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Haverhill Mass
January 8. 1898

General

Knowing your kindness of heart I am going to ask you for a little help in saving my home which is mortgaged and which I cannot save without assistance — I therefore ask your help in the sum of \$25. towards helping me. I am confident I can in time pay it but would not want to name any stated time.

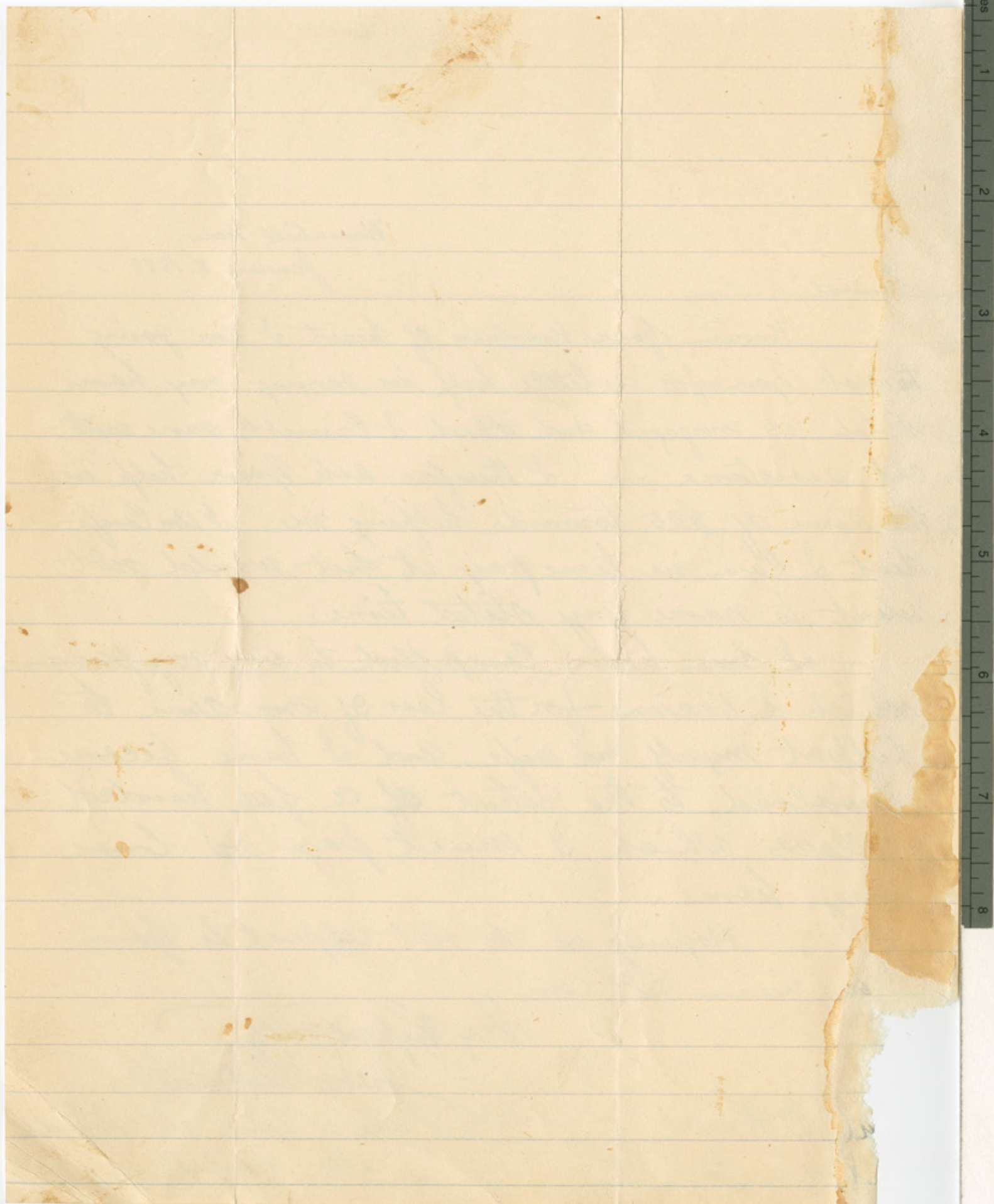
I have been Compelled to use my pension which I receive for the loss of one arm to support myself and wife, and I have become involved to the extent of a few hundred dollars which I must pay or lose my home.

Hoping I do not appeal to you in vain I am

Very Respectfully
Jesse Burdett

W. O. Howard
Burlington Vt.

one of your old Brigade
in 5th Mass Vols —



People's Gas Saving Association

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Incorporated 1890.

Room 137, Corcoran Building.

Washington, D. C.,

Jan 8th 1898

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 Genl O. O. Howard
 Burlington
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Dear Sir:

Herewith please find check for
 Dividend of this Assⁿ we have de-
 clared only 4[¢] per share instead of 5[¢] as
 usual. The reason is that we have
 spent quite largely in buying new machines
 for Alexandria, and trust that the movement
 will pay us.

Some two months or more since, I
 called upon a Mr. Johnson Treas^r of Andrews
 Ministry - and I will say candidly that in all
 my intercourse with business men, that I never
 met any one more uncivil in his business
 methods. General I can with truth put it still
 stronger he was insulting. We never canvassed
 for that order in our city, and yet he insisted
 that we had - and when we referred to the fact
 that the Government here and in many cities was
 using our machines he replied oh yes it is easy

to not the Government. This was but
a part of what he said, but he said
everything in a sneering, insulting way.

I presume General that Mr. Johnson
professes to be a Christian man. Well
I also profess to be a follower of our
dear Lord and Master. and I say to you
that in all my business experience of many
years I never met any one that was so
insulting in his business dealings as this man.

I have waited now for months in
order that I might in a calm and dis-
passionate way write to you. I enclose
you a copy of a proposition (in substance)
that I left with him but have heard nothing
from him. One of the employees of the University
overheard the cutting remarks of Mr. J.
and followed me out, and tried to apologize
for his cruel language to a stranger, and said
that he was an invalid - and it was just as he
happened to feel it. I said that I had
met business men from one end of our land
to the other (was Sp. U.S. Ind. Agent for several years
but that without any exception I had never
met any one that was so insulting in his

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language as was this man, who said that he was a member (and I think he said an officer) of the Congregational Church in this city. He said in substance that the machine was a Humbug and imitated very plainly that all concerned in it were anything but honest. He cooled down a little however when I mentioned over a few of the best people in our city who were interested with us, and finally asked him if he had heard of any one by ^{your} name and whether he thought that you ^{or they} would be connected with anything that was a humbug or a fraud. Pardon this long letter but I wanted you to know of this. Hope you are well. Yours truly
Chas H Dickson

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Handwritten text, likely a letter or report, is visible through the paper. The text is written in cursive and is mostly illegible due to the bleed-through. It appears to be a letter from the Secretary, Chas. H. Dickson, to the President, M. S. Hopkins, dated 1890. The text mentions the People's Gas Saving Association and discusses the financial state of the organization, including the amount of money received from the sale of gas and the expenses incurred. It also mentions the need for more funds and the possibility of raising money through other means.

8/ *Ben. J. Sacco & Co. Inc.*
Jan 9th 1898
Gen. C. Howard
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Uncle Otis:- Helen and I were very sorry to learn of your illness through a letter from Mother. We both trust that ere this you are fast on the road to recovery.

We hear so seldom from you and yours direct, that we get the idea that we are forgotten which is one which we don't like, for we always have a lively interest in the doings of you and yours.

I had a short business letter from Jamie the other day. I failed to see him when I
arrived here ...

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and a little in the
Mistake has grown in digging "but
he has had hard work
he was out of the City.

We called the other evening on
the Martins and found them all
well. Sara is very busy in her
business and very successful.
Mrs Martin enquired for you &
the rest but we were ashamed to
say that we had no late news.

We are still at the "Colonial"
and as much in love with
San Francisco and California
as ever.

We took a pew at the first Congre-
gational Church some two months
ago and go there regularly now
where in the City. Dr. Adams the pastor
is one of the best ministers it was
ever my lot to "sit under" and we
enjoy his preaching very much.

He has been very successful in
reuniting the old church after the
house wrought by Dr. Brown &

~~We called the other evening in
to was out of the camp
chap~~
he has had "hard digging" but
withall has grown in character
and ability in his profession.
It is a great pity that he could
not have a home of his own
and different social surround-
ings. Life would have been
so different for him. I wish
you could give more time to
trying to help him mentally. He
needs help. If our father could
have him and David and I
could have had closer relation
with him life might have been
much better for both. I have
had my dear wife's love to
help me to keep me straight
when temptation came to give
up, but poor Dave has had
a bare hard struggle with but
very little to help him and
never has anyone really un-
derstood him or got close to

There seems to be a financial
and spiritual health about the
church, that was lacking for a
long time.

I am engaged in negotiating a
very large But sugar transaction.
If it goes through successfully it
means a great deal for my future.
But there are so many "slips twist
cup & lip" that I am building no
air castles on at least I am trying
not to. 1897 has been my most
successful year in business. Al-
though I have not made any
great amount of money I
have been able to discharge a
lot of debts and free myself for
active operation this year. The
"bread & butter question" bothers me
less at the moment than it has
for many years.

I have not had a long

him. I try to be of some assist-
ance to him but its slow work.

247 Frank's life seems full and
his marriage has rounded it
out in splendid shape. The boys
love each other but its hard to
keep in sympathetic touch
when our lives are so separated
and in such different chan-
nels. Helen & I often speak and
think of you and yours. Your
photograph, framed, looks down
on us from the wall of our sitting
room & constantly reminds us
of your love and example in
life. If I could live to the
knowledge of having helped
so many in life as you have
it seems as though the greatest
happiness in the world would
be mine. We are very & I to

yet after my remarks draws at-
tention to me & hearing it helps me
to try and live somewhere near
a credit to it.

With lots of love to Aunt
Lizzie & all from both Helen &
myself & hopes of an early recovery
for yourself, with wishes for a
Happy & prosperous New Year
I remain
Your aff. rec^d
O. D. Howard Jr.

156 COLLEGE STREET,
BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

January 10th, 1898

Samuel W. Boardman,
President Maryville College,
Maryville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to General Howard is recd.
at this office. The General is out of town for a much needed rest and
at present cannot have the care of his correspondence. Regretting
that I cannot give you a more encouraging reply, I am,

Yours truly,

Retta Ellis,

Secretary

Miss. Retta Ellis,

Dear Friend,

I hope that before this Gen.
Howard has received my communication. I am sure that he would
much desire it. It is not, as you well understand, a case of
general & random communication; but Gen. Howard was vitally
associated with the foundation, or rather endowment of this
great institution of 80 years, 400 students & \$400,000 endowment.

He was & doubtless is deeply interested in it, so not
let him fail to receive the letter & documents sent

Very Sincerely Yours

Samuel W. Boardman.

HOWARD, O. O.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT.
156 COLLEGE STREET.

January 10th, 1898

Dear Sir:

Yours truly

Reetta Ellis

Secretary

Miss. R. B. Ellis,

John F. Brown

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156 COLLEGE STREET,
BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

January 10th, 1898.

Elliot B. Watson, Esq.,
Williamstown, Vt.

Dear Sir:

Yours of recent date is received at this office stating that General Howard is to lecture in the Town Hall at Williamstown on Feb. 24. Kindly write me with whom you made the engagement and what compensation he is to receive. At this office we have no memorandum of any such engagement. The General is out of town for a much needed rest and it will be necessary for me to notify him as to the particulars.

Yours truly,

Retta Ellis,

Secretary

We made arrangements with Mr. J. B. Pond
Everett House New York City. for \$50 and
expenses from Burlington and return,
Contract signed, and every thing
settled.

Respectfully

Elliot B. Watson,

P.S. We have a communication from
Gen. Howard's private Sec. in relation
to lecture subject as I am sure he
understands the matter E.B.W.

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Yours truly,

Respectfully,
E. B. Ellis,

Secretary

*We made arrangements with Mr. J. B. Ford
Secret House, New York City, for \$10 and
expenses from Burlington and return,
conducting, and every thing
settled.*

Respectfully

Elliot B. Watson

*P.S. We have a communication from
General Howard's family, Dec. in relation
to lecture subject in 3 am. can be
instructed under the matter E. B. W.*

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Jan. 10th., 1898.

General O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that the audience, to which you will speak on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning, consists almost exclusively of members of The Hill School, one hundred and seventy-five boys from twelve to twenty years of age. The American Volunteer would, probably, be a most acceptable subject for the lecture on Saturday night, and for Sunday the subject that you suggest, "The Power of Small Things", seems to be most excellent in its possibilities. I shall, however, be glad to have you suggest to me freely any revision of your judgment in the light of the information that you now have as to the character of your audience.

Assuring you of the pleasure with which we anticipate your visit, I am,

Faithfully yours,

John May Jr.

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Respectfully yours,

John D. Phelps

— OFFICE OF THE —

Pacific Gas Improvement Co.

CORNER ANNIE AND STEVENSON STREETS,

SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, ^{Cal} Jan'y 10. 1898.

Major General, O. O. Howards, W. B. Army
No 156, College Street
Dear Sir. Burlington,
Vermont.

Enclosed please find ~~our~~ ^{check}

No. of this date, ~~via~~ Wells,
draft on New York
Fargo Co's Bank, for \$20.⁰⁰

in payment of dividend No. 157.
upon your 40 shares of stock
in this company.

Respectfully,

Wm. D. [Signature]

Secretary.

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Pacific Gas Improvement Co.

CORNER ANNE AND STEVENSON STREETS,

SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Jan'y 10. 1898.

My dear Sir,
No. 125, California Street.

Enclosed please find one share

of this date, on Wells,
 Fargo & Co's Bank for \$20.00

in payment of dividend of 1897
upon your 10 shares of stock
in this company.

Respectfully,
Wm. H. Harrison

SECRETARY.

Iowa City, Iowa, Jan 10

1898.

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Gen O. O. Howard U. S. A.

Dear Sir.

You will recall the incident that when you lectured in Iowa City a few years ago I showed you a photo of yourself which you gave my wife at Monticello Iowa in 1869 or 70 when I was pastor of the M. E. Church there, and as President of the Lecture Association I entertained you at my house. When I showed you that photo in this city a few years ago you will remember that you went with me to a photographer and ordered a dozen copies. They were sent to you by the photographer. I mention this incident so that you may know who wrote you this letter.

I am Cor Sec of the Epworth League Assembly of the Northwest at Clear Lake, Iowa, a famous summer resort where for 20 years lectures have been given by many of the great men of the nation. Each year among our noted speakers is "Patrotic Day" in charge of J. A. R. Jests. Our next Assembly will be about Aug 1-9 and I would like to have you address the A. R. boys of Iowa. You are among

the few surviving Major Generals
of the war. We are anxious to do
you honor. If it were necessary I
could obtain the names of all the
leading G. & R. boys of Iowa inviting
you but I thought I would write
you and ascertain if you could come.
The Assembly managers are young peo-
ple of the Epworth League and
whatever profits arise from the Assem-
bly (and heretofore they have been
small) are used for charitable purp.
I hope therefore that you will give me
your lowest rate offer. If one or two
other engagements can be made for you
about the same time what difference
would you make in your rate to us.
We have a magnificent tabernacle
holding 3000 people. It may be that
you intend taking in the Omaha Ex-
position. If so, Clear Lake would
be almost on your direct route from
Chicago. Let us give you a gran-
d ovation in Iowa.

I am not sure that I have your
correct address. Please reply soon
this reached you. With great respect

I am, Sincerely Yrs

Cor Sec "Epworth

H. W. Fairall

League Assembly of the Northwest

The HIGHEST POSSIBLE Military Order, THOSE WHO DID THE FIGHTING.

Our Work - To Collect and
Permanently Preserve the



RECORD UNDER FIRE
Of those who Saved the Union

National Headquarters,
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St. Charles, Mich.

JOHN F. HOFFMAN, Adjutant General
WASHINGTON, D. C.

C. of B. BADGE.
Size, Shape & Colors, and
Meaning of each Color.



1. Service
Under Fire.



2. Wounded
Under Fire.



3. Captured
Under Fire.



4. Wounded
and Captured
Under Fire.

Your "MARK," Please
do not forget to use it.

Reply to yours of the-----
24 S. Commercial

Gen. Oliver C. Howard,

St. Louis, Jan. 13, 1898

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir and Comrade;

I desire to call your attention to the inclosed circular. I have been quietly working on this matter for a couple of years. The time seems ripe now for bringing the matter to a head, and the old soldiers are beginning to organize in their states, branches of the Society of the Atlanta Campaign.

Properly you should be the National President of the Society, and we are very anxious that you accept the office. We would like you also to suggest a National Vice-President from the Confederate side. There will be a State President for each state having branches of the Society.

It is the object to make Kennesaw a National Park, the grandest of the National Parks, and to make the Society of the Atlanta Campaign the largest and most

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YOUR MARK, Please
do not forget to use it.

St. Louis, January 1898
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Dear General Allen:
I have been quietly working on this matter for a number of years. The time seems ripe now for bringing the matter to a head and the old comrades are beginning to organize in their states for the benefit of the Atlanta Campaign.
I hope you will be the National President of the Society and we are very anxious that you will be. The more like you also to suggest a National Vice President from the perfecting of the matter as a State President for each state having members of the Society.
I am sure to make the necessary arrangements for the great test of the National Society and to make the Society of the Atlanta Campaign the largest and most successful of the Society.

SOCIETY of the ATLANTA CAMPAIGN.

KENESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK.



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important of the military societies,

This will do more to destroy any possible remaining unpleasantness between the old antagonists than anything else that can be done. It will be the constant purpose to omit all allusion to the Confederacy or the Gray, as far as is possible.

Please give the matter your attention and I shall be grateful for an early reply.

Yours for Auld Lang Syne

Geo. E. Dolton.)

P.S. By reference to the map of the U.S. you will see that Kenesaw is as near the center of the seat of war as could very well be selected. There are very many reasons why this should be the most prominent National Park of the war.

SOCIETY of the ATLANTA CAMPAIGN. KENESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK.



24 S. Commercial
St. Louis, Mo.
1871

Important of the military position.

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constant purpose to visit all officers to the

of the day, as far as is possible.

There give the matter your attention and

grateful for an early reply.

Yours for Child Long Spring

(Geo. B. Johnston)

It is referred to the Chief of the U.S. Army

that there is a mean the rule of the war

a world will be subject, there are very many

concern only the should be the most

kind of the land.

taken great pleasure in relating
the circumstances as often as a
favorable occasion offered, and
such occasions have not been few.
J. J. A.

Ans
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343 Adelphi St.,
Brooklyn, Jan. 11, 1898.
Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear General;

On the 25th of
Nov., 1893, you made an address
on the occasion of the unveiling of
the statue to the memory of
Nathan Hale, in the City of New
York. If you have a copy of
that address will you please
lend it to me, or, if you have
not, can you direct me to the
best published account of it?

I have the account as
published in the N. Y. Tribune

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the following day.

I would like to make
use of the whole or a part of
that address, for one of my
school histories.

I am very truly yours
John J. Anderson

Shortly after the first inauguration
of President ^{Gen. Grant}, I visited Washington,
D.C., as a delegate to the National
Educational Association, my wife
being with me. We, my wife and I,
visited the Howard University. The
weather being chilly, you took off
your military cape and put it on
the shoulders of my wife. She has

OFFICE OF
Elliot B. Watson, M. D.,
WILLIAMSTOWN, VT.

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Williamstown, Vt., Jan. 11, 1898.

Gen. O. O. Howard—

Dear Sir

Our entertainment
committee have selected
your lecture—"Shuman's
march to the sea" as
their choice for Feb. 24th.

Yours truly

Elliot B. Watson.
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WILLIAMSTOWN
ELLIS B. WILSON

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Williamstown, Ct., Jan. 11, 1878.

Rev. C. C. Howard
Dear Sir

Our subscription
committee have selected
your lecture - "Humanism"
subject to the "sea" as
their choice for Feb. 24th 78.

Yours truly

Ellis B. Wilson
Sec.

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