Dear General Howard

When A(da) Smith is presented, explanations are generally necessary.

& I may say I am that particular individual Smith, whom you helped to build two school houses in Dismal Swamp — when we were young — and who found you after many years at Governors Island, and met you last — at Mrs. Cooke's lawn at Lake

Please excuse my crude scrawl. With my regards to Mrs Howard — who I hope remembers our call at the hotel at Placid, — when she she was so kind as to entertain us in your absence. With kindest regards — to yourself; I am —

Yours truly

(Mrs) Ada M. Smith

April twenty first — 92

349 Jefferson Ave. Brooklyn N.Y.

Placed, three summers ago.

And here I take the liberty of reminding you that at the last meeting you suggested writing me something that would be more interesting than your military order, that I have preserved all these years.

I may premise that it probably is too late for you to do me the favor I am going to ask, — still I shall take you to ask it.

I am entirely out of all associations of army times and people — since I gave about six years to the service of "the Boys" at West Point, and elsewhere: — and now in the coming celebration, the old patriotism has another heart throb — in remembering the days of our great soldiers. And I feel that I would like in some way to participate, if only in looking on. But I am so entirely out of it all that I do not know how to accomplish it. Using your name in this connection, I have bethought myself the rather late to ask if you can suggest any plan by which I can get in touch with that enthusiasm which stirs our souls in these events of a life time.

(Dict.) Everett House, New York, April 21st, 1897

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Burlington, Vt.

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108 Montgomery St.

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San Francisco, April 21, 1897.

H. S. Howard, Esq.,
156 College St.,
Burlington, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 15th inst. We have this day received two letters, one from the California Investment & Colonization Co., and one from their agent at Bakersfield. We judge from the way they write that these people are depending on sales of land and collections therefrom hence, we doubt if they will be able to pay in full next month, as promised.

The Bakersfield agent writes that he has paid the mortgage taxes, amounting in all to about $250. We have written for the tax bills, and hope to get them by promising to credit the amount on account.

Land is taxed in this State on the Assessor's valuation. Mortgages must be assessed at their face value, and the mortgagee must pay the mortgage tax on the full amount of the mortgage. The land-owner must pay taxes on the balance, if any there be, over and above the mortgage and the Assessor's valuation of the land.

Under present conditions we would not advise you to foreclose, for the reason that you might have to take back land that could not be sold for the amount due you for some time to come. The cost of foreclosure would be about $250., which the mortgagor would have to pay in case the suit was decided in your favor.

Yours truly,

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Under present conditions we would not advise you to foreclose, for the reason that you might have to take back land that would not be sold for the amount due you for some time to come. The cost of foreclosure would be about $200., which the mortgagor would have to pay in case the suit was decided in your favor.

Yours truly,

Lesley Brothers

FRANKLIN ACADEMY.

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ALEXIS C. HART, Principal and Treas.
G. W. MITCHELL, Pastor and Financial Agt.

Franklin, Nebr., April 21 1897

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WILL YOU HELP?

Remit to

REV. G. W. MITCHELL,
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General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt,

My Dear Friend,

You have been very kind and generous in your interest in Franklin Academy, and in accordance with your own request that I write you again in reference to our needs I take occasion at this time to call your attention to the very great pressure under which we now are for funds for current expenses. You will notice by the margin the situation for the year. The Ed. Society makes our success in raising the balance of our expenses the condition of their grant of $1000.00. If you can help us at this time or by June 30, 97. it will be of very great value to us,

Sincerely Yours. G. W. Mitchell.

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Pledge to be paid on or before Sept. 1, 1897. _____ $ _____

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EDGAR O. ACHORN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

27 TREMONT ROW,

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Boston, Apr 21 1897

Genl O. O. Howard:

My dear General:

I received this morning the enclosed letter from Sen. Lodge -

"Senator Hoar & myself after having examined your application and recommendation have endorsed your papers and handed them to the Rep. of your district in Congress Mr Sprague who will present them to the President. Very truly yrs

Henry Cabot Lodge."

I understand that about 200 applications for Consulships were filed from Mass and there are 5 places to be filled first & last from this State. Of the 200 applications I suppose a dozen or so were indorsed and the fight for places must be between this dozen. It is expedient that we get our application before the Pres. at our earliest date and I must rely upon you. See Long, and Mr Crider to promote my interests with the Administration.

My application was for Consul General to Rome Cairo or Constantinople. Cairo is the best paying place of the 3 - salary $5000 - the Consul General there acting as diplomatic agent.

Of course if I could not secure one of these

three places I should like to get Florence, Marseilles, Lyons, or St. Gall (Switzerland) and failing in that Naples Palermo or Nice. The last 3 named places pay but about $2000. The others $3000 to $3500. That is Marseilles, Lyons, St Gall, & Florence. Then there is Minister to Ecuador which pays $5000. I don't know whether it is best to try again for that or not.

You say that you have withdrawn from the field. If that is so don't you suppose that the President would send me to Rome, Cairo or Constantinople, preferably Cairo, or Ecuador on your request with Harold as Deputy Consul? At Rome, Constantinople, Cairo, St Gall, Lyon, or Marseilles he would get as Deputy probably from $1000 to $1500 a year salary. If I got Ecuador I would take him as private sec. at $1200 & pay it out of my salary. There being no sec of Legation there.

If I secure only Nice, Naples or Palermo my salary would be but $1500 & there would be nothing for him, but he could get Consular Agent at Cannes in my district if at Nice or some other local point in one of the 3 districts I named last paying about $1000.

I think I ought to go to Washington as soon as possible and that you should join me

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and we bring our forces to bear.
Of course there are Consular Agentes in all the districts I have name where Harald could get a place if he wanted to be alone and under my direction. I could doubtless see him frequently.
If you are willing to go to Washington in my interest alone or mine in conection with Harold I will gladly pay all your expenses of the trip.
Please let me hear from you at once in regard to this matter as I think we ought to move speedily.
When we get to Washington & have a conference together we can perhaps better determine what place to make our objective point.
Awaiting your reply I am
Very Sincerely & Respectfully Yours
Edgar O. Achorn

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Hoffman House,

New York, April 22nd, 1897.

Major General O. O. Howard,

My dear General:-

Knowing that you will be in the City on the 26th inst. I hasten to invite you to be present at the opening of the Wild West at Madison Square Garden. If you are at leisure I will set aside a box holding six persons for you and hope you will be able to be present.

There will be a notable assemblage of distinguished guests present and I hope you will be among them.

Yours truly,

W. F. Cody

(Buffalo Bill)

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(Buffalo Bill)

West Point, Nebr.,
April 22nd '97.

Dear Gen. Howard:-

We have decided to name our tree in honor of you. We had five names on the board. They were Gen Howard, Mr. McKinley, Longfellow, Louisa M. Alcott and Mozart. There were more votes for your name, so we will name it "Gen. Howard."

We are all in hopes it will grow well and be the nicest tree on the school-ground.

We all remember the time when the soldiers were here, and when you wanted

the pupils of all the rooms
to sing "America".

Yours Truly
Annie Larson

West Point, Nebr,
April, 22, 1897.

Dear Gen. Howard:—

As it was Arbor Day, we selected a tree, and dedicated it to you.

We will plant the tree this afternoon after speaking our peices. Every department in the school plants a tree, and gives it a name.

We have very many nice trees on the school ground.

I remember seeing you, when the Generals were here.

I hope the tree will grow and be very nice.

Respectfully,
Olga S. Kloke.

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West Point, Nebr.
April 22, 1897.

Dear Gen. Howard,

To day is Arbor Day and we are going to plant a tree and name it for you. I remember seeing you when the Generals were here, for you asked us to sing "America."
We are going to plant an Ash tree.

Your Friend
Florence O'Connor

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West Point Ala.
April 22. 1891.

Dear Mrs. Howard.

To day is Confederate
and we are going to plant a tree and
name it for you. Remember being your
nature the Generals were here, for you
asked us to bring "America."
We are going to plant an Ash tree.
Your Friend
Frances Dennis

P.S.

West Point, Nebr.,
April 22, 1897.

Dear Gen. Howard:-

I can never forget you, and how you asked us to sing America. I am in the Seventh Grade, A. Class, and Miss Florence Crawford is my teacher.

I am glad to say
that we named our
tree for you.
I am very glad you are
for Mc Kinley.
The candidates we
voted for are Mr.
Mc Kinley, Gen.
Howard, Longfellow,
Louisa M. Alcott and
Mozart. Your name
got the greatest
number of votes
and so our tree
is your own name.
Our tree will be either
an elm or an ash.

Yours Sincerely
Ralph Calland.

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West Point, Nebr.,
April, 22, 1897.

Dear Gen. Howard:—

I will write a short letter to tell you about Arbor Day at our school.

Yesterday afternoon we voted to see to whom we should dedicate our tree.

We had these names; Mr. McKinley. Gen. Howard. Longfellow. Louisa M. Alcott. and Mozart.

The most popular

candidates were Mr Mc Kinley and yourself.

We chose Louisa M. Alcott because our teacher is reading one of her books and we all like it so well.

We dedicated the tree for you because you were the most popular candidate.

This is all I can tell you about Arbor Day.

Yours truly
Bertha Sexton.

West Point, Nebr.
April 22nd, 97.

Dear Gen. Howard:-

Today is "Arbor Day." and we are going to celebrate it as we always do by planting a tree. I think we will have an elm. We voted yesterday to find out what we would name the tree. We are going to dedicate it to you. We were very glad to hear when we came to school this morning that you had received more votes than any other. I will close my letter now.

Yours Sincerely,
Laurel Stanbaugh

West Point Nebr
April 22, 1897

Dear Gen. Howard.

To-day is Arbor Day and we are going to speak and then plant the tree.

Yesterday we voted to see what we would call our tree.

First we put M. McKinley's name on the board, then we put Longfellow's, then Louisa M. Alcott's, then yours, and then Mozart.

Then to-day when we came to school, teacher had written on the board the number of votes each got.

And we were all glad to see that you got the most votes.

There are forty two pupils in the school who saw you, and we all remember you

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because the time generals were here, you wanted us to sing "America."

We were not going to sing the last verse and then you said "that is the best verse."

We are going to dedicate the tree to you.

The tree is an Ash.

I wish you could be here to help us plant it.

Your Sincere
Friend
Blanche Shearer

West Point, Nebr.
April 22, 1897

Dear General Howard:-

We voted for a name of the tree which we were to plant. Nearly all the boys voted for you because they saw and heard you speak here in West Point. Following are the names of candidates we voted on: McKinley, Gen. Howard, Longfellow, Louisa Alcott, and Mozart.

Those who voted for Mozart were girls who play pieces which he composed.

I read the "life of Gen. Lee,"- written by you and

published in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.
When we opened our exercises we sang America because you asked us to sing it when you was here. We chose the straightest ash tree we could to plant.
Well I must close now,
Yours truly,
Roland Langer

West Point Nebr.
April 23rd, 1897.

Dear General Howard:—

As we thought you were very jolly and liked children we dedicated our tree to you.

Our teacher said we could vote for a great soldier, a statesman, a musician, a poet, or a prose writer.

We nominated General Howard for the great soldier, Mr McKinley for the statesman, Longfellow for the poet, and Louisa Alcott for the prose writer.

The tree was a very pretty & straight young ash, and we planted it on our school ground

We all put in a shovel full of earth and our teacher did too, and we hope with the help of many willing hands the tree will grow and become a tall tree, and we hope that all who go there will find shade and rest under its waving branches.

Respectfully

Mabel Conlin

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West Point, Nebr.
April 23rd, 1897.

Dear Gen. Howard—

I will write a few lines telling you how the 7th Grade spent the 22ch of April.

We remember you because you asked us to sing "America for you, and the excelent speech you made.

The tree that we planted on the school ground in the after noon was named for you.

Three boys were asked to get the tree and these were, Stuart Schairer, Douglas Witcher and I.

The way that it happened that it was named for you was that Miss Crawford gave us five names and these were Mr. Mc Kinley, Gen. Howard, Longfellow, Louisa M. Alcott and Mozart, from which we selected and

you received the most votes.

Yours truly,

Wm Horstmann

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1 Somerset St., Boston, April 23 1897.

Gen O.O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Gen. Howard,--

When you sent us, sometime ago, your answer to the question What is conversion, you said you would like to have us pay you something for it . We have not used any of the replies as yet but hope to soon. We were not intending to pay for any of them , in view of the fact that they are all so short and not in the nature of elaborate articles . Certainly we could not pay anything like the rate which you mention as that which you usually receive .

We could , perhaps, credit you with a years subscription to our paper , if you do not take it . However, this may not seem to you sufficiently satisfactory , so if you wish we will return what you have written and thank you just the same .

Awaiting your decision, I am,

Yours very truly,

H. A. Bridgman

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New York.

(Dict.) April 23rd, '97.

General O. O. Howard,

Burnington, Vt.

My Dear General:-

Yours of the 21st is received. I have made a memorandum of the dates reserved.

Yours Very Truly,

J. B. Pond.

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Burlington, Vt.

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Yours Very Truly,

F. G. Dorr

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April 23rd 1897.

Maj-Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

The Linnæan Society of New York, desiring of increasing its membership and thus enhancing its usefulness in the field of natural science, cordially invites you to coöperate by permitting your name to be proposed as resident member.

Yours respectfully,

S. S. Frosler

Wm. Dutcher

Committee.

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EDGAR O. ACHORN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

27 TREMONT ROW,

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Boston, April 23, 1897.

General O. O. Howard,

Dear General:-

Your letter of April 22nd received. If you get an opportunity Tuesday or Tuesday night to speak to the President about my application, I wish you would do so. You might state to him that the Senators of Massachusetts have endorsed me and that Mr. Sprague, my Congressman, is going to present my name to him; also say to him that Secretary Long has spoken to him about me and is interested in my application.

I wish you would be kind enough to let me know if you do get a chance to speak to the president about me.

Yours very truly,

Edgar O. Achorn