESS

To the surviving soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army and Navy during the war of the Rebellion:

COMRADES—Your country is again in danger! Unholy combinations of self-seeking politicians again threaten the integrity of the Government of the United States. Ambitious and selfish men conspire to bring dishonor and financial ruin upon the people of this Nation once saved by your valor.

Should this revolutionary and dangerous conspiracy succeed, every pensioner will lose one-half the value of his pension money- Every depositor in our savings banks will lose one-half the value of his deposit. Every policy holder in our insurance companies will lose one-half the value of his policy. The price of everything which the working man buys will be doubled at once; but he will struggle and wait long before he secures any substantial increase of his wages. The interests of the people in Savings Banks, in Co-opertive Banks, in Building and Loan Associations, in Insurance Companies and Associations, especially in the Assessment Insurance Societies are most dangerously threatened.

But it is not material loss alone which influences true patriots. Even the poorest of our people can endure a mere money loss and make but little complaint. The men who answered the call of Abraham Lincoln to put down rebellion and save the Union, love the country which they defended against treason and rebellion, they love the glorious flag bearing the Stars and Stripes which they followed from Sumter to Appomattox.

The glorious Stars and Stripes symbolizes, to those who offered their lives in its defence, a country united and powerful, respected at home, honored the world over for its power, its justice, and still more for its integrity, honesty and especially for its fair dealing with friend and foe.

Comrades, you believe in liberty under law; in public order; in National honor and good faith. You are opposed to the red flag of anarchy, you condemn mob law and all movements to overturn law and order. You believe that your services and sacrifices made this a nation. We believe that you resent with earnestness all attacks upon the Executive and Judicial departments of our government for suppressing mobs and riots. We believe that you commend the measures which vindicated the supremacy of the law and restored public order wherever it was endangered.

Feeling assured that in this crisis the Union Veterans of the late war are almost unanimously united in favor of an honest government and a faithful adherence to the principles for which we contended upon so many hard-fought fields, we appeal to you to lay aside all partisan differences, to prefer your country to your party now as you did in the dark days of the Civil War, and rally to the support of our gallant Comrade, Major McKinley, who stood shoulder to shoulder with you in those great battles and for two long years carried his musket and shared the toil and danger which fell to the lot of those who defended the Uuion as private soldiers.

Major McKinley is a comrade tried and true. He stands for the principles for which you so freely exposed your lives and for which so many thousands of your comrades died on battlefields, in fever-infected camps and in prison pens. Major McKinley is honest, law-abiding and full of courage for the right. His heart always beats warmly for the Union and for his comrades who saved it from its armed enemies.

We feel that the country is again in the presence of a great danger, we feel that it is the duty of the men who saved it before to rally to its defence now. Therefore, we urge you to form yourselpes into associations to be known as "McKinley Veteran Guards." Whenever there are ten veterans let them form themselves into a squad, and do all that in them lies to influence their neighbors and friends to stand for McKinley and the right. Each five of these squads to become a company; five companies to constitute a battalion. Two or three battalions to make a regiment and two or more regiments a brigade. Three or more regiments a division. The guards of each state in the Union shall be an army corps.

Many of our great leaders have been mustered out—Grant, Sherman, Sherman, McClellan, Thomas, Hancock, Burnside, Granger, Garfield, Logan, Dix and many others have gone to their reward, We have no doubt that were they living they would each and all be united with us in this crisis as they were in the days of the war. It remains for us, their comrades, who followed where they led, to complete the good work they upheld while living and to preserve all they helped us gain for our country.

We ask you to unite without reference to your past party affiliations. Come together in non-partisan associations as you did in those other days.

The sons of the fathers who followed the flag through the terrible series of battles that intervened between Sumpter and Appomattox should defend the blessings secured to them by the services, the sufferings and the valor of their sires. Therefore we invite all Sons of Veteran sires to unite with us in this campaign against National honor and disgrace.

The mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of the men who saved the Union are interested in securing the preservation of all that we gained by the sufferings, sacrifices and labors of their kinsmen. We therefore ask them to form associations and to labor with us to secure the triumph of justice and right. We appeal to you, comrades, to do all in your power to prevent the triumph of the combination of men who would trample in the dust all that you fought for during that four years of bloody strife to the end that it shall not be said that our comrades who fell, died in vain.

We have no unkind words to speak with regard to those who, under a mistaken sense of duty, contended against us upon the battle field. It is often said that the men who wore the gray are now as loyal, and love the country and its glorious flag as much as we who defended the Union and the Stars and Stripes on land and sea. The present is a glorious opportunity for them to manifest their affection for the magnificent government secured to them by your efforts; and to make manifest their love for the old flag, the symbol of our liberties and of our National life.

We shall always be glad to welcome all who are willing to stand with us in defence of the National honor, the integrity of the Government and the glorious flag of the United States of America.

We urge every veteran, son of veteran and female relative of a veteran to send his or her address to our Secretary at

Yours in comradeship and love of our country and its glorious flag.

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Fairhaven Vt
Aug 1st 1864

Maj Gen Howard,
Gen Commdg
After hearing
favorably from you
I have fixed the
date on the 11th
instead of the 12th
of August, at which
time we shall all
be glad to meet
you
Yours Truly
F H Shepard

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Maj Gen O O Howard
Burlington
Vt

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Dated Fair Haven. Vt 1 Received at Burlington Vt.
(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)

To H. S. Howard. Aug 1st 1896

165 College St

Can general Howard come the eleventh instead of twelfth telegraph

F. H. Shepard

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117 DUANE STREET.

New York, August 1, 1896.

My Dear General:

I have your favor of 31st ulto., and as soon as the Committee is organized and can attend to applications I will place before them the one you send in behalf of Miss Ellis.

The suggestions in regard to yourself I will, of course, present to Mr. Hanna at the earliest opportunity.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Ellis

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165 College Street,
Burlington, Vt.

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Augusta, Maine, August 1, 1896.

Genl O O Howard
Burlington, Vt.

My dear Genl:-

I have your letter of the 30th of July. I am delighted to know you will come to Maine. I shall assign you for twelve speeches commencing Monday, August 24th, four speeches a week, closing Saturday, September 12th. I will notify you in a few days at what points. You can do us great good in Maine, and we shall need all the aid we can get. I have written to the National Committee. I have no doubt you will shortly hear from Genl Clayton, who has the speakers in charge and that he will make an arrangement with you using you in Vermont, before our campaign commences, then in Maine, and then in other sections of the country, as you and he may agree.

Yours, Sincerely yours,
J A Manley

371 La Fayette Ave
Detroit Michigan

Gen. O. O. Howard
My dear General

I have insisted to again write you in the matter of the Kindergarten but I do not know if Mr Knowals has written you that he was able to give us only fifty of the hundred dollars that you asked of him and as I am most anxious that Miss Thayer's salary be kept, since she has been inconvenienced by the want of it, I venture to write. Since your last

kind letter assured me of aid in another direction. If you will send the fifty dollars and send it direct to Miss Thayer at 168 East 82nd Street New York City, I shall be grateful or, if you prefer to send the amount to me, I will for-

ward it.

Thanking you for your generous aid, believe me,

Very sincerely yours

Winifred Buckmaster

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Chelsea Mass Aug 22 96

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir and Brother

Your kind note, and Dimbleby's tract came duly to hand. I thank you.

I send in response a copy of my Book: "Natural Life" etc. It will surprise and possibly pain you, though I hope not. The theologic world is at sea on the Eschatologic question. Its confusion arises mainly from its failure to discern that there are to be (at the Coming) "new Heavens" as well as a "new earth". If possible, please give me a dispassionate reading.

I have no doubt but that the mystics, like Faunet, Dimbleby, Totten, etc hold a great truth. I am unfortunate in being almost totally destitute of the mathematical faculty so that I cannot follow and assimilate them.

Yours fraternally

Edward H. Rogers

P.S. The English are so unidea'd that few of them are competent to treat Prophetic Question

Mendon Adams Co Ills
Aug. 2 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I saw a piece written by you in the Harpers Round Table about How to enter the army. I am thinking of entering if I can. I am over the age required. I do not know how tall a boy has to be. Does a person have to stand a mental examination? Can a person enter at any time. Will you please send me information concerning the army. If you are not the

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right authority for this
please hand to the right
man.

Yours Respt
Geo. C. Battell
Mendon, Adams Co. Ills

Aug 3. [1896]

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Dear Howard

Yours rec'd and transmitted to Mr Manley, with a request that he employ you, but I must confess some surprise that you a Son of Maine, a retired Maj Gen, should ask compensation beyond expenses, for speeches made to save that State from disgrace - I never yet had a cent for speaking political wherever made -

Truly
Yours

for file
E.D.A.

Aug: 3d 1896

Dear General.

Your letter of the 29th ult: has just been received here, having been forwarded from Washington.

I remember the asylum in New Orleans, but I regret to write that I do not remember anything at all as to Monterey. I only remember that one in the Gallagher (or Gallagher) house was quite full.

I came on here to a funeral as soon as I got back to Washington, the latter part of

this week I shall look over my notes and if I see those wrestling ~~at~~ beaming on the subject will write to you.

You are fortunate in living in such a delightful home as Westhampton, especially during this very hot weather —

Hope you are well

Yours

L. O. Howard

Westhampton Vt.

American Bible Society.

Dear Sir:

A Stated Meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society will be held at the Bible House, Astor Place, on *Thursday* next, Aug. 6th at ~~3.30~~ 2.30 P. M.

Respectfully,

Caleb T. Rowe,
Recording Secretary.

New York, Aug. 3d, 1896.

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Malone, N.Y. Aug 3-96

Gen. O. O. Howard;

Dear Sir;

My name is Junio Howard. My son John F. Howard tells me you were present at one of his Shakesperian Recitals some time ago in Burlington. I have recently completed a genealogical table or family tree of the Howards in my line back three hundred years through ten generations to the first Emigrant who came over from Eng. in 1632 — He came from Aylesford, County of Kent —

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I have not a complete family tree

My ancestors lived in Cambridge, Mass. when Boston was inhabited by Indians & infested with wild beasts —

They lived in Braintree, Andover, Mt. Concord N.H. Windham Ct. Worcester & Lancaster, Mass, Douglas, Mass. Sutton, Eaton, Grafton, Taunton, & in fact they gradually dispersed into almost all the N.E. towns & eventually into all parts of the colonies & different states of the union —

They have an honorable & patriotic Record, extending down to the late civil war

J. H.

Embracing the entire line of your ancestors perhaps table is identical with your lineage &, if not, I could refer you to an antiquarian in New York city who, in assisting in the search for mine struck several other lines, in fact all the original first settlers of that name in N.E.

The names most common ~~in~~ among my ancestors were Bible names & they were repeated in all the generations down to about one hundred years ago — such names as the following were my common viz. Isaac, Jacob, Joshua, Zebulon, David, Solomon, John, James, Timothy, Joel William, Antipas, Joseph Ezra, Hezekiah, Peter, Simeon, Abiel, Abigah etc. and Mary, Martha, Lucy, Lois, Priscilla, Jerusha, Rebecca (my mother) Shearnah, Lausia, Deborah, Rhoda, Harriet, Jane, Elizabeth, etc.

The Howards of Burlington fifty years ago were relatives of my father — John Howard, S. E. Howard & others —

My father had a cousin Joseph Howard who, a half century ago resided in New York near the City Hall & —

Would be proud to include you in our line I was a soldier in Co. K. 16th N.Y. H.A. in the army of the James —

Yours Truly
J. Howard,
Malone, N.Y.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

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Brattleboro', Vt., Aug 3, 1896

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Aug. 13, the "Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Asso." with other Mass. Societies will hold a meeting at the Site of Fort Dummer — Rev Geo. L. Walker D.D. of Hartford Conn. formerly of this town will give the address. As chairman of the Executive Committee, we extend to you an invitation to be present — It is expected that our State officers will be present — as well as Gov of Mass. The exercises will begin at Eleven O'clock A.M.

Yours truly

Henry D. Holton

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State of Maine

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Loring Short & Harmon Portland Me.

~~Augusta~~ Portland, Aug. 4 1896.

My dear General:-

I fear you will think that we are very unappreciative of the kind invitation you and Mrs. Howard gave to this family so long ago to be your guests at the meeting of the Society of the Army of the Potomac in Burlington in September; but I beg to assure you that we are very grateful to you in spite of appearances. I deferred a reply in the hope that we might see a way to acceptance. The "lions" seem to multiply and we have reluctantly come to the conclusion that

we must forego the great pleasure which your invitation offers us. Mr. Bailey, who is spending the summer with the Kelloys in a house on our street, will leave for home at about that time and we feel that we ought to be here then.

Mrs. Connor, Mabel and Rosamond unite with me in warm thanks to you, Mrs. Howard and your "young people" for your cordial invitation and sincerely regret that we cannot accept it.

With great respect and regard,

Yours very truly,

Silder Connor

Gen. Oliver O. Howard, U.S.A.

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Enosburgh Falls, Vt., Aug. 4th, '98 189

(Dictated Letter.)

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I have written Senator Proctor in accordance with my talk with you the other day in regard to your relation to the National Committee, and I presume that can all be amicably and satisfactorily adjusted. I am liable to telegraph you to go to fill an engagement at any time, so hold yourself in readiness, please.

With kind regards, I beg to remain,

Yours etc.,

O. Merrill Chairman.

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27 TREMONT ROW,

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On July 28th I received a letter from Mr. Manley stating, "I have written General Howard inviting him to take part in the campaign in Maine. I expect to make arrangements with the National Committee in a few days to have them employ the General and yourself and send you both to Maine when the campaign opens. I will write you later".

You will see, then, from this correspondence that you will probably be expected to speak in Maine by the 24th, and I presume

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they will be glad to have you help them from that time on till election day, which is the 14th of September. I suggested to Mr. Manley that he book us together, as I supposed that would be agreeable to you. I thought that if I could arrange my personal affairs, and I made a success of it in Maine, I should be willing to do farther work in any part of the country where my services would be needed.

Yours very sincerely,

Edgar O. Achorn

H. R. WILDER, M. D.,
No. 9 GRAND AVENUE,
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SWANTON, VT., Aug. 4 1894

H. S. Howard Esq
Burlington

Dear Sir

Enclosed find check for your father. Please express our great pleasure and satisfaction with his address at the picnic.

Yours very truly.

H. R. Wilder