

I suffer his hot mfg business continues
about as good as ever. - I wish I could
have met you in Fla. - Glad your
Loretta is that of any member of your
family has had drive you forth.
How goes on the writing? I hope the
at our house. I should think might
get the Baloid dated if he wrote it. It
would be a good place to do good in &
would tend to further develop a cement brick
in Charlotte. Kitty writes that John took part in the
in our Ebenezer prayer meeting. - I am glad to hear so.

Hotel College Arms.

Sabbath Evening

DeLand, Fla., Feb 2/7/1897

Dear Brother:

Mr. J. B. Stet-
son, the owner of this hotel
and the benefactor of this
town - founder of the
"J. B. Stetson University"
Stc. just came to the
desk where I am
writing and asked
me to tell you how
much he loved you
whenever I should see you.

somewhat of locating a next Colony
enterprise in this vicinity - a tract
of land extending from De Leon Springs
on the main line of the R.R. across to
De Land - which is in fact a little
branch R.R. - ^{between} Mr. Holman was sitting
telling some 30,000 or more, oranges & say you
were - when the freight train
of course this cut off his income here.

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I replied that I would
not wait till I saw
you but would write -
You were his guest here
in Phila. He said
he & his wife agreed
they would see of you
all they could & when
ever they could - but
had never had an
opportunity since to
meet you -

I come here on
business as we think

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be Secretary War. I
think you would have

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made a better one & one
more popular for

Major M^cKinley - Had
Gen. Swager been willing
to help & take up with my
suggestions I think Major

M^cKinley would have
felt that you were the
main effort as he
had two Cabinet Officers
from the Interior - Western.
Indeed three County Iowa -

There is a Col. Wooster here

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Logel Legion Conf. - from
 Lt. (22nd Lt. Vol. 1)
 (believe) who knows you &
 he belongs to the N. Y.
 Commandery -

My address for a week
 or two will be 40 New
 Duval Hotel, Jackson-
 ville, Fla. (where Myron
 is clerk) I go next
 Tuesday to Tampa
 probably. I hear from
 from home - all
 well - except Cousin
 Arthur Doug's little girl -
 almost departed - Give much love to
 Lizzie, Bessie & Harry - When
 will you get into the house?
 Affectionately - L. H. H. Howard

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San Antonio, Texas. February 8th. 1897.

My dear General:-

I write to you confidentially, to learn if you would feel inclined to help me to obtain the appointment of Major General on Ruger's retirement. From what I hear I judge that all the Brigadiers are working for it, and I do not know that any of them are more entitled to it than I am. I think Wheaton may get it as a reward for long and faithful service, but he goes out in about five weeks after Ruger, so will not interfere with those who are left. I have longer service than any of them, and twelve years longer than Brooke or Otis, and had a higher command than any of them during the war, and I do not see any reason why I should *not* present my claims for consideration to the authorities.

If you are not in favor of some other brigadier for the place, and have no objections to advocating my claims, I wish you would give me a letter to the incoming Sec. of War that I can file with my other recommendations. I have very strong Army recommendations on file now, and think I have the necessary political influence to have them brought to the attention of the President and Secretary. I should like very much to have a letter from you, if you feel inclined to give it, but if you do not wish to endorse me, please do ~~th~~ me the favor to write to me and say so, that I may know how I stand in regard to recommendations from you. .

We are having delightful weather, and have had all winter. I think this climate preferable to New England's in the winter. The members of the class of '54 are fast dropping out, and after April next there will be but Sawtelle and myself left. Tempus Fugit.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
U. S. Army, Retired.

Yours sincerely
I. R. Bliss

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will be but Saxton and myself left. Yours truly,

John B. Saxton
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Kingfisher Oklahoma Ter.

February 8, 1897

Major Genl. O.O. Howard
Burlington Vermont

Dear Sir

You probably may remember me as your Disbursing Officer "Supt of Education" during my long service in S. Carolina. I have for the past four years, tried to make a living in Oklahoma. two bad seasons have wrecked my fortunes. I have been in bed for the past 9 months, suffering from Rheumatism caused by gun shot wound through both hip bones and the spine. My efforts to get my pension increased, from 24 to 50.00 per month have not succeeded. I now wish to obtain from the War Dept, the position of Custodian of the Creek Supply reservation in Woodward Co. O.T. You can judge of my fitness for the position, from my past service. the duties are easy, and the salary small, but I can support my family on it. Is it asking too much of you, to recommend me for that place, to Genl. Alger Sec. of War. He doubtless would gladly comply with your request for my appointment. It is the last favor I shall

ever ask from the Government too which I gave
the best 9 years of my life, . I could get endorse-
ments here in the Ly. if required,

hoping I may hear from you on the matter.

I am very respectfully

Yours Wm. L. L.

Edward L. Deane

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Personal. Mackinac Island, Michigan
February 8th, 1897. ⁶¹

Genl. O. D. Howard, U.S. Army
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: Having been Examining Surgeon
for Pensions, since the close of the war
of 1861-5, through every administration,
I would like a better position, in the
Pension Bureau, as high as can be
obtained on the ladder.

Send your address and my
book "Mackinac, Formerly Michilimack-
inac", will be mailed to you. Regards of
Mrs. Bailey and the doctor. Very truly, your friend,
John R. Bailey

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher.]



Elgin Feb 8th / 1897

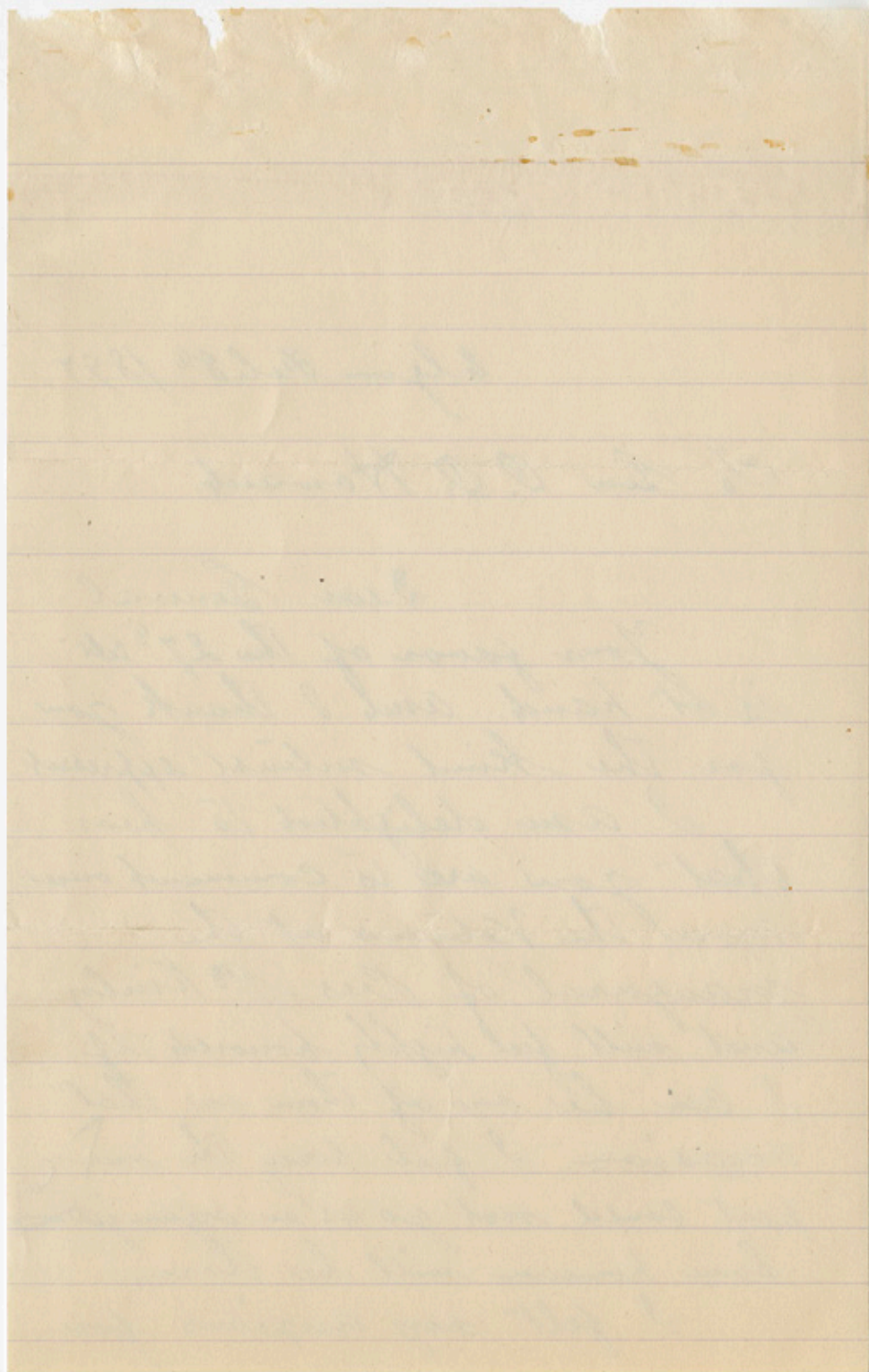
C^o Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear General

Your favor of the 27th ult-
is at hand. and I thank you
for the kind interest expressed.

I am delighted to hear
that you are to command once
more the Veterans at the
inaugural of Pres McKinley
and will feel highly honored if
I can be one of them on that
occasion. I feel sorry the out-
post could not go as an organization. C
Some however will be there.

I felt very anxious for

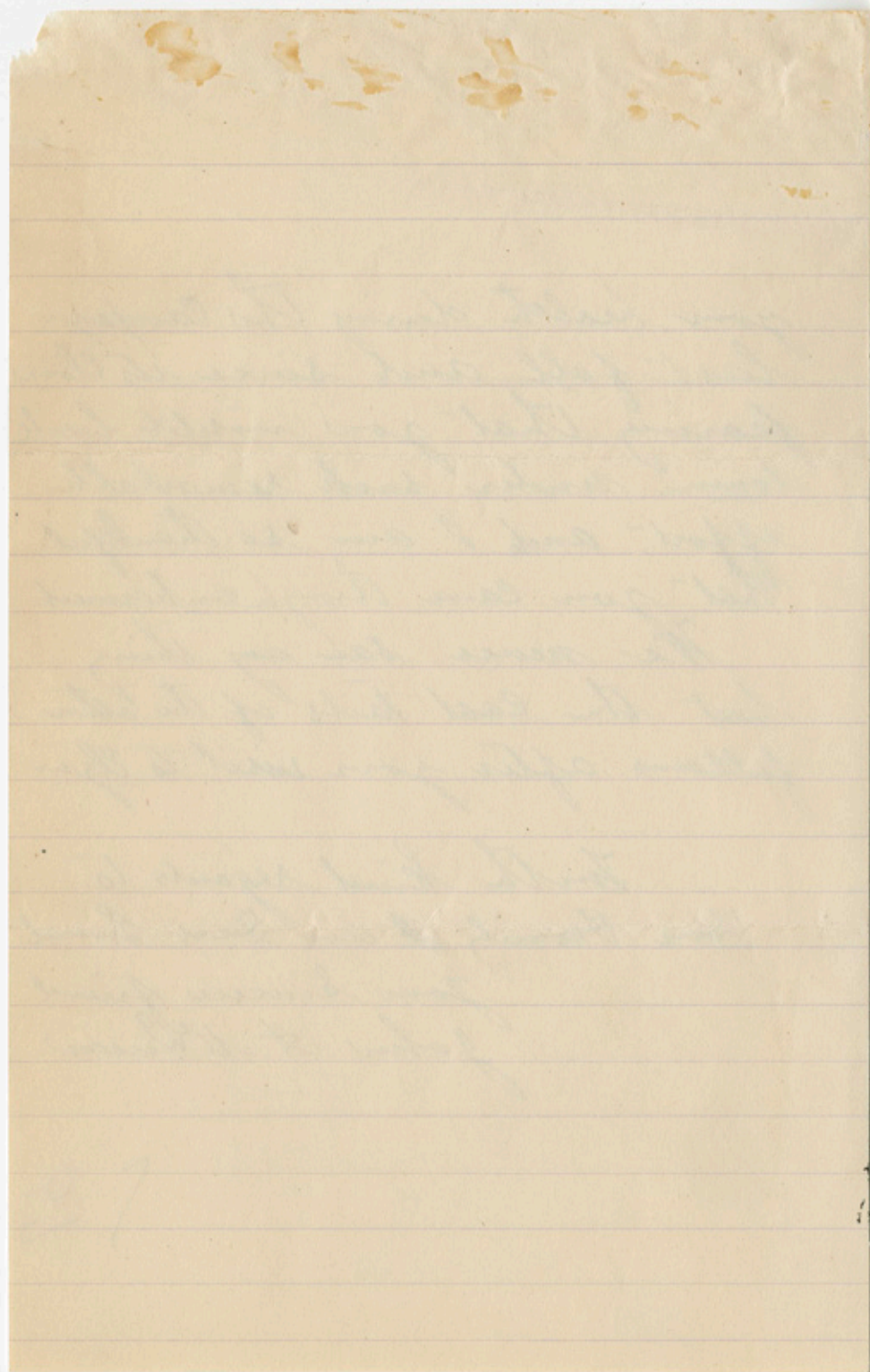


your health during the Campaign
last fall. and since its close
fearing that you would break
down. under such remarkable
effort. and I am so thankful
that you came through unharmed

We never saw any thing
but the east-tails of the other
fellows after your visit to Elgin

With kind regards to
Your Family I am Dear General
Your sincere friend
John A. McQueen

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St. Johnsbury, Vt., Feb. 8 1897

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington Vt.

Dear Sir:—

Referring to your letter of Jan 21 and my reply to same. Will you kindly advise me what you will choose as the subject for your address to young men for our 4 o'clock men's meeting. We shall be glad to devote the offering on that day to the work you are interested in, and will make it as large as possible. The Congregational Churches here would like to unite, and have you give an address in the evening along the line of your Home Missionary work. They will no doubt make a substantial offering. Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours sincerely

E. B. Read
Gen. Sec'y.

afternoon The power of
small things
Evening The Great living
kindness of our Heavenly
Father.

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Boston, Mass., February 8, 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear sir:--I understand from Mr. N. L. Sheldon, secretary of the Norwich University Alumni association of Boston and vicinity, that you have accepted an invitation to be present at the annual reunion in this city the 19th instant. That being the case, will you kindly send me an abstract of from 300 to 400 words of the remarks which you will be called upon to make on that occasion? The management of the Herald has allowed me considerable space this year *and* I wish to get the speech part of the reunion out of the way as early in the evening as possible, in order that I may have a visit with the boys.

Hoping that you will kindly favor me with the abstract,
I remain very truly yours,

George D Thomas. N.H. '76.

The Boston Herald.

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Boston, Mass., February 8, 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear sir:--I understand from Mr. H. L. Sheldon, secretary of the Norwich University Alumni Association of Boston and vicinity, that you have accepted an invitation to be present at the anniversary reunion in this city the 16th instant. That being the case, will you kindly send me an abstract of from 300 to 400 words of the remarks which you will be called upon to make on that occasion? The management of the Herald has allowed me considerable space this year and I wish to get the speech part of the reunion out of the way as early in the evening as possible in order that I may have a visit with the boys. Hoping that you will kindly favor me with the abstract,

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George A. Stearns, H. M. J. C.
The Boston Herald.