General Society.

My dear Sir,

I have been for some time preparing an act of the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the statue of Nathan Hale. This statue of 1897 is in the town hall. This statue is very fine. If you can send me a picture of yourself, as I wish to use it in connexion with this work, which is the presented fund to the suspension of the statue as well in front of this statue as those who like me, grace the ceremony by your presence.

With deep regard,

Yours very faithfully,

J. M. Montgomery
General Secretary.
Office of General Secretary

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B. WILSON SMITH,
LaFayette, Ind.

Mr. W. W. Howard,
First Honorable Sir,

I write you in regard to the organization of the Lincoln Normal University, of which I have read in a telegraphic report from Louisville. Published in one of our evening papers, I understand the article that you may have from whence influence may be used to address you as President of the same.

I am desirous of placing my name before the faculty as a candidate for the position of instructor of Physical Education, if such a department is considered. I am a graduate of Mr. W. G. Anderson's Normal Gymnasium, Brown Bay, N. Y., Class 72, and took a Normal course at De Pauw University, Lawrence, Indiana, where I was instructor in Physical Education. Also Dr. J. L. Cantwell, late president of De Pauw University, Livonia, Indiana, where I was instructor in geology.

I am familiar with the work done and the high standards of teaching and work that are done at the state normal. I am in connection with my sister, Miss Benedict, whom I wish to substitute for more than state reputation. The desire is to all be named here in connection with myself as a candidate for the position of instructor in violin.

I am a pupil of Mr. Benedict, and head of the Thomas Benedict Orchestra, and a graduate of the St. Vianu Institute.
the College of Maine. I am to say that he can also be qualified to lead a quartette in an orchestra. If you further inform me of any device I will gladly furnish you.

I have in mind the fact that the late Gen'l. Rug. Price, as pay master general of the Army of the United States, was my father's only relative and a very dear friend. Trusting that you will deem it advisable to consider the request, I have the honor to remain most respectfully,

(Signed) L. Virginia Smith

276 N. Penn St.
Indianapolis Ind.
Abrupt Collapse of a Big Enterprise.

Louisville, Ky., December 29.—The celebrated Four Seasons hotel, which was erected by a syndicate of Chicago and New York capitalists in the mountains of Tennessee near the Kentucky line, at a cost of nearly $2,000,000, has passed into the hands of the Lincoln Memorial university, having been sold for a price said to be about $27,000. The hotel was built two years ago. It was the idea of the owners that the Four Seasons hotel could be made the favorite resort of eastern and southern society. The winter the hotel was opened a magnificent inaugural ball was given by the management, and many New York society members were present. The south also furnished its full share of guests, and the most select crowd that ever graced a ball room floor was in attendance. The eastern visitors were not accustomed to the free and unconventional manner of the southerners, and during the evening there was a clash. Much feeling was aroused, and the next day the eastern contingent departed for home. So did the southern people, and from that day the hotel has been shunned by the social lights of both south and east. This social war ruined the hotel's business, and an assignment followed, the property of the scheme losing over $1,000,000. Gen. O. O. Howard, of the United States army, is president of the Lincoln Memorial university, which has purchased the property, and many of the most prominent men in the country are identified with it. The organization has already been thoroughly formed, and classes will be opened very soon.
The terms of the agreement are based on the recent official communication from Premier Canovas, addressed to the secretary of state.

The premier states clearly the terms which Spain will accord to the insurgents and practically asks the United States to propose these conditions to her rebellious subjects. In return for our good offices, Spain assures this government that she sincerely deplores the great commercial loss which we have sustained on account of the Cuban disturbance. She assures us that she is even now considering a reciprocity treaty which shall deal mainly with Cuban products and which will be framed in such advantageous terms toward this government that our losses, both in commerce and in the destruction of American property in Cuba, will be most generously compensated.

Will Guarantee Amnesty.

Premier Canovas says that Spain cannot, of course, as a self-respecting and respected nation, stand before the world as having been coerced into measures by the United States. She has freely granted all that she now offers, and that in the face of a rebellion. But she accepts the good offices of the United States to act as mediator and to guarantee to the insurgents amnesty and the enforcement of the new reform law which she is about to proclaim in Cuba.

The form of government offered is, the Spanish statesman declares, the limit of independence which can be granted to a province by any nation, without absolutely severing the bonds of union with the mother country.
T. H. Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Burlington, Vermont

Gen. Will you kindly inform me of Gen. George B. McClellan's being relieved of command of the army of the Potomac once or twice. I have consulted a great many men as well as officers of my own I have just finished leading Campfire on Battle Hill
from it I understand that Gen. Pope's army had acted independently of the Army of the Potomac as far as I can learn McClellan commanded his own army when Pope fought the Battle of Second Manassas. Most of the soldiers that that were it with Gen. McClellan as well as one that was in your camp. I think he was relieved twice. The only time I can find it was when Gen. Burnside superseded him which was final if it would not take up to much of your time kindly answer as I am greatly interested in it.
My dear Bernard,

I thank you for your friendly note on my talking of you stopping back for a few days with General Fulton, who tells me of his feeling of friendship for the Indians, like Steele entertained you when he entertained you among the Creeks with the Indians. This last fall there were Indians by many of you that he did not venture to mention his doing. This is No. 5704 Pueblo of Buena Vista, Pennsylvania. I am yours truly,

I thank you and Mrs. Murray.
for your kindness in asking us to visit you, but we are bound to Florida for a month and then to New Orleans, where I shall settle, in Chicago or St. Paul. I have not yet decided. I am not quite sure which place will suit me. Steve Lee came into one of the offices in Washington. He seemed very much of a man and about as friendly as when we met years ago. Mrs. Mosley gave me a kind welcome and good feelings for you and Mrs. Howard.

Sincerely, Michael F. Morgan

January 1897
State Soldiers Home
Ohio
1st January 1897

Major General O. O. Howard
U.S.A.

Dear General,

A soldier in the 1st Division of the corps, and I believe in 37th Ohio, was tried by court martial, in Georgia, or South Carolina. Capt. Wm. Herndon, was judge advocate. The charge was, plundering. This was the substance of the

[Signature]
Charge - I cannot give the words. The man was found guilty and sentenced to be shot. You committed his sentence to five years imprisonment in the Fortress, to which he was taken.

The above is the account given by Capt. Henshaw, Breast Head, Col. in an article entitled "Phenomenal Great March" in "Home and Country" January 1875. Remember hearing the substance of the scene while on the march across Carolina.

I should be very glad if you could give me confirmation of the incident and any additional details.

I send it as an illustration of the substantial discipline of Sherman's Army or, at least, of the Army of the Tennessee.

I was glad to see by your note in the autumn, that you have recovered rather than lost in vigor since the war, and that you are in health. I send you my compliments that I wish you very happy New Year, and many happy returns.

Very Truly Yours

[Handwritten Signature]
Many thanks for your letter of the 10th instant. Yesteryear until the death of Mr. Kittel. So much in explanation.

Please beckon them if you can give me the position at Waltham in this St. Louis firm. Much I read in yesterday's paper.

My home is in Waltham the same side from Mr. Manchester and Edgerton Mr. Kilcawley. (sic) and the.
Pennsylvania Rail Road Company,
Office of the First Vice President,

Philadelphia, January 1st, 1897.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith for your use an annual pass for the year 1897.

Very respectfully,

John A. Johnson
First Vice President
NEW YORK CITY

ARMY BUILDING. 39 WHITELAW ST.

DEPUTY FAYR, GENT. U.S. ARMY

LIEUT. COL. A. B. CARREY

Res.


A happy New Year to you my dear General
and many returns. With the best wishes and kindest
regards for you all.

Sincerely yours,

A. F. B. Davis.
Chicago Jan. 2, 1897

My dear Sir,

I enclose as requested the letter of the Adjutant General regarding the details of a military instructor for Beloit College. Neither the Trustees nor anyone acting for the College have applied for the detail of any particular person. Two of the gentlemen who kindly wrote recommending that an officer be detailed also I understand mentioned the name of an officer whom each thought would be suitable for the place. I wrote to one suggesting the character of man we desired and that we would like to make inquiries with a view to finding the right man for the place and have also written to other officers recommended but without any way committing the College. Probably the Secretary is under the impression that we had some correspondence with Lieut. Howard and am much interested
I have just returned from my vacation in [insert location]. The weather was quite pleasant, and I enjoyed [insert activities].

Upon arriving home, I have been busy with [insert activities]. I found [insert reflection or insight].

I would like to invite you to [insert event or occasion]. It would be a great opportunity to [insert purpose].

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Chicago

June and his associates.

A letter received from him today says he will be in Chicago on Tuesday next when we shall hope for the pleasure of personal interview.

With very kind regards and great respect I am

Very truly yours,

Henry S. Osborne
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.

White River Junction, Vermont.

January 2nd, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

Last year you generously subscribed $5.00 toward the support of the State work under the supervision of the State Executive Committee Y. M. C. A.'s of Vt. and N. H.

I am glad to say that considerable progress has been made during the past year and with progress comes more demand for the help of the State Committee. Without the necessary funds the work must be curtailed and we will not be able to comply with the demands for help and so the work must suffer. The past two years have shown that this work of supervision is attended with decided good results. In spite of the great depression of business, new Associations have been organized and those which were organized have been maintained.

Will you not continue your interest by placing a subscription in the little book herein and returning it in the inclosed envelope? Periodical reports will be sent out as usual during the year.

Thanking you again for your sympathy and help, I remain,

in the name of the State Executive Committee,
Gratefully yours,

[Signature]
State Secretary.
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May I urge you to continue your interest in this work a support? I have in the little book receive any return for the interest I have in the cause of the State Executive Committee.

With utmost respect,

[Signature]

State Secretary.
General Charles Gratiot Bartlett,
Colonel, United States Army, Retired
and
Mrs. Rachel Letson Backbee,
Married.
Monday: January the fourth,
eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.
Long Branch, New Jersey.

After January fifteenth,
Mount Aery,
Hart Park, Livingston,
Staten Island.
Dear General,

I now letter of Dec. 28th Cares in due
time, but I have been down with a cold, which permeates my whole system, as not to be able to do
any much more than I am able to. Do you remember the story I told you once when you came
up with the Railroad about the man who was drunk
in the thought; I am sick, clean through, clean as he
was drunk. He swar a large Reform School out near
Philadelphia called the United States Reform School
where boys such as you describe are sent. And
Grinn Clay Evans has something to do with it.
I will find out more about it and let you know.
There also an Indiana Reformatory in Lebanon
where boys and girls are cared for, but just what it
is I don't know. I handed Harry's letter about
James Davis Care to one of our State Professors in R.I.
who has a great deal to do in the Oprah's Court and
worse know just where to look. I will let him
know tomorrow morning and advise him. I don't
think there is which if it. The family are all
pretty well except that one that has been
though, the house has come to write you all a Happy New Year. I see that Fordham University has a President at last, for which, in common with all her friends, I greatly rejoice. I suppose we shall see you here soon, I hope. Our friend Maj. Hillyer will certainly have a hard time at first, there is no much difference of opinion and the Republican party. But as old Sojourner Truth told April Douglas when she was in one of his correspondence means Frederick, Nor.

lish; and to helping and teaching and goodness, just as you did in the war.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Chicago, January 4, 1896. Lie-18977

General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vermont.

Dear General:-

I have arranged to have Mr. Myers sign the certificates for the "Land Fund" and "Nancy Lincoln Hall Fund" as Business Agent of the Board of Trustees, so that it will not be necessary to use your signature.

Mrs. Myers is still suffering greatly and Mr. Myers is very much distressed on this account.

We shall probably conclude a consolidation this week with the other men who are planning to establish a university in Tennessee.

The indications are that this will lead to a donation of about $240,000. 00 to our endowment by the Order of Railway Conductors, and $100,000 from a lady whose home is in Chicago. We think there will be other advantages arising from this consolidation.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I remain

Yours truly,

Cyrus Kehr.
Cyrus Kertig

LINCORN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE

Dear General:

I have arranged for news to be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees in time to reach the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees to put me in a position to serve you a complete report of the financial and educational conditions of the college. The accounts and books are now being prepared for the purpose in order that the Board may be thoroughly informed on the subject.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE

January 1, 1909

General O. H. Howard

Burlington, Vermont

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General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear General:—

Your letter of December 28th was forwarded to me at the Southern Pines, from which place I returned yesterday.

You asked me about Mr. E. S. Philbrick of Boston, whether he was still living or any of his family. Can you tell me whether this Mr. Philbrick was connected with the schools of Boston as Superintendent, or something of that sort, or what was his business? There is no such man in the directory of Boston today, but if it is the Mr. Philbrick who was once connected with our public schools here, he is dead, but his family would be easily traced.

I went this morning to see Mr. Torrey, who is general counsel for the Fitchburg Railroad and whom I know personally, in reference to a pass for you. He says that Mr. Marcey, the President, is at present away from the city, and that he is the only one who can issue an annual pass. He said it was against the policy of the road to issue a pass in the form you suggested, but that the road might favor you with a single pass. It would have to be confined, however, he said, to that part of the road which lay within the state of Massachusetts, as issuing a pass outside of the state would be against the interstate law. He said he would see Mr. Marcey for me as soon as he returned to the city and let me know in regard to the matter. I hope that they will feel disposed to favor you.

I left my wife in the Southern Pines, with my boy and a companion. It doesn't seem probable that she will be able
The Operation of the Airship H.T. "America"

The operation of the H.T. "America" has been under way for some time. The airship is in good condition and is ready for immediate service. The crew is well trained and experienced in the operation of this type of airship.

I am pleased to report that the progress made so far has been satisfactory. The airship has been used in various tests and has performed well. The results of these tests have been encouraging and I am confident that the airship will be able to perform its duty effectively.

I hope that this report will meet with your approval. I am confident that the H.T. "America" will be a valuable addition to our fleet.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
to live here in New England again, and I have begun to take active steps to see if I can secure a consulship in Italy, or some part of Southern Europe, where the climate is favorable. I saw both Senators Hoar and Lodge while I was in Washington on my way South. They tell me that Massachusetts may get seven or eight consulships, and that there are already about one hundred applicants. They are pledged to nobody at present, and Senator Hoar said that he thought that if you made a personal appeal to the President in my behalf that that, coupled with the endorsement of the Massachusetts Senators, ought to pull me through. So that, later on, I shall have to get you to put in a word for me.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

Edgar O. Nelson
to five years in the pay-roll and I have reason to take notice
of your letter if I am unable to accommodate you. If you
are unable to proceed, I may be in a position to recommend
that other steps be taken to your advantage.

I have now to say is that I am not in a position to assist
you and I hope that you will be able to make arrangements
for your own comfort and convenience. That is all I
have to say in the matter.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Democracy.

The general impression that operations on the Panama Canal had ceased seems to be incorrect. It is now said that work has been resumed on a large scale, nearly four thousand men being actively employed, and that the more the directors advance with the work the stronger becomes their confidence in the final result.

A pleasant compliment to two well

Reading this in the paper, thought to any
mind, more forcibly
true of late, the coal
 Prices. Are they coming
to your mind, or have
they passed entirely
out of my hand? It is
now six months or
more, since I have heard
from you - I wonder
My dear General [Missing Name]

Yours truly, [Missing Name]

P.S. Please send the [Missing Word] to me. I have [Missing Word] in my hand. [Missing Word] [Missing Word] [Missing Word] [Missing Word]...
What causes such delay, Emily, then must have been some for the parties you spoke of in your last letter, to have accomplished something. Hoping to hear from you soon. With kind regards to Mr. Howard

And yourself.

I am yours sincerely,

Mary W. Temple.

January 8th, 1899.