Portland Oregon Sept 11 1898

Major Gen O. O. Howard
Burlington Vermont.

My Dear General it as been so long since I have had 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 particularly for having done so much toward helping me into the Kingdom May God bless.

Well our Friend Wilkinson as been called home, and just in the way I allways 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.

Portland, Oregon 189

Allow me on behalf of my Daughter Helen Howard Chamberlain who was Married to J. E. Watkins my sincere thanks for the nice Present you sent her. They both joined the Presbeterian Church last Sunday. I May God bless them both amen.

I will soon be 78 year of age I remember when you left Oregon in 1888. what you told me, that when you would come back to the Pacific Coast I would be an old man and Loved back to you. Well that God I feel as well as I did then, with all the Words I have on my person in the Service of my Country.

Portland, Oregon 189

I have but one chid with me
now. W. W. Chambreau who
is Cashier of the East Side
railroad 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 Chambreau
old Scout of Gen. O. O. Howard

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GEN. O. O. HOWARD,
U. S. ARMY, RETIRED,
156 COLLEGE STREET.

J. W. Kelley
Cleveland Institute

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,

Oliver O. Howard
Major General
U.S. Army

Managing Director.

For Lincoln Memorial University,
Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

Dear Sir, 1st Corpl
Our school has given 60.00 to a mission in Emma Rice (mountain white) this year - directed J. W. Kelley
Akron O.

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Dear Sir
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I have seen its
work & know
its
Oliver

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

Sept 12'98.

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,

Very truly yours,

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

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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.Attilla 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 ineffie cient 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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CO Department of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C. September 15, 1888.

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I take the liberty to suggest that in writing to Mr. Cox you set forth that it is for your good and is in keeping of your letter. Mr. Myers has an bus ness up there in Louisville and can do much to aid in this kind of work and that circumstances were explained to him. Perhaps no more we letter proved influential than any other persons: that the last bond fide land sale was made to a gentleman to disappointing: that within a week you time was also in the way: that within a week you time was taken with another claiming prior attention: that, in making your first of Cox, you were delayed longer than you expected; but that

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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 Kehr

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,

New York, September 12, 1898.

With deep sorrow announcement is made of the death of our beloved associate, the Rev. Albert S. Hunt, D.D. He left the Bible House on Thursday last, expecting to have a day's rest and return on Saturday. That evening he was suddenly taken ill with symptoms of pneumonia, and, failing to rally from the attack, he died at an early hour on Sunday morning.

EDWARD W. GILMAN,

WILLIAM FOULKE.

J. W. HOWARD,
CIVIL ENGINEER,
No. 1 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

September 12, 1898.

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

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Dear Father [ca. Sept. 12, 1915]

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

My awful hair raising duties have consisted in arresting poor drunken fellows who couldn't escape to vigilant Patrols sent out to walk the streets as a sort of Guy Fawkes – A "Terrible Dread". It is true I was

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ready to fight, [illegible] only
bedbugs & mosquitoes and
also fleas have been the
opponents so far.

I am here in Tonce
well & contented except
that I want Brittie
with me.

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

There was soon on
the Hospital Ship "Relief"
& a letter from you to the

Major

some one would get her engaged ~~for the trip~~ as Dr Brown's (a Maj. Dr) daughter is. Or you could ask direct for her transportation ~~that~~ one way.

I shall try to see the Major Dr. but have so far failed to ~~get~~ see him.

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

I received a telegram

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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 US, were quarantined & lost 6 lectures.

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

The Extravagence of the Soldier of U.S. must worry to economic native here.

Brosie my soldi
has just brought me
of Coffee (weak + cold) to a

We use no water exc.
boiled as we have have diarrhea
+ 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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[illegible] may
several years. I shall sell
this trap and sleigh, the
silver and valuables are
in the safe deposit where
I shall leave them. I shall
only take some of the older
things that we do not care
about to Port Rico and stay
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
been led to expect in the
past. I do not mind roughing
it as long as I can be with
John. We are all going to
back up as there is talk
of a regiment coming here.
Love to the rest of the family
Willie Long
Butler

One of the officers
with today you could
get a sick leave if
you had a headache
even I mean in Port Rico. John better
get a headache

Ft. Wayne, Detroit,
Sept. 13, 1898.

Dear Father

I had a letter 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 Wayne 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.

This other detail to Island Lake as Q. M., Com. and Ordnance officer seems to be a very responsible one and I do not think

will amount to anything as the impression seems to have been that he was still at Tampa, and I fear that he will not be ordered from Porto Rico. Maj. Bandholtz to show he was to report to Santiago as that he had received a telegram that John had been ordered to Leland Lake and for him to communicate direct with John. This was on the 5th. The Maj. promised to let us 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 bad enough but this is over, and the yellow fever delay will probably be worst of all. I am getting quite desperate with so many disappointments.

I expect we shall be packing up with my little Phil's. John always looked after everything and I hardly know where to begin. Things will have to be stored so long and there we take for 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 complaint is that things get stolen in these big storehouses. John wants me to ask mother if she would take some of the

The Outlook
287 Fourth Avenue (near 23d Street)
New York

September 13, 1898.

My dear General Howard:

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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with myself in the matter. I hesitate to put my own judgement against yours in a matter of such importance, but this is the best conclusion to which I am able to come with such light as I have been able to get upon the question.

Yours very sincerely,

Lyman Abbott
N.

Major-General O. O. Howard.

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D.M. CALDWELL, Treasurer.
G.A. PRENTISS, Superintendent.
L. FENTON, Coroner.

CIRCUIT COURT: Fourth Monday in March and September.
COUNTY COURT: 1st Monday of each month.
PROBATE COURT: Tuesday;
COMMISSIONERS: Wednesday succeeding.

YAMHILL County

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McMinnville, Oregon, Sept 13th 1898

Gen O O Howard
Burlington Vt

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th at hand and I have been to the Sheriff and find that the taxes are $21.25 instead of $8.55 Mr Pugh took the valuation off the the assessment rolls instead of the assessment. The Man here, that wished to purchase, will buy the Lot No 1 Blk 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 $65.00

Hoping this will be all satisfactory I am
Yours Very Truly
J.O. Rogers. McMinnville.

me do not wish to do this you
and omit to Sheriff for tax
J.O.R.

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, D.V. to be of use to soldiers families

After I saw you I met your brother Charles, in Chicago, &

I think he considers it not impracticable

Any suggestions 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 Kings 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 missioner 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 business 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
1898.

P.S. Genl. Booth Tucker of the Salvation Army is getting interested in this GMP

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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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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 soup 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 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 with 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 Spittalfields, 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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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 your

Abbie S. Galbraith.

New York, Sept. 14, 1898

Gen. O.O.Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear General Howard:

Your letter of the 9th was forwarded to me. I have just returned to New York, and this accounts for the delay in sending check. Enclosed please find check for $300. Kindly sign receipt and return to this office. I want to thank you very much for your kindness in this matter. Your gift of the expenses is very greatly appreciated.

I enclose Major Whittle's letter, as you request. We are looking forward to a splendid meeting at Dr. Warner's house on the 22nd. Commodore Philip and Capt. Higginson, with yourself and Col. McCook are the guests of the evening.

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

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New York, Sept. 14, 1888

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