

Portland Oregon Sept 11 1898

Major Gen O. O. Howard  
Burlington Vermont.

My Dear General it as been  
so long since I have heard from you.  
that by letter, you always do me so much  
good when you write to me. I shall  
never forget your kindness to me, but  
particulary for having done so much  
toward helping me into the Kingdom  
may God bless.

Well our Friend Wilkerson  
as been called home, and just  
in the way I always thought he  
would go. if you remember when  
I came back from that trip among  
the Indians, when he went with me,  
I told you I kept the Indians  
from killing him.

Dear Mother  
I have been thinking of you  
so long since I have not from you  
the letter you always do me back  
and when you write to me I shall  
never forget your kindness to me but  
I shall be happy for having done so much  
for you and the children  
I shall be glad  
to see you and your children  
in the way of always thought to  
be with you if you remember when  
I have back from that trip may  
the children when he went with you  
I shall give I hope to the children  
from William Penn.

Portland, Oregon

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Allow me on behalf of my Daughter Helen Howard Chamberlain who was married to J. E. Wathier my sincere thanks for the nice present you sent her. They both joined the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. I may God bless them both amen.

I will soon be 78 years of age I remember when you left Oregon in 1878. what you told me, that when you would come back to the Pacific Coast I would be an old man and come back to you. Well that God I feel as well as I did then, with all the words I have an my person in the service of my country.

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I have an old paper in the  
possession of my country  
I have with all the records  
of the first settlement of the  
country. I have a copy of the  
first deed of the land which  
was given to the first settlers  
by the government. I have also  
a copy of the first deed of the  
land which was given to the  
first settlers by the government.

I will soon be 70 years of age  
I remember when you left our  
country in 1870. I told you that  
you would come back to the  
country. I would have been an  
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I have but one child with me  
now. W. W. Chambrea who  
is Cashier of the East Side  
Railway Co.

I am happy in the Lord and  
hope to meet you in heaven  
Good by, and may God bless  
and keep you.

I remain your most  
obedient servant.

Capt Edward Chambrea  
old Scout of Gen. W. Howard

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Received of  
Mr. W. M. [unclear]  
of the [unclear]  
[unclear] Co.  
the sum of [unclear]  
for [unclear] in the [unclear] and  
[unclear] to [unclear] on [unclear]  
[unclear] by [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Yours most  
obedient servant  
[unclear]  
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GEN. O. O. HOWARD,  
U. S. ARMY, RETIRED,  
156 COLLEGE STREET.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT, Sept. 12th, 1898.

DEAR FRIEND:

Will you kindly read my circular to your school and let them make a single contribution to the grand object that I have in view. It is Christian and missionary and intended for the upbuilding of the mountain people.

In the name of our Master,

Sincerely yours,

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Managing Director.

For Lincoln Memorial University,  
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*Dr. Long*  
*Teacher - school*  
*has given 6000 to a*  
*wife Emma Rice*  
*(mountain white) this*  
*year - direct*  
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Dear Sir  
I have enclosed for you  
a circular concerning the  
Lincoln Memorial University  
at Cumberland Gap, Tenn.  
I hope you will be  
interested in it.  
Very truly yours,  
O. O. Howard



H. M. Flagler,  
26 Broadway,  
New York.

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Sept 13'98.

My Dear General Howard,

Returning to the City this morning, I find your favor of the 25th ult., which I have read with deep interest, and regret that there are so many things of a similar character pressing upon me that I feel unable to make a favorable response.

With all good wishes, believe me,

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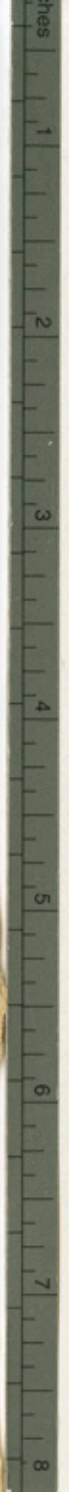
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Washington, D.C.



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LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

69 Dearborn St., September 12, 1898.

Major-General O.O.Howard,  
Burlington,  
Vermont.

My dear General:-

The persons interested in the Four Seasons Hotel land at Cumberland Gap are English people. I think they are all people of wealth and some of them belong to the nobility. About 80 in number were named in the suit brought for the sale of the hotel in 1895. The sale was then made to a trustee, Mr. Attila Cox, of the Columbia Building, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Cox is president of the Columbia Finance and Trust Co., one of the substantial ~~and~~ banking and finance companies of Louisville. He is also a director of the L. & N. Ry. He has all along shown a disposition to be liberal with us, and I shall not be surprised if you succeed in persuading him to give us further time. The English people have been losers at every turn since they made their first investment in the hotel enterprise, and I think if they can be assured that they will later on get dollar for dollar, with interest, on the sale to us, they will be willing to wait longer.

Our deed is dated December 24, 1896. We then received a credit for \$3000.00 and were given time for three payments as follows: \$3210.00, payable on or before seven months, without interest (I presume with interest after maturity); \$3500.00 payable on or before one year at 6 per cent.; \$3710.00, payable on or before two years at 6 per cent. For this Mr. Myers and I gave a trust deed which provides for a sale after thirty days advertising. I had a letter from Louisville the other day saying that they had decided to wait for us until the fifteenth inst. I shall write to them to-morrow telling them that you will write to them, so that they will wait for the receipt of your letter.

You will observe that, even without any concession on the part of Mr. Cox, we shall have another month, or until October 15th to raise the money to avoid a sale.

I take the liberty to suggest that in writing to Mr. Cox you set forth that the work of raising money has so far devolved upon Mr. Myers and me and neither of us has any special qualification for this kind of work and that circumstances were against each of us; that other persons on whom we relied proved inefficient or disappointing; that the ~~late~~ hard times and the late war were also in the way; that within a few weeks your time was taken with matters claiming prior attention; that, in making your trip to Cuba, you were delayed longer than you expected; but that

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CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

you have now shaped your affairs in such a way that you can give this matter undivided attention and that you will give it such attention and every effort and that you are confident that the American people will be glad to show their appreciation of Lincoln and their interest in the people of the southern mountains by aiding in this enterprise; that you will appeal to the people at large through various organizations, by speaking to audiences, by extended correspondence, and by using the aid of a large number of periodicals. It will be well to state that to pursue the work in this way will require a little time, particularly in view of the fact that many of the well to do people are only now beginning to return to their homes from their summer trips. Mr. Cox will understand that August and at least the early part of September are not a proper time to visit or otherwise communicate with this class of people.

I shall be much disappointed if Mr. Cox does not give you at least two months longer time. He ought to have confidence in your ability to handle this matter. You can bring to his attention the fact that no enterprise of this kind that you have ever attempted has failed, and that you have ample friends to make up the amount needed and much more if you can have time to present the matter to them.

In addition to the payments above mentioned, there is due to one of my friends \$2000 which he advanced at my request. Although this is due, it will not be pressed at present. If the payments at Louisville can be managed, this can be taken care of later.

*But if the property is lost, I shall have to stand the loss of this \$2000. That in addition to the loss of two years time would be serious.*

Yours truly,

Cyrus K. K. K.

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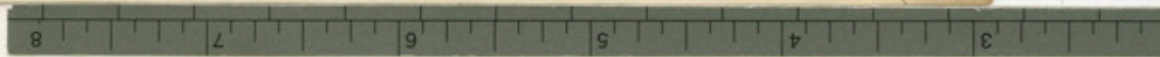
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J. W. HOWARD,  
CIVIL ENGINEER,  
No. 1 BROADWAY,  
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Dear Father:-

Enclosed find copies, first, of personal letter from Bradford Merrill, Sept. 11th to me; second, my answer of today to him.

You will kindly refrain from corresponding with the "World" or Mr. Merrill as I think I can collect the \$400 due you. You must not, and I am sure will not, consent to any compromise or new arrangement. I remember, as you do, that you were to receive \$50 per dispatch without regard to number of words. You received this for the dispatch from Camp Alger. It did not contain two thousand words.

Affectionately, your son

*J. W. Howard*

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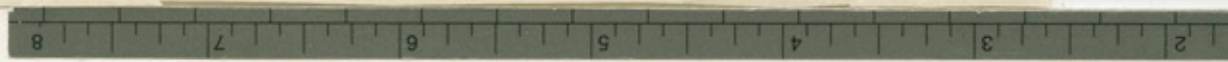
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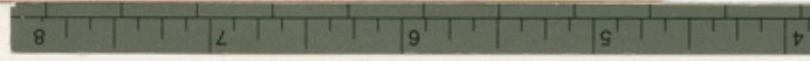
Dear Father

Loc. Sept. 12, 1863

Perhaps in your  
rushing hither + thither you  
will have time to read a  
letter from me. I have been  
engaged in war hard cruel  
awful terrible war and  
am dying of ~~anxiety~~ now.

My awful hair raising  
duties have consisted in  
ousting poor drunken  
fellows who couldnt escape  
to vigilent Patrols sent out  
to walk the streets as a  
part of Guy Fawkes - A Terrible  
Dread". It is true I was w  
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Dear Mother  
I have been  
very busy in  
making letters + writing  
will have time to  
write from me. I have been  
engaged in war work  
and will be  
in a way of  
writing you  
I am very  
much  
lovingly  
yours  
John



ready to fight, but only  
bedbugs + mosquitoes and  
also fleas have been the  
opponents so far.

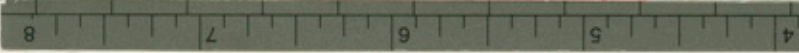
I am here in Tonze  
well + contented except  
that I want Brittle  
with me.

If you could write to the  
Quartermaster General on  
some one + get transport-  
ation for her + 500 or 1500  
pounds of baggage she  
would soon be here.

There was noon on  
the Hospital ship "Relief"  
+ a letter from you to the

The [unclear]

ready to [unclear] to [unclear]  
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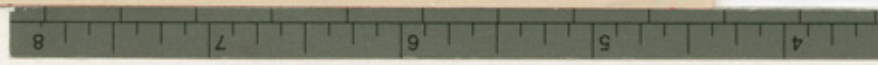
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Major  
Some one would get her  
engaged ~~for~~ the trip as  
Dr Brown's (a Major's)  
daughter is. Or you could  
ask direct for her ~~hand~~  
that one way.

I shall try to see  
the Major Dr. but  
have so far failed to <sup>see</sup> get  
him.

Perhaps Guy could  
get Brittie to me some  
way. Gail Miles, & others  
not so high in rank have  
succeeded.

I received a telegram

Dear Mr. Brown  
I have so far failed to get  
the margin but I shall try to do  
that one way.  
out direct for the  
Dr. Brown's (a weight)  
engaged for the  
some one would put in  
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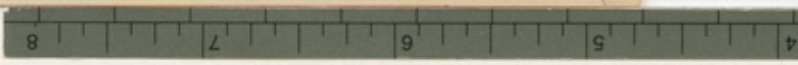


while in Tampa addressed  
to you, saying that the  
man Ryan was ordered  
discharged but Col Coates  
delayed just long enough  
to make him miss the  
boat so he never found  
me.

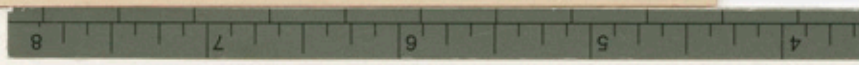
I heard that you, on your  
return to U.S., were quarantined  
& lost 6 lectures.

I wish you could come  
over here & see the primitive  
methods. Using a mortar &  
pestle to grind coffee. cooking  
over a small hole with charcoal.

The extravagance of the  
soldier of U.S. must work  
to economic nature here.



while in your address  
to you, saying that the  
man upon whom was ordered  
discharged but the doctor  
delayed first to say  
to make him miss the  
boat so he never found  
one.  
I feel that you, on your  
return to the, were frustrated  
about a letter.  
I wish you could come  
over here & see the printer  
& method. Having a waiter &  
be able to drink coffee, eating  
over a small bar with glass.  
The experience of the  
holding of the most work  
to examine native bar.



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Brosi my soldier  
has just brought me  
of Coffee (weak + cold) to a

We use no water exc.  
boiled as we here have diarrhoea  
& dysentery otherwise.

Some of the men will not  
refrain + I give them extra  
work & as they are not able  
to do it well they are kept  
busy & cannot go + get water  
when they want a drink the  
cold coffee is there for them.

It is now bed time  
So with love to all from  
John. Tell mother to  
write more of her newsy  
letters.

John

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Faded, illegible handwritten text on a piece of aged, torn paper. The text appears to be a letter or a note, possibly containing a signature at the bottom. Some faint words like "John" and "Mrs" are visible.

things, and I shall say  
several years. I shall sell  
the trap and slings, the  
silver and salveran are  
in the safe deposit where  
I shall leave them. I shall  
only take some of the old  
things that we do not care  
about to Port Rico and try  
and dispose of them there.  
I shall only take the govern-  
ment allowance and some  
books to Port Rico.

Mama feels very badly  
about my going so far away  
from her. There is so much  
sickness in my family I  
do hate to go so far away  
myself. This is not exactly  
what the army people have  
seen her to expect in the  
past. I do not mind leaving  
it as long as I can be with  
her. We are all going to  
hack up as there is talk  
of a regiment coming here.  
Love to the rest of the family  
With love  
Father

One of the officers of  
with today you could  
get a sick leave if  
you had a headache Sept. 13, 1898.  
even, I mean in Port Rico. John letter  
got a headache  
Dear Father

I had a let-  
ter from John this morning  
and I believe he writes  
you by same mail. He  
seems to think that Gen.  
Brooke would recommend  
him as the one to come  
home to Hayne and see  
to having the regimental  
property packed up, if  
you would ask him to.  
It is needless to say I  
would do anything in my  
power to get him away  
from that yellow fever.  
His other details to  
Island Lake as 2. Dr. Cook  
and Ordnance officer seem  
to be a very mysterious  
one and I do not think

will amount to anything  
as the impression seems  
to have been that he was  
still at Tampa, and so  
fear that he will not be  
ordered from Porto Rico.  
Maj. Bardsley to whom he  
was to report wrote me  
that he had received  
a telegram that John  
had been ordered to the  
land Lake and for him  
to communicate direct  
with John. This was on  
the 5<sup>th</sup>. The Maj. promise-  
ed to let me know just  
as soon as he heard  
anything different. I  
was so delighted for a  
few days but now I feel  
as though he would not  
come. Not getting to Tampa  
was sad enough but this

is worse, and the yellow  
fever delay will probably  
be worst of all. I am getting  
quite despondent with so  
many disappointments.

I expect in five times  
packing up with my  
little help. John always  
looked after everything  
and I hardly know where  
to begin. Things will have  
to be stored so long and  
there is talk of such  
a distance that it will  
take very careful packing.  
I am waiting to hear if  
mother has room in either  
the attic or cellar for a  
few of our most valuable  
things. The general com-  
plaint is that things  
get stuck in these big  
store houses. John wrote  
me to ask mother if she  
would take some of the

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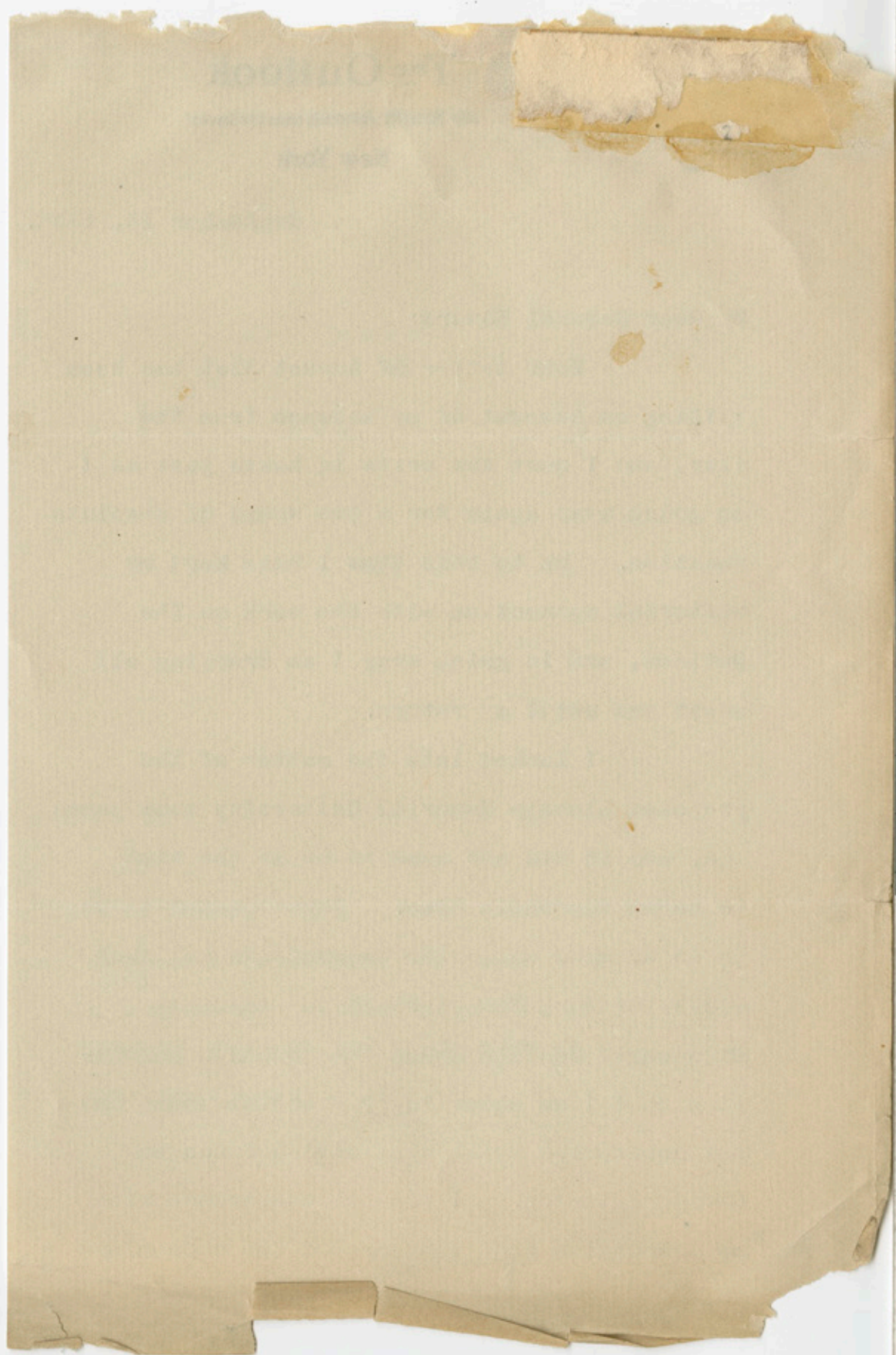
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Your letter of August 31st has been waiting on account of my absence from the city, and I must now write in haste just as I am going away again for a two weeks of absolute vacation. Up to this time I have kept my editorial connection with the work on The Outlook, and in going away I am dropping all questions until my return.

I looked into the matter of the proposed Lincoln Memorial University some years ago, and it did not seem to me at the time to be on the whole wise. There seemed to me to be so many calls for benevolence and such excellent work done through the American Missionary Society among the mountain population that I am exceedingly doubtful about any new enterprise which will divide funds and divide interest. I find on conference with my associates that they are of the same mind

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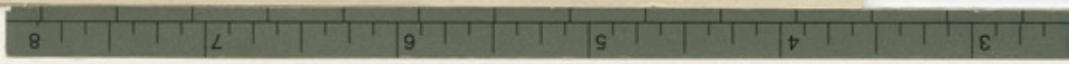
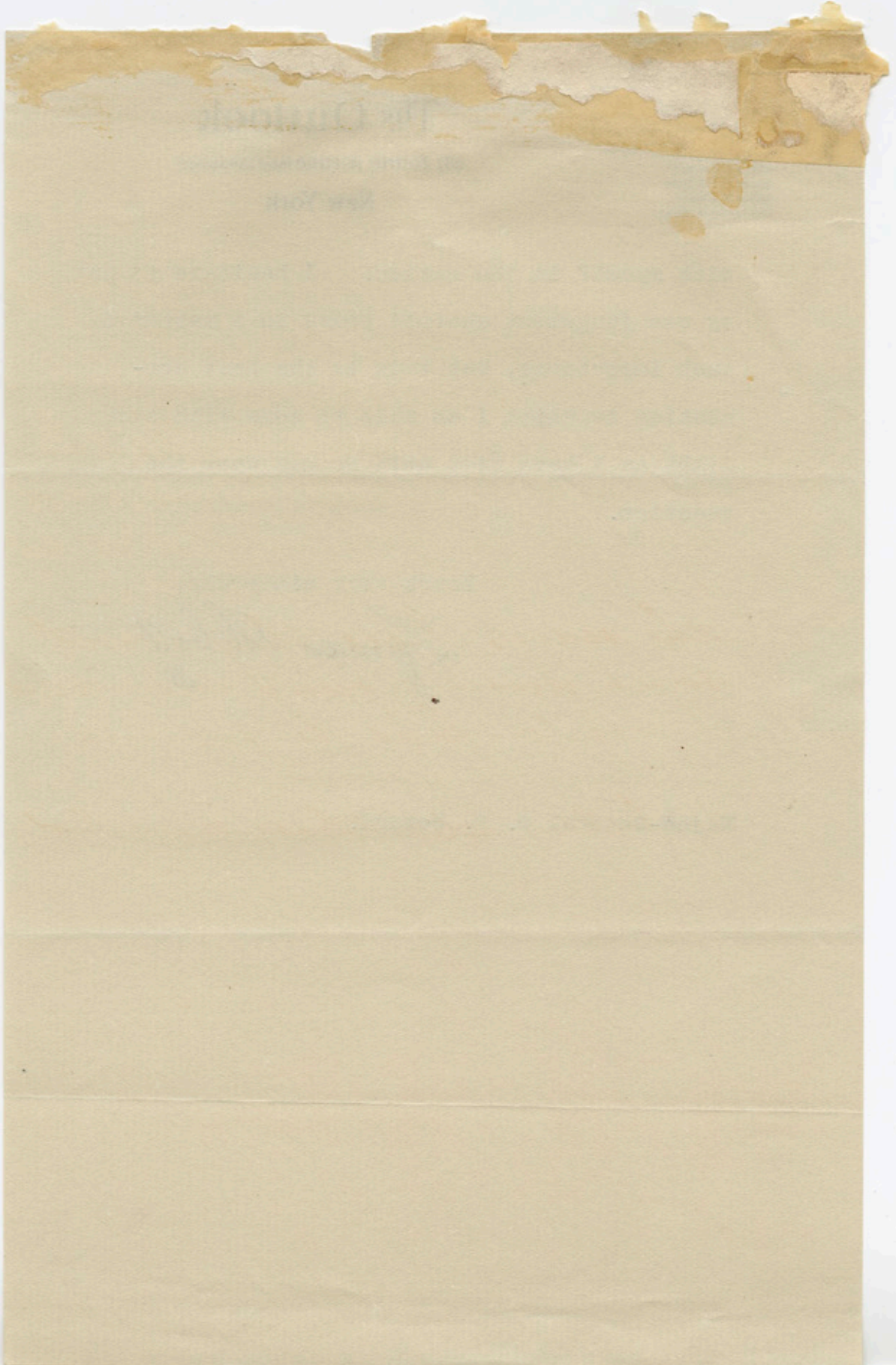
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Yours very sincerely,

*Lyman Abbott*  
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Major-General O. O. Howard.

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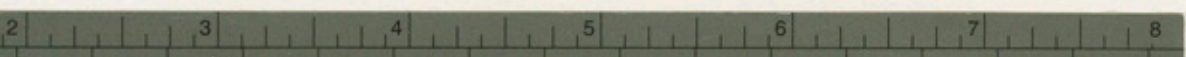
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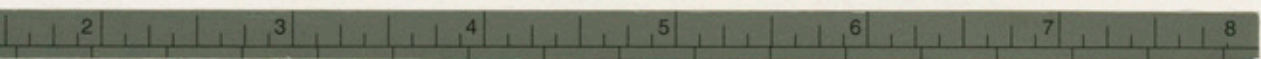
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Dear Sir

Your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> at hand and I have  
been to the Sheriff and find that the taxes are \$21<sup>25</sup>  
instead of \$8<sup>55</sup> Mr Pugh took the valuation off  
the the assessment rolls instead of the assessment.  
The Man here, <sup>that wished to purchase</sup> will buy the Lot No 1, Bch 37 that  
you own and wishes you to make out the deed  
for the same upon the receipt of which he will  
pay me the money. If you wish you can send  
the deed and I will pay the taxes out of the money  
received for the lot and then forward you the balance  
less my commission of 5 per cent.

The Mans Name is M. W. Gortner  
Consideration \$65<sup>00</sup>

Hoping this will be all satisfactory I am  
and do not wish to do this you Yours Very Truly  
and am to Sheriff for tax J.O. Rogers, McMinnville.  
D.O.R.



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Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above matter. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours truly,  
 J. W. [Name]  
 [Address]

Years of our practical experiment in this intensive culture, prove it able to help the poor in cities of our country, to help themselves to more in value every year, than the aggregate gifts of Stephen Girard.

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"THE MOST VALUABLE OF ALL ARTS, will be the deriving a comfortable subsistence from the smallest area of soil."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Dear Brother Howard

Enclosed is circular, copy

of which I think I gave

You at Nashville.

I expect this work <sup>to</sup> be of use to Soldiers families

After I saw You

I met your brother

Charles, in Chicago, &

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I think he considers  
it not impracticable  
Any suggestion or  
Co-operation You incline  
to give will be very  
welcome

As You will see  
the cost of a Life  
Membership is small  
I consider "The  
King's Business" the  
only work worth doing  
— Pray for me that

GROUND FLOORS.

BY GEO. MAY POWELL.

A man gets control of a patent that is foundation for a manufacturing company. The capital of that company may be tens of thousands of dollars. The patent which is the foundation may have cost the projector only a few hundred dollars. This original cost is called in commercial parlance the ground floor. The original cost of an undeveloped gold mine, or of a piece of real estate adapted to being subsequently sold out in town lots, is likewise the ground floor of a mining or of a real estate speculation.

Every dollar on that floor may have proved worth a hundred dollars on the upper floor. The man who paid perhaps five thousand dollars for stock on the upper floor, though it pay twenty per cent., wishes he had been on the ground floor.

But these ground floors are poor investments beside those in which we may all have stock in the King's business. Not tenfold, but a hundred or a thousand, are the dividends promised by the Master in this world, to say nothing of dividends where millions of dollars do not measure the value of a soul.

We say in this world. A British Parliament committee reported that Christian foreign missions returned commercially to Great Britain ten pounds sterling for every pound contributed to carry them on. If the gain had been pound for pound only, that would have been one hundred per cent. Therefore ten for one is a thousand per cent. When visiting some of the centres of Africa and Asia, I was satisfied that every dollar expended by Americans for missions in those countries returned a hundred. This trade is so important a part of the life of capital and labor in our country that the sudden withdrawal of it would create the greatest financial panic the world ever saw.

No country in the world is more essentially a child of missions than Hawaii. Our trade with that country, through the one port of San Francisco, every year exceeds the entire cost of missions that created the country in over seventy years of mission work. This is in addition to our trade there around Cape Horn. If "the heathen are at our doors," foreign missions are, notwithstanding, a splendid investment. Similar figures apply to investments in home missions. The writer, a son of a Western home missionary on our frontier, had some experience there as a dealer in real estate, and this satisfied him that evangelical home missions were the chief factors of great and permanent increase of values of farm lands and of city lots, of current business, and of safety of person and property. The real estate value and the busi-

ness of which the little home mission church was at once the creator, the centre and the security, was fully a hundredfold greater than the cost of the church. Here, then, is ten thousand per cent. Another town and its surrounding country might have greater advantages than the mission-centred town, but it would be outstripped by the Christian settlement. The men with the cash and conscience and culture to make them desirable settlers, would be drawn where the mission was the magnet. This, too, though many of such settlers were not churchmen. The mission may have cost only a few hundred dollars a year, but it added hundreds of thousands to the material interests around it. Whitman, in saving the Pacific coast, gave us more than the aggregate cost of missions in a century would pay the interest on. The real estate and timber, mines of gold and silver, fisheries and commerce he thus saved are worth thousands of millions to our country to date. They will be worth far more in the years to come.

Similar ratios apply to investments in city missions. Ground occupied by pauper and criminal-filled tenements, and renting for fifty cents a week, soon after a mission is planted in their midst has houses that pay from five to tenfold that rate. Factories are located there. The quantity and quality of dry goods and groceries, etc., sold there are so improved that the local merchant disposes of ten times as much as he did before. He is also far more sure of pay. All this time the poor little mission has cost, perhaps, less than a thousand dollars per year. If it has had eight or ten years for its righteous roots to take hold, it is adding a thousand dollars a week to real estate and business interests. In all these and in kindred conscience-creating lines—Young Men's Christian Association and Woman's Christian Temperance Union work; work for better Sabbath observance and mission Sunday-schools, etc.—the material gain is such that the sinners who are benefited by it could well afford to pay the bills if the saints would do the work. The day has passed when men can truthfully say they "can't afford" to pay for these things. They are such ground-floor investments as no one can find on the exchanges of London or New York. All the histories of gold mines and diamond fields, of pearl fisheries, or the wildest real estate or stock speculations, are tame beside these ground-floor investments. They are the only efficient anchors of national life or of business prosperity, and the only sound and permanent cure for "hard times."

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

From THE CHURCH AT HOME AND ABROAD for September, 1898.

I may work "With  
zeal according to knowledge."

God help us all to  
actively & efficiently do,  
& patiently suffer His will  
Yours in the best of bonds

Geo. May Powell

September 14  
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P. S. Genl. Booth Tucker of the  
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2. By the practical education so secured, to enable them to leave the city and support themselves by agriculture.

3. To help those living in the country to so increase their income by agriculture, as to aid them to remain there, and not seek urban residence.

SECTION 3. METHODS. Its methods are practical experiments on lines above suggested, and scattering the facts so developed, through newspapers and other printed matter, conventions and otherwise.

The following words of ABRAHAM LINCOLN in an address at the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee, September 30, 1859, seem prophetic in this connection—he said: "Population must increase more rapidly than in former times, and *the most valuable of all arts*, will be the deriving a comfortable subsistence from the smallest area of soil. No community possessing this art, can ever be the victim of oppression. Such a community will be alike independent of crowned kings, money kings, and land kings."

*Extract from Philadelphia Evening Star, May 26th, 1898*

## SELF-HELP FOR THE POOR.

A meeting was held at 4 P. M. yesterday at the City Mission, 1224 Chestnut Street, to permanently organize the Intensive Gardening Institute. Capt. Townsend, of the United States Climate and Crop Bureau; Mr. Burnett Landreth, Mr. L. D. Vail and Mr. A. G. Elliot, a half score of editors and publishers of prominent newspapers and periodicals, also Judge Ashman, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr. B. F. Blake and many other prominent citizens' autographs are on the constitution of the institute. Its work has already demonstrated a ratio of results from a given expenditure of force, showing it to be probable that it may soon be helping the poor in the great cities of our country to every year help themselves, to more in amount than all the grand gifts of Girard. This is no rival of the excellent vacant lots culture, but a help to it in many ways.

It is proposed to have an active vice-president and a working secretary in every State in the Union and the British provinces. Mr. Geo. May Powell was elected president, Mr. B. Falkner, general secretary. Executive and finance committees and committees on acclimating foreign plants, experiment stations, etc., were provided for. The war will create demand for this kind of self-help. A national convention will soon be called to advance the work.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1897.

## Intensive Gardening as Self-Help for the Poor.

Editor Evening Star

"Food Plant Culture as Self Help to the Poor," was the subject of a meeting Saturday, October 9, at the Episcopal City Mission, 411 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. George May Powell stated results of years of his successful experiments in intensive gardening as a means to this end. Cases were cited from New Jersey and Pennsylvania of raising a bushel of tomatoes from one plant, or cucumbers or lima beans enough from one hill to supply a family. The main thing besides deep digging and rich manuring before planting was frequent, bountiful and regular watering, especially with water with plant food in solution such as soap suds and dish water.

A plan whereby a poor woman can get ~~two~~ crops of potatoes in a season from a box the size of a traveling trunk was described by Mr. Powell. This, in a general way, is about February 1 to plant a cut potato in a box holding ~~two~~ <sup>one</sup> or three gallons of earth; the box bottom tied on. Keep this in a south window, and treating it as a house plant. By April 1 have a box, tub or a half barrel, with two or more bushels of earth, or even sifted coal ashes, ready. In this dig a space to set in the box planted in February, and after taking off the bottom, set it in the space, and withdraw the small box. Then refill the small box as before and plant potato No. 2 in it. While the crop from

potato No. 1, planted in February, is maturing in the big box, potato No. 2 is getting two months' growth in the small box, and when, June 1st, the first crop is taken from the large box, No. 2 is put in it, and potato No. 3 put in the small box, and so on through the season. Before using a box of earth a second time it is well to empty it where it can have two or three days of sun, air and occasional stirring. Wood ashes, hen manure or a teaspoonful of nitrate of soda may be carefully used on surface of the big box. With plenty of water the big box will thus give more potatoes in a season than one hundred times its surface than common field culture. The earth closet should give plant food for millions of dollars' worth of food plants for the poor every year.

Representatives from several city missions were present, and the opinion was unanimous that this subject should be immediately and thoroughly shown up to organized charities, and city missions all over the country. It was admitted, that while this kind of intensive gardening is destined to help the poor to help themselves to tens of thousands of dollars' worth of food annually, it will gain ground slowly at first. Here and there a poor man or woman exceptionally skilled in, and loving house plants, will try and succeed, and that work will be object lesson to neighbors and so spread. Word was sent to this meeting by Rev. Dr. Macintosh, that very poor working people in Spitalfields, London, had raised not only flowers, but grapes and other fruits, that took first prizes in great British Expositions. And this up in garrets and with only broken pots filled with earth and the plants carefully tended and watered. After the meeting, the guests were shown the famous roof garden of Miss Nevins who is matron of the mission of 411 Spruce street.

This subject was recently presented at a meeting of the Methodist City Mission and Church Extension Society, where it was recognized as a very important one. These methods yield from five to ten times as much per square rod, as the really excellent vacant lot work does, and should be gradually added to it.

Intensive gardening is yet to show many now made dangerous by hunger, in cities, how to support themselves in the country, and so help relieve the menace of overcrowded cities. Also, show how more space can be given to forests by narrowing cultivated areas, and so save rivers and harbors from "silt" ruin, prevent floods, and regulate rainfall for agriculture. Regulation of rainfall is an annual interest to farmers and planters of our country, of over one thousand million dollars.

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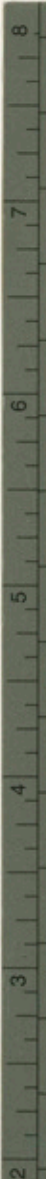
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I shall take pleasure in calling his attention to it when he comes back.

Yours truly,

*E. S. Haines.*

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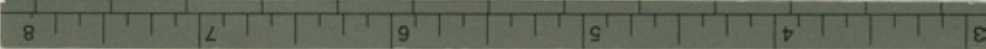
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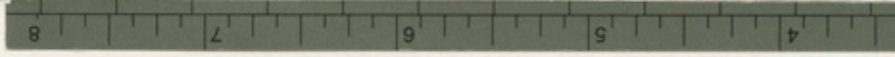
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Maj Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir;

Thank you for your letter.  
I have been advised to  
send to Washington the  
evidence I already have,  
and if more is required  
I shall be glad of any  
help you can give me,  
and appreciate your offer  
to do so. With kindest  
regards to you and Mrs.  
Howard. I am sincerely yours  
Abbie J. Gelbraith.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]*





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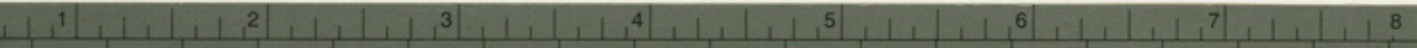
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I want to again express our gratitude for your good work at Ocean Grove.

Yours very sincerely,

*W.B. Millar,*



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*Mr. Morse*

