

Portland, Oregon.

Jan. 18, 1897.

Dear Grandpa:

Mamma  
wanted me to write and tell  
you that papa is going to  
start to-day for Washington.  
He says, he can not afford to  
lose the time to come to  
Burlington, as he wants  
to get back here as soon as  
he can to earn wages. Mam-  
ma went down to Astoria



before last  
last night, with Papa, and  
has just come back. It has  
begun raining, we have had  
very pleasant weather until  
lately. I am going to school  
now. I do not have <sup>to</sup> work  
at all hard. Gracie has  
just started a fire in  
the grate in the parlor.  
It makes it seem so  
much pleasanter. Our  
pastor has a pastor's class  
that we go to. He is going

to start a boys brigade  
for the Sunday school,  
and Junior boys. Mamma  
wants me to go up and  
help her pack Papa's  
trunk. With lots of love  
to all.

Your loving grand daughter  
May





H. BENDEL, PRESIDENT  
W. H. WRIGHT, MANAGER

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SAN FRANCISCO, *San Jose Cal.* January 18, 1896.

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Whatever I, personally, am able to do, I assure you shall be done. I am of the opinion that, under the present administration, it



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Believe me, I am, as ever,

Your friend,

*H. Bendel*



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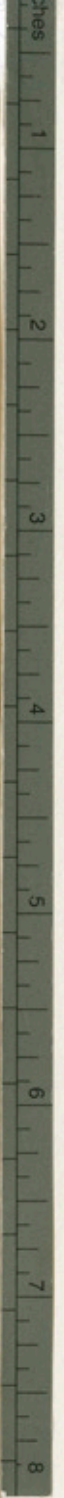
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desire to remain on amicable  
terms with everyone (you know I  
was warned about that) ;  
my capacity intellectually  
and whether in your opinion  
I would be fitted for the  
position of Adjutant General and  
if you did not consider me  
a capable - efficient and  
trustworthy officer.

You will render me an  
inestimable service; but it will  
not make me any more grateful  
or make me have any higher  
regards. You have already my  
best gratitude & my highest  
regards -  
Very sincerely yours.  
H. B. Kingsbury

J  
Fort Myer, Virginia  
Jan. 18. 1896

Major General O. D. Stovall.

Dear General.

Will you not do  
me a favor. and thereby  
also do justice to one  
who served you always  
willingly and whose wife  
and wife's family esteem  
and keep you in high regard  
from your association in fame  
with General Slocum -

It has come to my  
ears that the War Depart-  
ment blames me almost



entirely for the matter of  
that quarters business  
when Valkmar turned  
me out of quarters.

If you remember, you said  
to me on the boat one day, "Did  
you know you ought to be very  
grateful? I am fighting your  
battles" - of course that  
remark was pleasant; but  
then you told me what Valkmar  
had done, & after your se-  
lection & giving him choice  
of two sets, what he  
had written to Washington  
in appeal from your  
decision, and also your

endorsement.

Now, General, will you  
not write me two letters?

One letter to me telling  
the exact story of the quarters  
question or rather simply  
saying that I never asked you  
to retain the quarters at  
any time and never said  
anything about the quarters  
and never knew about Col.  
Valkmar's wanting my  
quarters until all the cor-  
respondence had gone to  
Washington -

The second letter I  
ask you for is my conduct  
as an officer & gentleman whilst



P.S. The latter letter should  
be written to the Adjutant  
General, might it not?

I ask you to make  
it as strong as you can  
consistently so. It seems  
to me, when I remember  
how both Mrs. Kinghorn & I  
felt towards you, because you  
had done such a great favor to  
Gen & Mrs. Sloceen by bringing their  
daughter close to them, why, General,  
I know I must have walked  
very clear & straight before you & have  
tried by doing every thing well for  
you to show you I was grateful  
and therefore I must have rendered  
a good account of myself -







Tweeddale or Gen Ruggles?

All at Glencoe  
are well. Uncle  
Charlie left this am.  
for his office & to  
go at 7<sup>00</sup> this eve  
to Florida.

Love to all  
John

I like Beloit quite well.

Fair Oaks.  
Glencoe, Illinois.

Jan 18 1897

Dear Father

Mother's letter  
came to me as I was  
leaving Leavenworth.

Since then I have  
been making Glencoe my  
headquarters.

I have had a few  
long talks with Mr Osborne  
& other trustees.

One day I went to Beloit  
and spent the day in talking  
with the members of  
the faculty & the next  
day seeing the Institute



to have given a superior  
"set up" to some of the students  
it would have been necessary  
to have begun with their  
grandparents.

Yet I think the school  
would greatly improve  
under an absolute system  
of military discipline.

But I have recom-  
mended that only 150 be  
taken as cadets &  
made into three companies,  
the others (junior classes)  
be given physical military  
set up or gymnastics.

I met by invitation about eight of  
the trustees at lunch 12.30 one day  
in Chicago (last Saturday). They seemed to  
be pleased with me.

Among them were Dr  
Savage of the Seminary here in Chicago,  
J. A. Moore, Mr Fittin (big crutchy dean),  
Mr Spooner, Mr Hale, and others.

There may be some reason  
for my not being available for school  
details will you find out from Mr





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St. Johnsbury, Vt., Jan 18 1897

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Hoping to be favoured with an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours

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Gen. Secy.



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St. Johnsbury, Vt., Jan 18 1887

Dear Sir:  
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FOOLISH VIRGINS.

FOR SUNDAYS:

WHY I AM NOT AN INFIDEL.

GOD AND BUSINESS.

WEST FALLS CHURCH, FAIRFAX CO., VA.

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Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1897

My dear Brother

Gen. O. Howard,  
Burlington, Vt.

Last Friday 15<sup>th</sup> ult. I was at Canton, & with Dr. Manchester Major McKinley's pastor called on The President-elect. Need not say that I had a very pleasant interview which Major McKinley himself prolonged.

Told Dr. Manchester that I would like to go to Turkey. He at once said "I believe you are the man for the mission" & put the question "Why don't you apply for it?" I replied that I could apply for nothing; that a remark I had heard from Gen. Howard had so deeply impressed me that I could not do it. Was willing to follow the leadings of God, I was ready to follow but I was not so happy.

He then said "I will undertake to bring the matter before the Major. Get Gen. Howard to write me a letter stating what he knows of you & your fitness for the position & I will do



the rest

Now my dear General if you can write  
such a letter to Dr. Manchester please do  
so. If you cannot I shall feel that you can  
better satisfy your conscience & please God than  
by writing it. I have no wish <sup>in</sup> the matter  
except to serve our Lord Christ. I think a  
Christian man, one thoroughly in sympathy  
with the missionaries & persecuted Christians  
shares the sentiment. Also a man who loves his  
country. I know there are many able &  
better men than myself & yet all to whom  
I have mentioned the matter have said "Nonsense  
you are the man."

Will you please remember me kindly to  
Mr. Howard your son & daughter & that young  
lady visitor if still with you.

We have had to abandon the water reception  
& parade

Very truly yours

Robert Norcross



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at *Ho 7 m* Jan 18 1897

Dated

*Stockbridge Mass 18*

To

*Gen. O. O. Howard  
Durlington Vt*

*Mother is dead funeral  
Thursday morning seven o'clock*

*Lena H. Fox*



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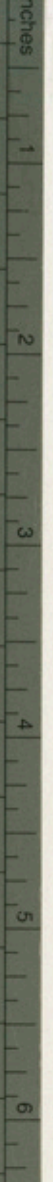
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*Cincinnati* January 18, 1897.

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My Dear general:-

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"Regret that duties here will not admit of my spending the length of time in Washington necessary to the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of such a position.

I greatly appreciate your kind remembrance, and regret necessity for declining".

It appears this morning that I inadvertently directed this reply to Washington, and it could not be delivered, so I this morning directed it forwarded to Burlington, but thought best to follow it by this written communication to cover the possibility of its not reaching you as soon as desirable to enable you to make other arrangements.

My business is of such an exceedingly engrossing character that I cannot possibly absent myself for more than a day. It would under other circumstances afford me great personal pleasure to renew our old time relations by once more assisting you to marshal the old veterans--the remnant of that mighty host of battle-scarred heroes who nearly a third of a century ago so proudly swept down Penn. avenue.

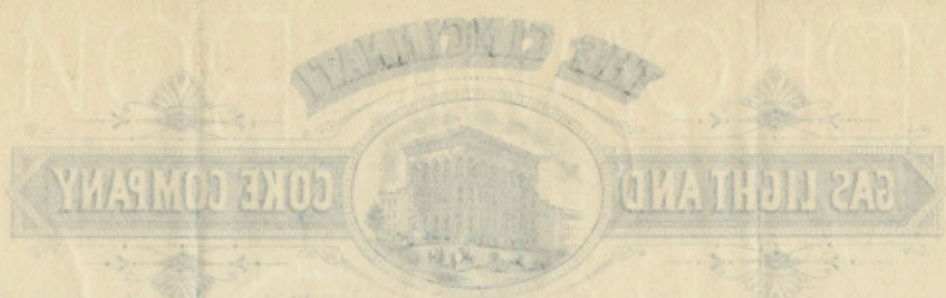
There was then great joy in their hearts over the achievement of a great military victory; there should be a revival of that feeling over a bloodless but almost as important an accomplishment.

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Yours truly,

*A. Hickenlooper*





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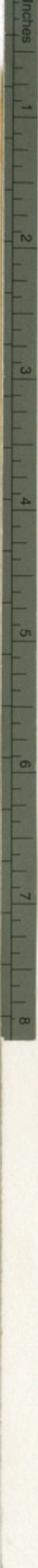
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*Wm. H. ...*





298 Grand St.

Providence R.I.

January 19/97

My Dear General

I have  
been induced to make  
an effort to obtain  
increased rank on  
the retired list of the  
Army by the success  
which Capt. Sisdall  
has met with in  
having his special bill  
favorably reported  
by the Chairman of  
the military Committee  
of the Senate

While I have  
no doubt of the cordial



support of the Rhode  
Island delegation it  
would gratify me  
exceedingly to have  
an inclosure from  
you as to my general  
character as an officer  
- while serving in the  
regular Army - to  
present for the consideration  
of the Senators and  
Representatives of my  
native State.

I have letters  
from Gen. Sully and  
others covering my  
services as a volunteer  
officer which I propose  
to submit.

If you feel that  
you can conscientiously  
render me this service  
will you please send  
a letter to me as soon  
as convenient and  
greatly oblige

Yours sincerely

R. G. Shaw  
Capt. USA,



Gen. O. O. Howard.

Commodore dear Gen. Sir,

Washington D. C.

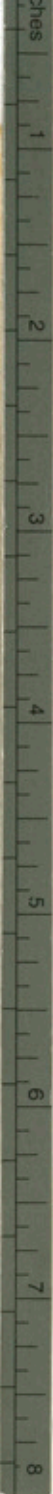
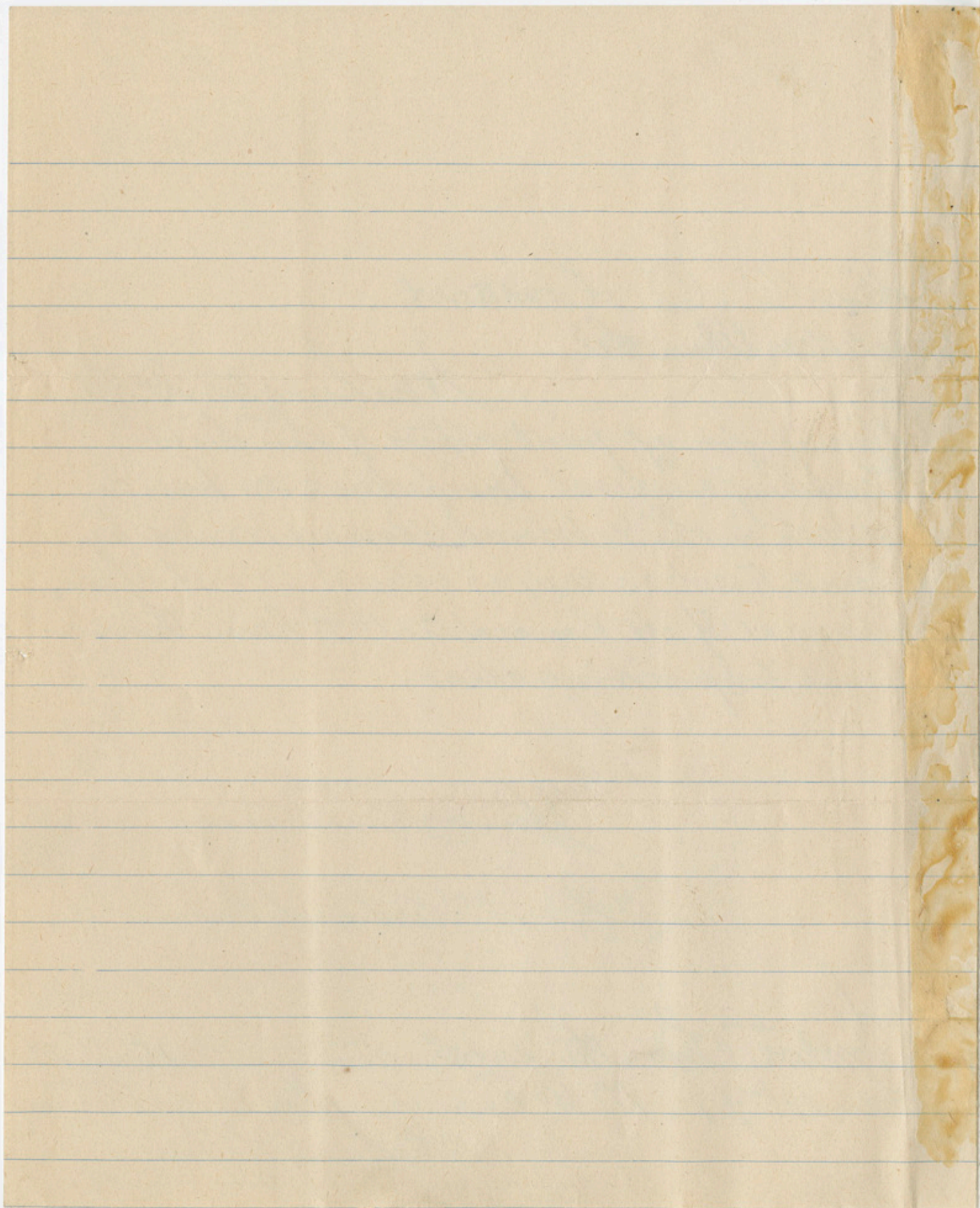
As you are appointing others of this State  
 & having several uniforms on hand  
 & as with in the Colonial Army would be  
 pleased to act as aid or otherwise with your  
 approval of its Consistent - I have some  
 Horse Troop printing also.

Yours Truly

Wm. Schachlin

Comdr. Ohio, the most Southern Fort of this State  
 Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 97. The Co. Furnishing the Troops the way  
 County North during the War.  
 Incumbent to its inhabitants.









OFFICE OF

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LOWELL, MASS., .....Jan. 19th., .....1897.

Dictated by

*In reply to letter  
dated.....*

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:

Your prompt and very welcome response of 18th. to mine of 16th. inst. was received and I hasten to assure you there will be no easy swapping off and that my hospitality may be more complete, I would thank you to notify me at early convenience on what train you will come to Lowell that I may meet you at depot with carriage.

Ever, Sincerely Yours,

*E. P. Wood*



OFFICE OF

WOODS, SHERWOOD & CO.

LOWELL, MASS., Jan. 1911.



Gen. O.C. Howard,

Barre, Vt.

Dear Sir:

Your prompt and very welcome response to my letter of the 15th inst. was received and I hasten to assure you that there will be no delay in shipping off and that as hospitably as possible we will be glad to have you to notify me of any convenience on your part. I am very glad to hear that you are so well with

Sincerely yours,

Ever, Sincerely yours,

*W. S. Woods*





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EQUITABLE BUILDING,  
120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

January 19, 1897.

General O. O. Howard,  
156 College Street,  
BURLINGTON, Vermont.

Dear General Howard:

Some days ago I wrote you that General Dodge had just left my office saying that when he reached his own office he would at once sit down and write to Governor McKinley strongly recommending that you be appointed Secretary of War. Next day I received a letter from him saying that on examination he found he could not do so because he had last Fall written to Governor McKinley recommending that another person be appointed. His note to me further said the present indications were that the person he then recommended would be appointed, and if he were to write a different letter now it would hurt us both.

I did not write to you immediately of this partly because I could not clearly understand it and partly because I was quite ill -- being still confined to my room --. I have not since seen General Dodge, but from what I now learn I have no doubt his reference was to General Horace Porter. It seems to be settled that Governor Long will be the member of the Cabinet from New England. It was at one time settled that Mr. Bliss would be the Cabinet member from New York, but since that gentleman declined, the prevailing wish and judgment is that General Porter should and will be appointed, if anybody is from this State, and of course there is no other place he could so appropriately fill as that of Secretary of War.

A gentleman came yesterday to see me saying he was informed that Governor McKinley wished to appoint Porter but felt that in doing so he ought to be supported by a series of letters from representative men here certifying to Porter's own standing and acceptability as a representative of this community, and that a letter from me was especially desired in that connection. Of course I could only say frankly just what I had done and that I could do nothing else without first writing to you. Not in any case whatever can I express, because I do not entertain, a conviction different in any way from what I have already written. The question is, shall I write a letter just such as is asked of me, certifying to Porter's place in the regards and esteem of the people of this city and State and how far his appointment would be acceptable to them. If there is any prospect whatever of your appointment, I should not wish, even with your approval, to write such a letter as that. If you think there is none, -- of which you know altogether best -- you may prefer not to have such a letter withheld. The Secretary of War is the only Cabinet appointment in which I feel any special interest and, quite aside from what is written above, I would like to know what your own prospects are, so far as known to you. With kind regards,

Wager Swayne



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120 Broadway, New York  
January 16, 1897.

WALTER SWAYNE  
SWAYNE & SWAYNE  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
120 BROADWAY, N.Y.

General O. O. Howard,  
155 College Street,  
Burlington, Vermont.

Dear General Howard:

Some days ago I wrote you that General Dodge had just left my office having that when he passed his own office he would at once sit down and write to Governor McKinley directly recommending that you be retained attorney of fact. That day I received a letter from him saying that an explanation he found he could not do because he had just left written to Governor McKinley recommending that another person be appointed. His note to me further said that another explanation was that the person he then recommended could be appointed, and it is now to write a different letter now it would hurt me here.

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Walter Swaine



Jan. 12 1897  
Lake Placid, N.Y. I-19-'97. *12*

Gen. O. O. Howard. Rutland, Vt.

My dear Brother:-

For a month I have debated <sup>h</sup>wether I should do so forward a thing as to write you in regard to the Secretaryship of the National Temperance Society, vacated by Brother Mead. But as I have seen no notice of the choice of his successor I make bold to state my case.

First, I realize the ~~post~~ is no snap, indeed the snap seems to have been allwhipped out of the Society by the contined <sup>u</sup>indifference of the church to this noble ally. Something must be done to push the Society to the front, what that something shall be, is largely a conundrum, but I think this much is clear. Something should be done to identify the Society with the rising young people's movements of the day. If we can get into touch with the Endeavor Societies, Epworth Leagues, Baptist Union, Luther Leagues, and so forth; if we can interest them in our work, let them even know there is such a Society, a thing nine out of ten of them do not know to-day, and start them to work with us, we can furnish just such a non-partisan method of work that the leaders of these movements can endorse, and at the same time bring our publishing interests to their knowledge and so extricate that branch of our work from its present ~~s~~ plight. To accomplish this result one thing that will be necessary I think is a Secretary young enough to be counted one of their number by this host. Vigerous enough to do some hard work, and with ability to hold his own with the great speakers these organizations crowd to the front in their conventions. Whether I can meet all the requirements I have thus hinted at, I dare not say, but I should be glad to put my vim



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Luther Leagues, and so forth, if we can interest them in our work, let them  
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not know to-day, and start them to work with us, we can furnish just such  
a non-partisan method of work that the leaders of these movements can  
endorse, and at the same time bring our qualifying interests to their  
knowledge and so extricate that branch of our work from its present  
 plight. To accomplish this result one thing that will be necessary I  
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this host. Vigorous enough to do some hard work, and with ability to  
hold his own with the great speakers these organizations crowd to the  
front in their conventions. Whether I can meet all the requirements I  
have thus hinted at, I dare not say, but I should be glad to put my vim



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