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Chicago, Ill. June 22nd, 1897.

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There is a report that Capt. De Gresse is dead, and I know no way of even verifying that. ^{affectionately yours,} As kind of a last resort, I have thought of addressing the Secretary of War to get the names from the rolls of De Gresse's Battery; and possibly by writing to them all at their home address, I may find someone who is living and can give the necessary information. Of course, the pay is not a very great amount, but it would be an immense comfort to Waters and his wife in their old age, and besides, I like to see intrinsic justice done to so good a man and patriot. Of course, every one will ask, why did he not demand his pay. The answer is, he was only a poor slave, and probably did not understand that he was entitled to anything more than his clothing and food at that time, and that he received. *This is what he now says -*

Do you not think I could have a bill prepared and obtain for him something from Congress, if we failed to get necessary evidence to establish his claim in the Court of Claims? The latter is rather expensive, and I suspect if we could make a pretty clear case it would be better to put a bill through Congress. What is your advice? I thought it would help to expedite the matter very much if you would write this letter, as I have outlined, to the Secretary of War. If you desire to shorten it or modify it in any way, or add anything yourself, of course you will do so; but I would like to know what your advice is, and what you conclude you can do, if anything. It is not necessary to connect my name with the case I suppose, though I have no objection whatever to having it so connected. Capt. Rumsey you have met. I think he is entitled to the rank of Colonel, and he is a member of our Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion. His home is at Lake Forest. He often

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Chickamauga Ga. June 22/98

My dear General Howard:
Your good letter of the 18th inst came this morning. We are all encouraged by your words of cheer, and by the reports of the meetings you are having. The work grows better and better here. God is giving us favor throughout the Camp. Last Sunday night at 2nd Kentucky Camp, Gen. Be Whipple (in temporary command of the Regt) was present at my service, and treated me with much courtesy. He is a son of Gen. W. D. Whipple, and, like his father, has served on your staff. In our fourteen meetings Sunday there were, we judged, fully 500 men who asked prayer that they might become Christians, and scores of decisions. Last night I was again at the 1st S. Carolina,

and over fifty men came forward and knelt
on the ground to be prayed with and pointed
to Christ. A real revival has begun in this
and in other Regiments. God is with us, General,
and we are having everything to encourage us
and to stimulate our faith. I thank God that
He is keeping me well, and using me in the
work. I do hope you can come again soon,
and that you and I can arrange to go on
to Cuba, and preach to the men there.

I enclose a letter just received.
Mr Torrey sends his kindest regards. He
much enjoyed meeting with you.

Ask the people to pray that the Spirit of God may
control us in all that we do.

Give my kind regards to Mr Miller, and
the workers about you, and to Mrs Howard and
your family.

Yours very truly

J. D. Mittle



June 22.

1898

Dear Father:

Alice learned from Jeanie that you were in N.Y. City last Friday but I didn't learn where you came from or where bound. I have found this delightful hotel on the Smith Company's estate & am spending the week here. It is only two miles ride on my (Chain) bicycle to the works & I have to give all my time & attention to the building of the wheels because the Smith Co. are too slow & indifferent. Their first and best attention is given to the wood working machinery. Mr. Faber has lost patience with the Smith Co. & I am here trying to rush them. Many of our orders have been countermanded & I can't see wheels until I get more wheels to sell. The fine weather brought

on a rush for our wheels and
we did not have enough ready.

We are now planning to
come down in price as we
are finishing up now a large
number of fine wheels, all of
which I shall have to sell or
have trouble with the Smith
Co.

I am only troubling you with
all this simply because it is the
one thing uppermost on my mind
& I happen to have a half hour
to spare before lunch. The reason
I began this letter to you is to
tell you & mother, Harry & Bessie
that this is a splendid summer
hotel & I wish you could visit
it some time if you want a quiet
place to stay & be well fed eco-
nomically. The guests are mostly
from Phil^d & nice people. Many wealthy
people who come here in preference to go-
ing abroad. Love to all in haste

My address Smithville,
this week

Chauncey

RHODES & RHODES

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

MCMINNVILLE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

LOANS NEGOTIATED
NOTARY PUBLIC✓
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38 Lots in Oak Park division,

MCMINNVILLE, OREGON,

June 23, 1898

Gen. O. O. Howard

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir; Your favor addressed to "City Treasurer" McMinnville, Oregon, has been handed to us with request that we answer. Sale for real estate here now is very slow. However if your price is reasonable these lots may be sold soon.

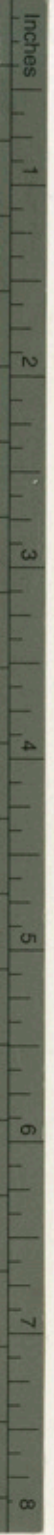
We notice that most of your lots are not very desirable, as they are located a considerable distance from any principal street.

The assessed valuation of these lots will average about \$23.00. for the year 1897.

We shall be pleased to know your terms of sale, and if we can agree with you on terms, shall do our best for you.

Yours truly,

Rhodes & Rhodes



BROTHERS & BROTHERS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
MCMINNVILLE, OREGON
1888

Dear Sir,

MCMINNVILLE, OREGON

Received of the undersigned the sum of \$100.00 for the purchase of the same as per bill enclosed. The same is hereby acknowledged and the receipt is hereby given. Yours truly, J. W. [unclear]

EVERARD BIERER,
Attorney-at-Law

Practices in U. S. Supreme and State
Courts and Before Departments
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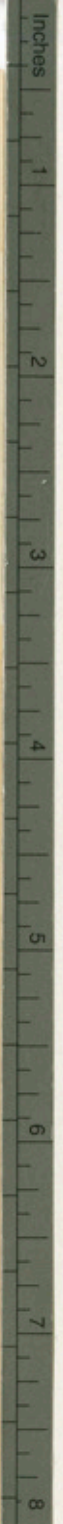
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HIAWATHA, KANSAS, June 23^d 1898

Genl. O. O. Howard

Burlington Vt. My dear Genl. Your kind letter of 20th inst was received to day and I was pleased to hear from you. Of course I should have prized a Recommendation from you - but a ruling made by the President several weeks ago, to the effect that he would not make any appointments of persons over 64 years old, would have prevented your letter doing me any service Genl. Lee Wallace and a number of others about my age, were seeking positions - but the Presidents ruling debarred them. I think I should have been successful had not my age interposed. I am past 71 - but quite healthy vigorous and think I could have rendered better service than many of the political Big game birds who have been appointed.

Hoping that you will stop with me again if you ever come this way

Yours Very Sincerely
E. Bierer



EVERARD BIERER,
 Attorney-at-Law
 Practices in U. S. Supreme and State
 Courts and before Departments
 at Washington, D. C.

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HIAWATHA KANSAS June 28th 1898

Dear Mr. O. D. Howard

I received to day and I was pleased to hear from you. Of course I should have given a more satisfactory answer but a meeting was held by the President and several members of the effect that the world was made and appointments of persons over all these things would have given you better information and I am sure you will be interested in a number of other things about my operations. I have been in the position but the President and I have been very busy. I think I should have been successful but I am not sure. I am not sure but I think I could have done better than many of the other things which have been attempted.

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Yours very truly
 E. Bierer

OFFICE OF
COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR
SAN DIEGO COUNTY
A. F. CORNELL, Collector

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, June 23d, 1898.

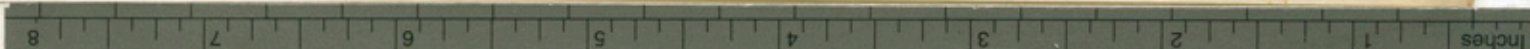
Genl. O. O. Howard
156 College St.
Burlington, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

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Very truly,

A. F. Cornell
County Tax Collr.



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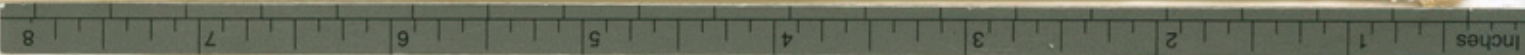
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GENERAL SECRETARY'S
OFFICE.

Boston, June 23, 1898.

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother,

Will you be kind enough to have two copies made of your address entitled "The Power of Small Things" to be given on Saturday afternoon at our convention? Please mail one copy to me here for use in the official and permanent report; the other copy mail to Mr. W. L. Noell, Room Endeavor, Hotel Tulane, Nashville, Tenn. He will use it there in the local press and will give copies of it to the press representatives from all over the country.

May I ask you also to send to Mr. Noell a cabinet photograph of yourself and a brief biographical sketch? Be sure to have your name plainly marked on the picture so that Mr. Noell will have no difficulty in identifying it. If you will co-operate with us to this extent at your earliest opportunity, it will be heartily appreciated and be a great favor, and will also be a help to the cause at large.

Yours cordially,

John Willis Baer

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Sent June 24,

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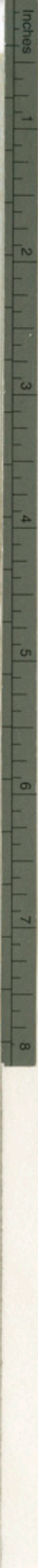
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John Willis Bart

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June 24/98



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The New York Observer.

PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING,

156 FIFTH AVENUE,

New York.

June 23, 1898

General O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter of June 20 is at hand. "Augustus" only quoted the exact words of Rev. A. Zoomer Potter in respect to the burning of Columbia, and his letter was designed not to foster ill-feeling between North and South, but to illustrate the devotion and providential life of Dr. Potter - a wonderful philanthropist and a true disciple of Christ. Your letter shall be published, with a word from Augustus. Meanwhile let me say that the Observer is pleased to help you in your new and most important work.

Sincerely yours Charles D. Stoddard

Established 1877

The New York Observer

PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING

150 FIFTH AVENUE

New York

June 22. 1878

General O. O. Brown

Boston, Mass.

Very kind letter

has been received and is on hand. "Cynanthus" only

visited the water works of the U.S. Army

at Fort Mifflin, Pa. and returned on the morning of

Friday, June 14th, and his letter was received

and to the effect that the water works at

Fort Mifflin, Pa. are to illustrate the

beneficial and profitable life of the

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beneficial and profitable life of the

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Fort Adams, Newport, R. I.
June 23, 1898

Dear General

Will you kindly give
me a letter to accompany my
application for appointment to
the grade of brigadier general
of Volunteers

and greatly oblige

Very sincerely & Respectfully Yours

Wm L Haskin
Lt. Col. 2^d Art'y

1898

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June 24th, 1898.

Genl. O. O. Howard,
3 West 29th St., New York.

My dear General:-

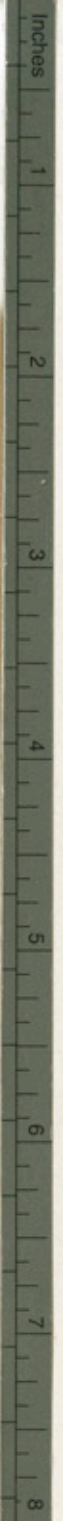
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me to request you to send a short letter of greeting to be read
at that meeting. I sincerely trust that this will not be asking
too much of you. Will you kindly send it direct to Mr. J. B.
Sleman, 1222 F St., Washington, D. C.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

W. B. Millar,
Secretary.



The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations
Men and Wives Christian Commission

James B. ...
Secretary

June 24th, 1938.

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Secretary.

OFFICE OF
The National Good Citizens' League.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Rooms 142, Vanderbilt Bldg.,
Nashville, Tenn., June 29/98.

Delivered
June 29/98
S. J. Nicholson

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.,

My dear Sir:-

Herewith please find enclosed
call for National Good Citizens' League Conven-
tion to be held at Nashville July 11th, 12th, and 13th.

On behalf of our Ex. Committee I write
to ask that you deliver ^{also} an address before
the Convention, and I hope you will join
in the counsels and plans of the League for
an aggressive and highly successful
campaign during the next twelve months.

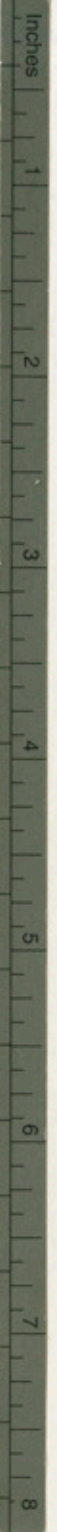
I regret to say that the condition of our
treasury is such that we cannot guaran-
tee the expenses of speakers.

This is an opportunity to do good which I
hope you will not think of missing, and
as soon as you can, I would thank
you to give me the subject of your
address, so that I can complete programme
which we hope to make very attractive.

Yours Very Truly
S. J. Nicholson, Genl. Secy.

Room 142, Parkside Bldg.
Knoxville, Tenn., June 12, 1925

Dear Sir,
Enclosed please find
for National Good Citizens' League
to be held at Knoxville July 12-13-14
on behalf of our Ex. Committee
to ask that you believe on what we believe
the Government, and that you will find
the course and plans of the League
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J. T. Richardson, Sec. Gen.



MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

ROOM 15, GRAND HOTEL.

Brevet Major A. M. Van Dyke, U. S. V.,
Recorder.

P. O. DRAWER 627.

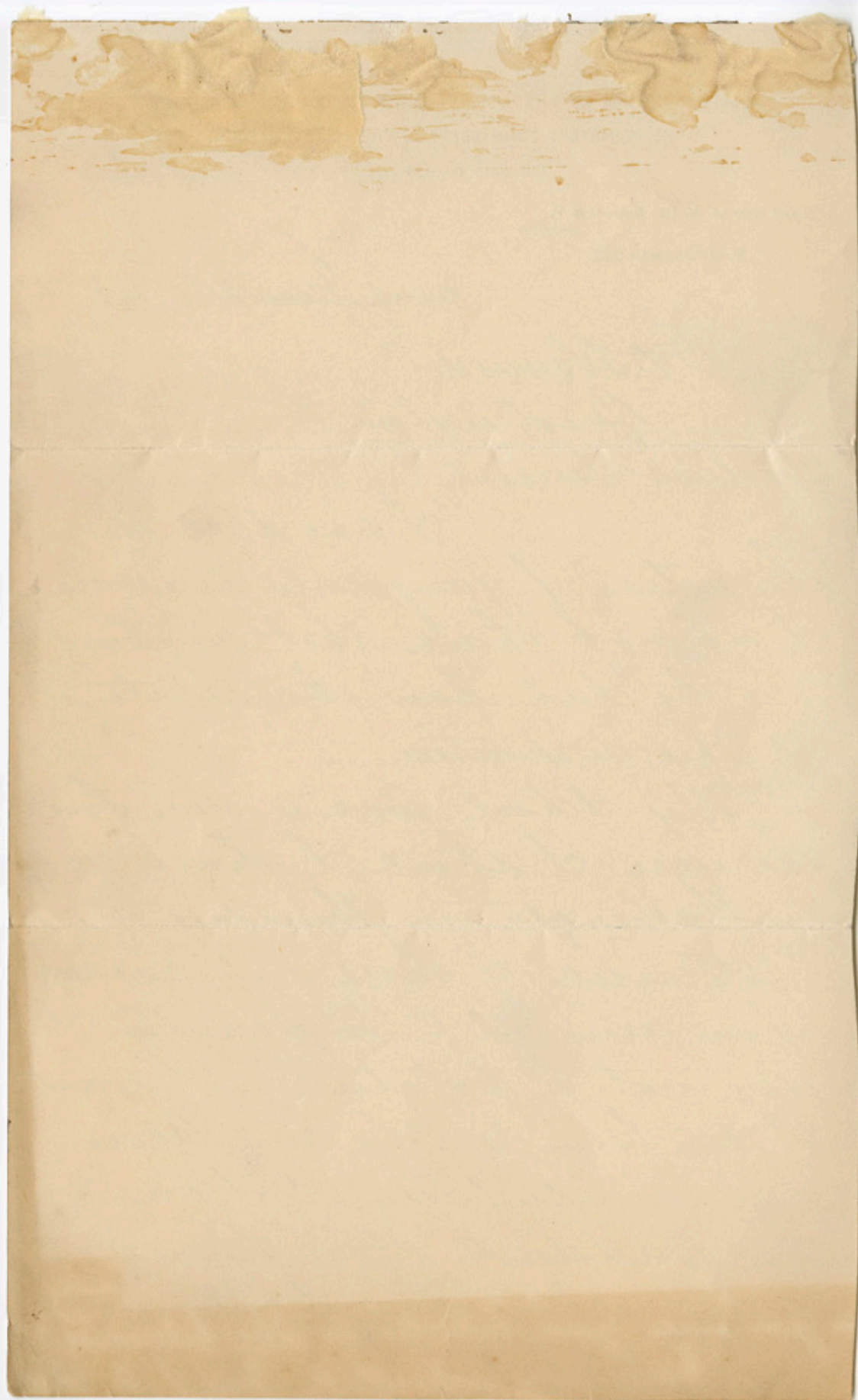
Cincinnati, June 25 1898

Gen O. O. Howard.
Burlington. Vt.

My dear General,

I am still in the notion of going into the service. I do not think that anything can be had from the State of Ohio authorities.

My school work is done for the year. I think I shall go to Washington on Thursday of next week. I shall not call upon any M. C. or Senator. I am not a politician. I want to see Gen Corbin, Gen Alger and incidentally (if I can) the President. If I have any claims upon the attention of



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claims that an old soldier
may reasonably set forth.

What sort of recommendation
you can justly make of me
as such cannot but be of
service to me.

My address in Washington
will be the "Shoreham"

I send this Burlington in
hope that, if you not at home
it will reach you by forwarding.

Very truly yours,
A. M. Van Dyke

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Answered.

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Inches

Fairfield Mich. June 25th 1898.

Gen O. C. Howard.

Dear Sir,

My young son who is working in a hospital, as a stepping stone to getting an education, has invented a machine which produces, surgeons and nurses say "The best bandage ever used" He is now securing the patent and meantime looking the opening to make it remunerative to him by investing small capital. he has no means to advertize extensively. Will you please send me the address of some influential very surgeons or those who contract for supplies that he may bring it to their notice.

I am emboldened to ask this personal favor because you are a christian believing you would do that to help a christian young man to fit himself for usefulness. I have felt that I knew you since your articles in The Advance long years ago.

Yours very respectfully Mrs J. M. West

