Form G-15.

322

GENERAL OFFICE

Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

April 20th, 1898.

General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Please find enclosed our check No. D1969 for $7.50 being amount of Dividend No. 55, due on stock of this Company standing in your name.

Respectfully,

C. W. LYMAN,

Treasurer.

Form G-15.

GENERAL OFFICE

Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

April 20th, 1898.

Please find enclosed our check No. D1969 for $7.50 being amount of Dividend No. 55 , due on stock of this Company standing in your name.

Respectfully,

C. W. LYMAN,

Treasurer.

McClure's Syndicate.

Serial Novels, Short Stories, Special Articles, Interviews, and Correspondence for Publication in Newspapers.

THE S. S. McCLURE CO.

141-155 E. 25th St., New York

HASTINGS HOUSE, NORFOLK ST. STRAND, LONDON.

Cable Address: "AIDDECAMP, NEW YORK."

233

NEW YORK, April 20, 1898.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.

Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

We are preparing for syndicate publication on the coming Memorial Day a symposium on this patriotic question:

Who (always excepting George Washington) is your favorite American hero, and, briefly, for what reason do you admire him?

Your answer to this question in a few lines will be esteemed as a favor by

Yours truly,

The S. S. McClure Co.
per J. W. Clarke.

HASTINGS HOUSE, NORFOLK ST.,
STRAND, LONDON.

Cable Address:
"AIDECAMP, NEW YORK."

THE S. S. McCLURE CO.
141-155 E. 25th St., New York

McCLURE'S SYNDICATE.
Serial Novels, Short Stories,
Special Articles, Interviews,
and Correspondence for Publication in Newspapers.

NEW YORK April 20, 1898.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.

Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

We are preparing for syndicate publication on the coming Memorial Day a symposium on this patriotic question:

Who (always excepting George Washington) is your favorite American hero, and, briefly, for what reason do you admire him?

Your answer to this question in a few lines will be esteemed as a favor by

Your's truly,

The S. S. McClure Co.
per

The Parsonage,
First Congregational Church,

File
Ell

Burton, Geauga, Co., O., April 20 1898

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
156 College St., Burlington Vt.

My Dear Sir.

Yours of April 18th is at hand. I do not think there is any doubt but you may consider yourself engaged for June 15th, but I can not speak officially for the chairman of the finance committee is in Pittsburgh and we can not hold an Ex. Com. meeting till he returns. I will write you again in a few days.

Very truly yours
Elwell S. Mead.

Rev. Geo. O. O. Howard
135 College St., Burlington Vt.

My Dear Sir,

March 4 Abril 18th
is at hand. I do not think
there is any doubt but you
may consider yourself re-
spected for three 15th, but
I will write next week official-
ly by the chairman of
the finance committee
I am Gettysburg such
we will not hold on
Gen. meeting till
the return. I will write
you report in a few
days.

Very truly yours
Elbert B. Monroe

44

S. S. BLANCHARD,
35 CONGRESS ST., BOSTON.

April 20. 1898

My dear General

I notice you are announced to speak at the Middlesex Club dinner on the evening of the 27th inst at the "Grant" dinner.

This leads me to say that Mrs. Blanchard joins me in a cordial invitation to you to be our guest when you come to Boston next week.

There is illness in Mr. Grandin's family, though he will be with me at your address before the Club. If you accept our invitation you will have a quiet time and do as you wish when in the City.

Yours Sincerely S.S. Blanchard

Gen. O. O. Howard.

April 22d
Rec'd &
forwarded today

SEND FOR MAPS, CIRCULARS, ETC.

CAPITAL STOCK,
$300,000.

234

National Prohibition Park Company,

Park Hotel

OFFICE OF B. F. FUNK, PRESIDENT.

POST OFFICE, - WEST NEW BRIGHTON
TELEGRAPH OFFICE, WEST NEW BRIGHTON
TELEPHONE, 110F, - WEST NEW BRIGHTON

PROHIBITION PARK, RICHMOND BOROUGH, NEW YORK CITY, April 20, '~~98~~89

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

My dear General,

Mr. Rockwell, President of the Midland Railroad Co. of Staten Island says that you have made considerable investigation pertaining to the destruction of the mosquitoe pest in certain sections of the country.

For a month or two in the Summer we are troubled with mosquitoes in Prohibition Park. We have no stagnant water pools in the Park and no place that would in our judgment breed mosquitoes, unless it would be from a stream running through the lower part of the Park, which at times runs rather slowly, but it seems to be a pretty strong stream. The lower part of the Park after heavy rains is quite wet and damp for several days.

Mr. Rockwell tells us that on your advice, I think, that he used last year crude oil which he sprinkled over ponds in the neighborhood of Midland Beach, and that it worked very satisfactory. Would you recommend that we sprinkle the whole of the ground of the lower part and these streams with oil, and if so how often? Also do you think it will assist in any way to get rid of these pests?

Thanking you in advance for your advice in the matter, I remain,

Very respectfully,

B. F. Funk President.

mc.

JOHN M. SCHOFIELD, LIEUT.-GEN., U. S. A.
ACTING COMMANDER.

JAMES LONGSTREET, LIEUT.-GEN.,
VICE-COMMANDER.

HEADQUARTERS
The National Volunteer Reserve.

WASHINGTON BUILDING, N. Y.

TELEPHONE, 961 BROAD.

O. O. HOWARD, MAJOR GEN., U. S. A.,
CHAIRMAN MILITARY COMMITTEE.
JOHN B. GORDON,
ADELBERT AMES, U. S. V.
GRENVILLE M. DODGE, MAJOR-GEN., U. S. V.
JOSEPH WHEELER, LIEUT-GEN.,
VICE-CHAIRMEN MILITARY COMMITTEE.

WM. D'H. WASHINGTON,
PRESIDENT.

A. McD. McCOOK, MAJOR-GEN., U. S. A.
SECRETARY.

MILITARY COMMITTEE:

LIEUT.-GEN. JOHN M. SCHOFIELD,
LIEUT.-GEN WADE HAMPTON,
LIEUT.-GEN. JAMES LONGSTREET,
LIEUT.-GEN. STEPHEN D. LEE,
LIEUT.-GEN. A. P. STEWART
LIEUT.-GEN. SIMON BOLIVAR BUCKNER,
MAJOR-GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER,
MAJOR-GEN. JOHN B. GORDON,
MAJOR-GEN. O. O. HOWARD,
MAJOR-GEN. A. McD. McCOOK,
MAJOR-GEN. DANIEL E. SICKLES,
MAJOR-GEN. JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN,
MAJOR-GEN. ADELBERT AMES,
MAJOR GEN. ZENAS R. BLISS,
MAJOR-GEN. LEW WALLACE,
MAJOR-GEN. THOMAS J. WOOD,
MAJOR-GEN. GRENVILLE M. DODGE,
MAJOR-GEN. O. B. WILLCOX,
MAJOR-GEN. D. S. STANLEY,
MAJOR-GEN. H. G. WRIGHT,
MAJOR-GEN. E. A. CARR,
MAJOR-GEN. E. T. SYKES,
MAJOR-GEN. M. T. McMAHON,
MAJOR-GEN. SCHUYLER HAMILTON,
MAJOR GEN. M. C. BUTLER,
MAJOR-GEN. FRANCIS FESSENDEN,
MAJOR-GEN. GEORGE W. C. LEE,
MAJOR GEN. A. BAIRD,
MAJOR-GEN. JAMES H. WILSON,
MAJOR-GEN. J. A. VAUGHAN,
MAJOR-GEN. JOHN G. PARKE,
MAJOR-GEN. DAVNEY H. OAURY,
MAJOR-GEN. WM. D. WHIPPLE,
MAJOR-GEN. HENRY HETH
MAJ. JOHN H. FORNEY,
BRIG.-GEN. W. L. CABELL,
BRIG.-GEN. MARCUS J. WRIGHT,
BRIG.-GEN. JAMES GRANT WILSON,
BRIG.-GEN. J. FRED. PIERSON,
BRIG.-GEN. R. C. DRUM,
BRIG.-GEN. W. A. HAMMOND,
BRIG.-GEN. ELI LONG,
BRIG.-GEN. R. WILLIAMS,
BRIG.-GEN. E. L. MOLINEUX,
BRIG.-GEN. T. F. RODENBOUGH,
BRIG.-GEN. SAMUEL BRECK,
BRIG.-GEN. ALEXANDER P. STEWART,
BRIG.-GEN. C. G. SAWTELL,
BRIG.-GEN. A. T. WATTS,
BRIG.-GEN. SAM THOMAS,
BRIG.-GEN. T. T. CRITTENDON,
BRIG.-GEN EDWARD H. RIPLEY,
BRIG.-GEN. JOHN W. M. APPLETON,
BRIG.-GEN. D. H. RUCKER,
BRIG.-GEN. W. P. CARLIN,
BRIG.-GEN. W. B. ROCHESTER,
BRIG.-GEN. R. N. BATCHELDER,
BRIG.-GEN. JOHN P. S. GOBIN,
BRIG.-GEN. MICHAEL R. MORGAN,
BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH R. HAWLEY,
BRIG.-GEN. C. CLEVELAND DODGE,
BRIG.-GEN. ROBERT A. SHORTRIDGE,
BRIG.-GEN. SETH M. BARTON,
BRIG.-GEN. EPPA HUNTON,
BRIG. GEN. JAS. H. LANE,
BRIG.-GEN. THOS. T. MUNFORD,
BRIG.-GEN. THEODORE S. PECK,
REAR-ADMIRAL S. B. LUCE,
REAR-ADMIRAL GEO. E. BELKNAP,
REAR-ADMIRAL JOHN H. UPSHUR,
REAR-ADMIRAL F. A. ROE,
REAR-ADMIRAL GEORGE B. BALCH,
REAR-ADMIRAL F. M. RAMSAY,
REAR-ADMIRAL R. M. STEMBEL,
REAR-ADMIRAL P. CROSBY,
REAR-ADMIRAL J. E. JOUETT,
REAR-ADMIRAL S. R. FRANKLIN,
REAR-ADMIRAL A. W. WEAVER,
REAR-ADMIRAL O. F. STANTON,
REAR-ADMIRAL JAMES A. GREER,
REAR-ADMIRAL GEORGE BROWN,
REAR ADMIRAL T. S. PHELPS,
REAR-ADMIRAL F. C. FEBIGER,

And all living Lieut.-Generals, Major-Generals and Brig.-Generals on both sides of the late war.

April 20, 1898.

Dear General:

The National Volunteer Reserve is now in the fourth week of its existence and is meeting with unqualified success throughout the country. Thousands of enrollments have come to us and hundreds of patriotic citizens are recruiting in all parts of the United States, even in far-off New Mexico.

Sixty thousand enrollment blanks have been sent from this headquarters to date, as well as over 100,000 pieces of literature explaining the movement; 40,000 enlistment blanks are now in press and the demands have become so great that a few days will exhaust the supply.

Until our bill is passed in Congress giving us the privilege of having our literature and enrollment blanks printed at the Govt. Printing Office, and the right to frank our mail, (no very inconsiderable item) the expenses, as a matter of course, will be rather heavy. The cost of carrying on this work thus far has been borne by a couple of gentlemen on the Committee, and while they have been perfectly willing to do all that has been requested of them it is manifestly unfair to increase the burden they have so cheerfully and voluntarily assumed.

We do not deem it expedient at this time to ask for public contributions. The matter would be one of small moment if each member of the Military Committee would aid us, and contribute something, no matter how little, towards carrying on this great work to a successful issue.

We therefore send you this that you may have an opportunity to assist in defraying the necessary expenses of this patriotic movement. Whatever sum you may feel disposed to give, please send to Gen. A. McD. McCook, Acting Treas., National Volunteer Reserve, 1 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Very truly and sincerely yours,

Edward L. Molineux
Edward H. Ripley
J. Fred Pierson

Finance Committee.

Major-Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

HEADQUARTERS

The National Volunteer Reserve.

WASHINGTON BUILDING, N. Y.

TELEPHONE, 207 BROAD

April 20, 1898.

Dear General:

The National Volunteer Reserve is now in the fourth week of its existence and is meeting with unqualified success throughout the country. Thousands of enrollments have come to us and hundreds of patriotic citizens are recruiting in all parts of the United States, even in far-off New Mexico.

Sixty thousand enrollment blanks have been sent from this headquarters to date, as well as over 100,000 pieces of literature explaining the movement; 40,000 enlistment blanks are now in press and the demands have become so great that a few days will exhaust the supply.

Until our bill is passed in Congress giving us the privilege of having our literature and enrollment blanks printed at the Govt. Printing Office, and the right to frank our mail, (no very inconsiderable item) the expenses, as a matter of course, will be rather heavy. The cost of carrying on this work thus far has been borne by a couple of gentlemen on the Committee, and while they have been perfectly willing to do all that has been requested of them it is manifestly unfair to increase the burden they have so cheerfully and voluntarily assumed.

We do not deem it expedient at this time to ask for public contributions. The matter would be one of small moment, if each member of the Military Committee would aid us, and contribute something, no matter how little, towards carrying on this great work to a successful issue.

We therefore send you this that you may have an opportunity to assist in defraying the necessary expenses of this patriotic movement. Whatever sum you may feel disposed to give, please send to Gen. A. McD. McCook, Acting Treas., National Volunteer Reserve, 1 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Very truly and sincerely yours,

Chas. A. Dana
Chas. A. Dana
Chairman Finance Committee.

Major-Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

Portland, Oregon, April 21, 1898.

324

Dear Grandpa.

Papa has gone to Alaska. He is at Vancouver B. C. There is an old house across the street from us it is about 20 years old and a man is tearing it down. It is very rainy to-day. The hills look very pretty. The roses are in bloom in our yard. There is a little fox-terrier next door to us that carries a stone in it mouth all the time. We have ~~taught~~ taught it to drop it when we tell it to. I have the letter you sent me a year ago. Do you think they will have war. I hope they will not. Grace found a gold pin with a ruby in it the head of it is the shape of a sickle. I am begining to grow tall. I have grown about two inches since last summer. My teacher is cross to the children. She is not cross to me very much. I go to the Harrison School. I hope we can go to Alaska next summer. We could slide on our sleds and may thinks she can teach the little Indian boys and girls, but I think she will ~~find~~ find it pretty hard to teach them. Papa has sold his wheel, I think I will sell mine if we go to Alaska. I go to sunday school every sunday I can. I did not go to ~~se~~ church or sundayschool at all in Burlington. To-morrow we have examination. It is dark now. May is in her second term of the high school. The name of the boat papa is going to run is the Golden West. The name of the boat his brother is going to run is the Golden North. They are going ~~to~~ to ~~run~~ up to

Sitkeen River. & Mamma and the girls are all reading. May is studing. She has to study all the after noon and the ~~ev~~ evening. I went down town yesterday. I saw a Klondike suit and cap down town yester day.

From Your
Grandson
Howard Gray

I send my love to all. P. S.

296

PERSONAL

Chicago, April 21, 1898.

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother:-

Did I write you a few days ago concerning an application, which I had supposed you had made to the Commissioner of Pensions, on behalf of Mrs. Josephine M. Wilson, the widow of Cap't J. I. Wilson, 36th Ill. Infantry.[2] Cap't Wilson and his regiment served inthe first division of the old Fourth Army corps under your command. Cap't Wilson lost his health by reason of terrible sickness and hardships in connection with campaigns in Missouri and Arkansas. He was associated with me in business for a number of years, hisconstitution always greatly impaired, and he finally was entirely disabled, and died, as the doctors stated, from the effects of the army exposures and sickness. I sent the application to you to sign, together with a certificate from Surgeon Crawford, who had known him many years, and Surgeon Pearce of his own regiment. I asked you to inclose these certificates, together with the application of Mrs. Wilson, to Commissioner Evans. This was June 17/97.

I write now to ask if you received these papers and if you forwarded them to Washington, and particularly whether you received any acknowledgment of the same.

Now, one other matter: I wrote on October 29, 1897 concerning the pay that was due the colored man, Charles Waters, my neighbor at Glencoe. You will call to mind that you went to the War Dep't or wrote there and that you received answer, saying that there was due him $88.94 standing on the Quartermaster's books. I made an application, which Waters him-

PERSONAL

Chicago, April 21, 1898.

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother:-

Did I write you a few days ago concerning an application, which I had supposed you had made to the Commissioner of Pensions, on behalf of Mrs. Josephine M. Wilson, the widow of Cap't J. I. Wilson, 36th Ill. Infantry. Cap't Wilson and his regiment served in the first division of the old Fourth Army corps under your command. Cap't Wilson lost his health by reason of terrible sickness and hardships in connection with campaigns in Missouri and Arkansas. He was associated with me in business for a number of years, his constitution always greatly impaired, and he finally was entirely disabled, and died, as the doctors stated from the effects of the army exposures and sickness. I sent the application to you to sign, together with a certificate from Surgeon Crawford, who had known him many years, and Surgeon Pearce of his own regiment. I asked you to inclose these certificates, together with the application of Mrs. Wilson, to Commissioner Evans. This was June 17/97.

I write now to ask if you received these papers and if you forwarded them to Washington, and particularly whether you received any acknowledgment of the same.

Now, one other matter: I wrote on October 29, concerning the pay that was due the colored man, Charles Waters, my neighbor at Glenoe. You will call to mind that you went to the War Dep't or wrote there and that you received answer, saying that there was due him $60.34 standing on the Quartermaster's books. I made an application, which Waters hir-

self signed and took oath to, and I personally certified to his identity, as also did Cap't I. P. Rumsey, who was Cap't of the Battery in connection with which he served as teamster. One other man of the Battery, enlisted, Affeld, also signed the certificate. It did not seem necessary to prove his service, only to prove his identity, and for this we had the three witnesses as I have mentioned. These papers were inclosed to you with a letter for you to sign, addressed to the Secretary of War. I write now to ask if you forwarded these papers and if you signed the letter I had prepared for you, or if you wrote something different. We have never received any acknowledgment in regard to the application. Of course I am pretty sure that you forwarded the papers, though they might possibly have been returned to me here by you at some time when I was absent. I have had so much of business care and pre-occupation that I cannot feel certain about such things, except from record; and I have no record beyond my letter to you of October 29/97, and the inclosures there with, as mentioned.

Waters and his aged wife are very destitute. I propose to prosecute his claim for the remainder of his services, some two years, of which there was no record in the War Dep't. It is probable we will have to put a bill through Congress in order to do him justice in this. I said in a postscript to that letter to you that we would wait till we heard from the Quartermaster Gen'l's office before taking up the new claim for the balance due him. So now, I simply want to know if you have heard from it? If not, would you not drop a line to Secretary Alger, simply asking what was done about the claim, In order that you might have all necessary data before you, I will inclose herein another copy of the Quartermaster General's letter, dated July 16/97, and which was sent you by the Secretary of War.

self signed and took oath to, and I personally certified to his identity, as also did Cap't I. P. Ramsey, who was Cap't of the Battery in connection with which he served as teamster. One other man of the Battery, enlisted, Alfield, also signed the certificate. It did not seem necessary to prove his service, only to prove his identity, and for this we had the three witnesses as I have mentioned. These papers were inclosed to you with a letter for you to sign, addressed to the Secretary of War. I write now to ask if you forwarded these papers and if you signed the letter I had prepared for you, or if you wrote something different. We have never received any acknowledgment in regard to the application. Of course I am pretty sure that you forwarded the papers, though they might possibly have been returned to me here by you at some time when I was absent. I have had so much of business care and pre-occupation that I cannot feel certain about such things, except from record; and I have no record beyond my letter to you of October 29\97, and the inclosures there with, as mentioned.

Waters and his aged wife are very destitute. I propose to prosecute his claim for the remainder of his services, some two years, of which there was no record in the War Dep't. It is probable we will have to put a bill through Congress in order to do him justice in this. I said in a postscript to that letter to you that we would wait till we heard from the Quartermaster Gen'l's office before taking up the new claim for the balance due him. So now, I simply want to know if you have heard from it? If not, would you not drop a line to Secretary Alger, simply asking what was done about the claim. In order that you might have all necessary data before you, I will inclose herein another copy of the Quartermaster General's letter, dated July 16\97, and which was sent you by the Secretary of War.

296

3-,0 O.H

P.S. I will thank you to write directly to your old class mate, John Butterfield at 419 Fourth St., Washington, D. C. and state to him whether you forwarded Waters' application for his pay, shown to be due him on the Quartermaster's rolls, and if so, at what date you forwarded it. As my letter to you was dated October 29/97, probably you dated and signed your letter about the first of November. If you will inform Butterfield just what you did, he will then look up the matter at the War Dep't and see what progress, if any, has been made, and what step it is necessary for us to take next, but meanwhile, I would thank you, if you think it consistent, if you will simply drop a line to the Secretary of War and ask him what disposition was made of the papers.

Very sincerely yours,

O. O. Howard

(1 enclosure)

P.S. I will thank you to write directly to your old class mate, John Butterfield at 419 Fourth St., Washington, D. C. and state to him whether you forwarded Waters' application for his pay, shown to be due him on the Quartermaster's rolls, and if so, at what date you forwarded it. As my letter to you was dated October 29/97, probably you dated and signed your letter about the first of November. If you will inform Butterfield just what you did, he will then look up the matter at the War Dep't and see what progress, if any, has been made, and what step it is necessary for us to take next; but meanwhile, I would thank you, if you think it consistent, if you will simply drop a line to the Secretary of War and ask him what disposition was made of the papers.

Very sincerely yours,

(I enclosure)

245

Washington, D. C., April 21, 1898.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vermont.

My Dear General:

Your letter of April 19th was received this morning. I have requested Colonel Wagner to send you two copies of the official maps of Cuba, and he will do so at once.

The bill introduced into the House of Representatives and somewhat amended, providing for the organization of the National Volunteer Reserve, is making satisfactory but slow progress. A copy of that bill as amended and agreed upon by the House Committee has also been given to the Chairman of the Senate Military Committee and will no doubt be considered there in due time. But the attention of everybody in Congress has been absorbed up to the present time in the discussion of war resolutions and in the bills for the calling out of troops to meet the impending emergency, so that the larger scheme of organization of a great reserve, being unnecessary at this moment, is regarded, of course, for the time being, as of secondary consequence. I have no doubt, however, it will receive due attention in time. In the mean time I think we can do nothing but to allow our headquarters in New York to carry on whatever correspondence may be desirable with those throughout the country who may take an interest in this organiza-

Washington, D. C., April 21, 1898.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vermont.

My Dear General:

Your letter of April 19th was received this morning. I have requested Colonel Wagner to send you two copies of the official maps of Cuba, and he will do so at once.

The bill introduced into the House of Representatives and somewhat amended, providing for the organization of the National Volunteer Reserve, is making satisfactory but slow progress. A copy of that bill as amended and agreed upon by the House Committee has also been given to the Chairman of the Senate Military Committee and will no doubt be considered there in due time. But the attention of everybody in Congress has been absorbed up to the present time in the discussion of war resolutions and in the bills for the calling out of troops to meet the impending emergency, so that the larger scheme of organization of a great reserve, being unnecessary at this moment, is regarded, of course at the time being, as of secondary consequence. I have no doubt, however, it will receive due attention in time. In the mean time I think we can do nothing but to allow our headquarters in New York to carry on whatever correspondence may be desirable with those throughout the country who may take an interest in this organiza-

tion. So grand a scheme cannot be consummated in a short time, but will mature and ripen, I doubt not, as rapidly as the necessities of the country will require it.

I have heard some talk of a proposition in Congress to authorize the President to recall into active service officers now on the retired list, but I do not think that suggestion has yet taken any definite shape. There is, of course, a natural apprehension on the part of the younger element that such a measure might possibly interfere with their chances. I have taken every opportunity to disabuse our younger companions of the idea that we could, by any possibility, be persuaded to interfere with their legitimate desire for the exercise of appropriate commands in time of war, and no doubt that apprehension will disappear in time. Yet, where so many hundreds of thousands of young men are desirous of active service, it is natural that little thought should at present be turned toward the availability of older men to serve the country. The time may come very possibly when the wisdom of availing of such ability and experience as characterizes many of the officers on the retired list will be manifest to all.

As ever,

Yours very truly,

J. M. Schofield

Lieutenant General, U. S. Army.

tion. So grand a scheme cannot be consummated in a short time, but will mature and ripen, I doubt not, as rapidly as the necessities of the country will require it.

I have heard some talk of a proposition in Congress to authorize the President to recall into active service officers now on the retired list, but I do not think that suggestion has yet taken any definite shape. There is, of course, a natural apprehension on the part of the younger element that such a measure might possibly interfere with their chances. I have taken every opportunity to disabuse our younger companions of the idea that we could, by any possibility, be persuaded to interfere with their legitimate desire for the exercise of appropriate commands in time of war, and no doubt that apprehension will disappear in time. Yet, where so many hundreds of thousands of young men are desirous of active service, it is natural that a little thought should at present be turned toward the availability of older men to serve the country. The time may come very possibly when the wisdom of availing of such ability and experience as characterizes many of the officers on the retired list will be manifest to all.

As ever,

Yours very truly,

Nelson A. Miles

Lieutenant General, U. S. Army.

MEN THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

FRANK W. OBER, Editor
705 Association Building

246

Chicago, April 21, 1898'

General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear General Howard,

I am very sorry that I did not get an opportunity to speak with you at the convention at Marion, O. I had looked forward to it with much pleasure especially as I had just come from Cleveland, Tenn., where I was entertained at the house where your headquarters were during the war. I thought that possibly you might have something to say to the young men at this present juncture, as we are at the beginning of what may be a serious war. Many of our young men are looking upon it as a great football game and urging on our side. Out of the experience of years, you must have some message to them, and I would greatly appreciate it should you be willing to send it through the columns of MEN.

Thanking you for your constant kindness to us, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Ober

MEN
THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER
OF THE YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Frank W. Ober, Editor
Y.M.C.A. Association Building

Chicago, April 21, 1898.

General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear General Howard,

I am very sorry that I did not get an opportunity to speak with you at the convention at Marion, O. I had looked forward to it with much pleasure especially as I had just come from Cleveland, where I was entertained at the house where your headquarters were during the war. I thought that possibly you might have something to say to the young men at this present juncture, as we are at the beginning of what may be a serious war. Many of our young men are looking upon it as a great football game and betting on our side. Out of the experience of years, you must have some message to them, and I would greatly appreciate it should you be willing to send it through the columns of MEN.

Thanking you for your constant kindness to us, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Ober

Chas. B. Botsford & Co.,
PAPER & TWINE,
127-129 Kingston St.

Boston, Apl 21 1898

Dear Emil:

I am mucked pleased to know that you will be with us Monday. I will meet you at the Union Station on the arrival of your train Monday A. M.. If you do not see me at once, go to the large waiting room and I will find you there. You will have a warm reception at the Coogl. Club and you can give them your views of the war or anything else you wish. Trusting to see you Monday next I remain

Your Cousin
O. G. Perkins

349

238

G. W. SARGENT,
B. Y. M. C. Association,
458 Boylston Street.

Boston, Mass., April 21st 1898

Temporary address—
Y. M. C. A, Springfield, Mass.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A. Retired.

Dear Sir:

I heard a short time since that the government was intending to form a corps for active service, of such nature as circumstances permitted, to be composed of veteran ~~sol~~ soldiers of the civil war; and I saw an announcement in the New York papers giving your name in connection therewith; but I have been unable to get any clear statement as to how a veteran who was disposed to be useful can enlist, or who or where to make application for information about the matter.

I did duty for about 3 years as a Hospital Steward and in the Hospital Corps, Medical Dept, from 1863 to 1866.

Have forgotten nothing that I learned then of the various duties required of the non-commissioned staff of the Medical Dept; am 54 years of age and in very fair health and strength; and can join the army to-day if wanted, and will do any duty that the interests of the service and the needs of the comrades require done.

Any information concerning to whom or where to apply for enlistment or appointment will be thankfully received by

Very truly
Your obedient servant
G. W. Sargent.

I know, it does not seem
to me that I could ever reach
the state of national bravery
where I would cheerfully
say to my best beloved, "There
go and fight the Spaniards."
I would feel differently in
a case of civil war certainly,
but now I can't believe that
the Spaniards are worthy of
the financial and civil dis-
aster they are bringing to our
country. You must tell me

318 Elm St -
Thursday

[Apr. 21, 1898 ?]

My dear Friend, -
It was a very
great disappointment to
Mrom that you could not
come to see us on your
way to Oberlin; but I
understand how it is, and
so we must try to be
content. It is enough to

from that you think of us and love us, and count us as your grateful and devoted friends. I am greatly concerned about the sentence in your letter where you spoke of the men and women who were seeking to enlist on your staff for the next Cuban expedition. Does this mean that you are going to engage actively in the War? Please let me know, for I am so anxious. It does seem as though we could not let you endanger your life for the sake of Spain's stubbornness. And is it not even a question whether the people for whose sake we would fight in Cuba are not inferior to the noble men who would give their lives for them? Of course it is the principle at stake

again soon, and I wait
ever impatiently for a
glimpse of you.

Felix sends his very
truest, and affectionate re-
membrances, and as for
me — well it's entire woos
you know, and words are
not needed. We are
happy in our love and in
the knowledge that you love
us both.

Very faithfully Your Petite

If I am not patriotic. I don't
want you to be disappointed
in me, but I have to be
honest and this is just the
way matters seem to my
mind. It delighted me
greatly to read that Buffalo
Bill is going to organize
and lead a regiment of
live blood thirsty Indians
into the fight. I hope
when we count up our
trophies of war we will find
some Spanish scalps hanging

to our government back.
Indeed I do hope for the
peace and freedom of Cuba,
But I wish there were means
of obtaining this end, other
than those of plunging this
Country into debt and
killing off tens and hundreds
of our noblest citizens.
Jules and I are in peace
in spite of the political tu-
mult — and we are rejoicing
in our little home. Rachel
and Mary are back from
the South, much improved
in health. Father has been
very sure of the final
peaceful settlement of
affairs, until recently. Now
he believes with ~~the rest~~
that War can not be a-
verted.

We shall think of you
at Oberlin, and the Mid-
dlesex Club, and wherever
you are — always constantly
and with love. I hope
you can send me a line