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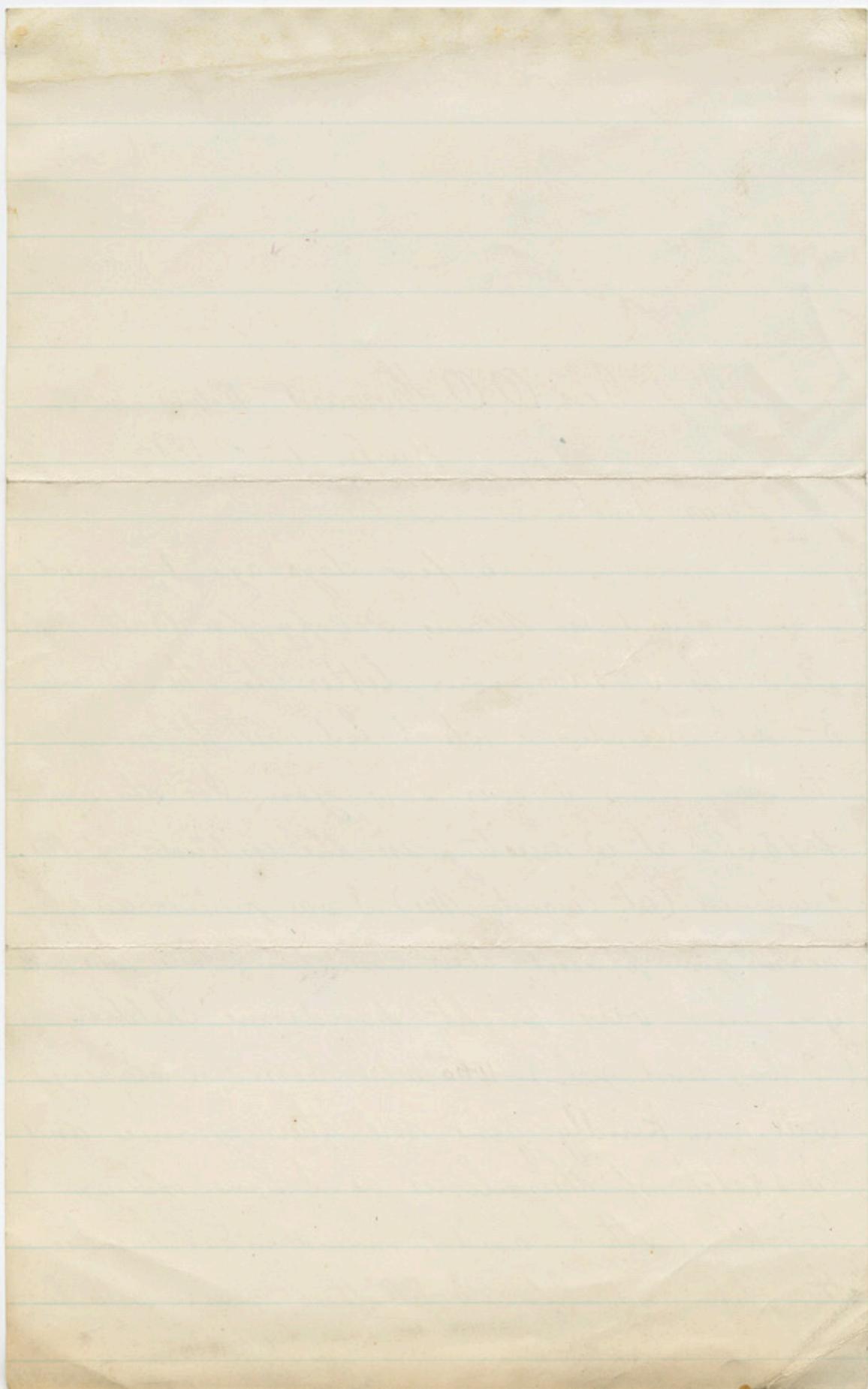
[Sep., 1899?]

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard Retired  
Burlington Vt-

Dear General

A few days ago I received from a friend in Maine a copy of a Bath paper in which I saw your letter to the President 3<sup>rd</sup> Me Association: which led me to recall the only time I ever saw you: In the winter of 1866 - at a meeting in the interest of the Freedmen (at Augusta Me) I was present and heard you present their condition; there was with you two very bright handsome children (a boy and girl) who were born in slavery will you kindly give me their names and a sketch of their lives as I have often thought of them and wondered what has been their lot and life in all these years - with best wishes for you and yours - very Respectfully  
D. V. Plummer B-3<sup>rd</sup> Me Assn



786 Quincy St  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
[Sep., 1899.]

Gen. O. O. Howard  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly  
favor me with your auto-  
graph?

Thanking you in advance  
for the same, I remain

Yours respectfully  
(Miss) Louise E. Root

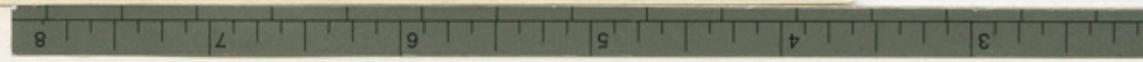
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786 Grand St  
Brooklyn N.Y.  
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Mr. O. W. Howard  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly  
favor me with your auto-  
graph?  
Thanking you in advance  
for the same, I remain  
Yours respectfully,  
(Miss) Annie E. Ross



Lake Mohonk Conference  
of Friends of the Indian

MOHONK LAKE, N. Y.

Sept. 1st, '99.

My dear Sir:-

The Seventeenth Annual Lake Mohonk Conference of Friends of the Indian will be held here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 11th, 12th and 13th.

Mrs. Smiley joins me in extending to you and your wife a most cordial invitation to be present as our guests. We shall hope to welcome you Tuesday afternoon, October 10th, so as to be at the opening meeting Wednesday morning. The closing session will be held Friday evening, and we should be pleased to have you remain until Saturday morning.

The enclosed time-table gives the different trains by which Mohonk may be reached. Tickets should be taken only to New Paltz, where my carriage will meet you.

Trusting to hear that it may be possible for you to attend, believe me,

Very truly yours,  
Albert K. Smiley,

by *Smiley*

To Gen. O. O. Howard.

*MS*

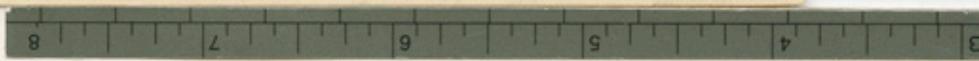
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Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

in relation to the proposed purchase of the land in question. The Board of Directors of the company has considered the same and has decided to purchase the same for the purpose of establishing a permanent home for the company. The purchase price is \$10,000.00 and the same will be paid in cash. The purchase will be made on or before the 1st day of January, 1908. The purchase of the land will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the company. The purchase of the land will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the company. The purchase of the land will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the company.

Very truly yours,  
Albert J. Bell

*Albert J. Bell*





September 1, 1899.

St. Albans,  
Vt.

My dear General Howard:

Let me thank you ever so  
much for the book you sent me,  
it was so kind of you.

I have not read it yet, but will very  
soon, and know I shall enjoy it  
immensely.

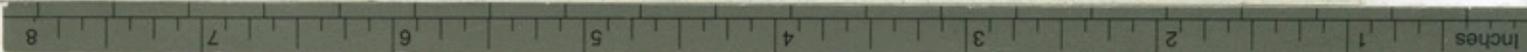
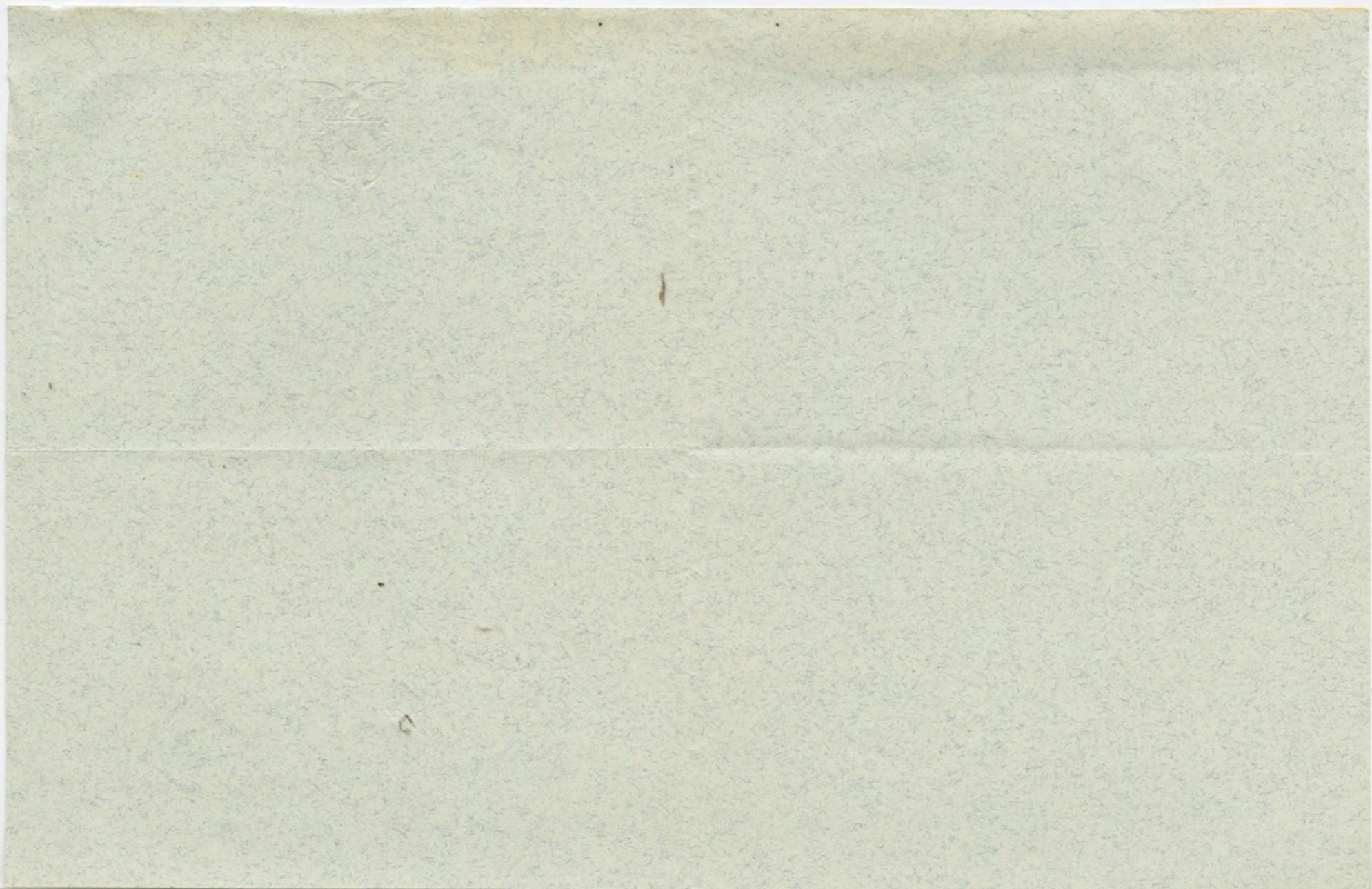
With kindest regards from  
Mother, Father and myself.

Very respectfully yours

Gregory

G. G. S.

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[ca. - Sep. 1, 1897]

St. Albans, Vt.

My dear General Howard,

Thank you ever so much  
for the nice book you  
have sent me. I hope  
you will come and see  
us again, I would be so  
glad to see you. I am sure  
the book is lovely and  
so now I am going  
to read it. Sending you  
a Miss for it I am  
with much love

Your  
soldier boy

Edward

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[1897-29-10]

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to read it. I am  
or Miss for it. I  
with much love

Yours  
Edmund

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instead of Monday as  
Mother wrote - The change  
is due to Monday being  
Labor Day & the shops  
closed - And if his  
orders are not changed  
very soon he is liable  
to go on with the  
first detachment of  
recruits from Columbus  
for Manila - These  
orders may have

Burlington, Vermont  
Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> '99.

Dear Father

Your letter just  
received - Glad you  
and Chaucey had a  
nice time - Your  
investment is good if  
there is ample security  
and  
the value of the  
property being at  
least twice the mortgage  
The first thing to

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look for is the ~~ability~~  
of the mortgage to  
pay, for otherwise the  
mortgage is a great  
nuisance. We all  
feel that John  
ought to have  
a couple of months  
more in this country  
on account of  
health and <sup>that</sup> could be  
best brought about

by detail to this new  
regiment - though  
detail to Genl  
Shafter would  
answer except that  
he returns in October.  
There is urgent haste  
in this matter as  
John leaves for Colum.  
bus <sup>Ohio</sup> Monday night  
spending Tuesday at  
the Buckingham Hotel

send me and also  
and John a letter  
addressed to the  
Buckingham N.Y. City  
telling where you will  
be each day next  
week so he can tele-  
graph you from Columbus  
whether he is to go on  
immediately on arrival  
there or later - Love from  
us all - affectionately  
Harry + Bernice

been gotten out without  
Genl Corbin's knowledge  
but are obligatory for  
him to go with the  
"first recruits" - His  
orders read to report  
on or about the 31<sup>st</sup>  
of August - You can  
easily keep at the  
Adj. Genl Office, so  
that the matter would  
not be over-looked

in the rush of so much if properly pushed,  
& to present Corbin's a big bowl will be  
finally saying that made over you at Phil.  
John was out of the & this small matter  
country & so too late is but a quid pro quo  
to get the appointment, I think of great  
without doing any "kneeling" <sup>importance considering</sup>  
Under Shafter's request John's present health.  
it is an easy matter I suppose you have  
to get him ordered arranged your trip  
to San Francisco by this time, or please

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111 Fifth Ave.

New York, Sept. 1/99?

My dear General:--

I saw Miss Ellis today and she said you were down in Cumberland Gap. I returned last Saturday and pitched into work Monday. I wrote a letter to you at Burlington acknowledging receipt of letters which awaited me here. Have seen to Christian Work check. They said they would send it and apologized for delay. The syndicate is a good one if they will pay you \$35 a thousand words. I wouldn't agree to write for anything less.

Your health article was sent to the Youth's Companion. You ought to have heard from it long ago. I will trace it up. How is L. M. U. getting on. I hope money is coming in fast. I have a list of moneyed people with whom I made acquaintances this summer. I want you to write to them. One many in particular. He is a cousin of Dewey and knows you. He is quite old and wants to put up some kind of an institution, as a life work. He lives in Brooklyn. I have broken the ice and I want you to reap the harvest. Give me some interesting item about the university. I want to use it in our regular service.

My uncle is improving, but my presence in Worcester is required each week to look after matters. We have just incorporated the Church News Association. A raise has been promised me beginning October. We have been paying 10 % annual dividends during the past three years.

Very Sincerely  
W. C. Howland.

111 Fifth Ave.

New York, Sept. 1/1937

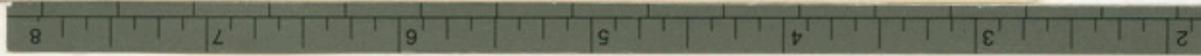
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*Your sincerely,  
W. C. Howland*



Sheffield, Mass.  
Sept. 1. 1789

My Dear Genl -

Your Very Kind letter to  
recol. me duly recd. thank  
you most Sincerely. I am  
most happy to note that you  
expect to be here at the North  
again sometime during Sept  
as I am quite desirous that  
you should be present at our  
opening meeting. And, as that  
cannot be held until about the  
1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. I am hoping that you  
may find it possible to do so.

I also wish that  
as you come North, or at any  
convenient time, you could stop  
off here, and go over to the  
Spring with me. Dr. Weston &

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged, yellowed paper with horizontal fold lines and a small stain on the left side.]*

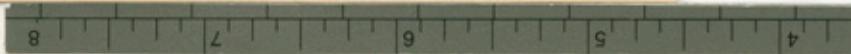
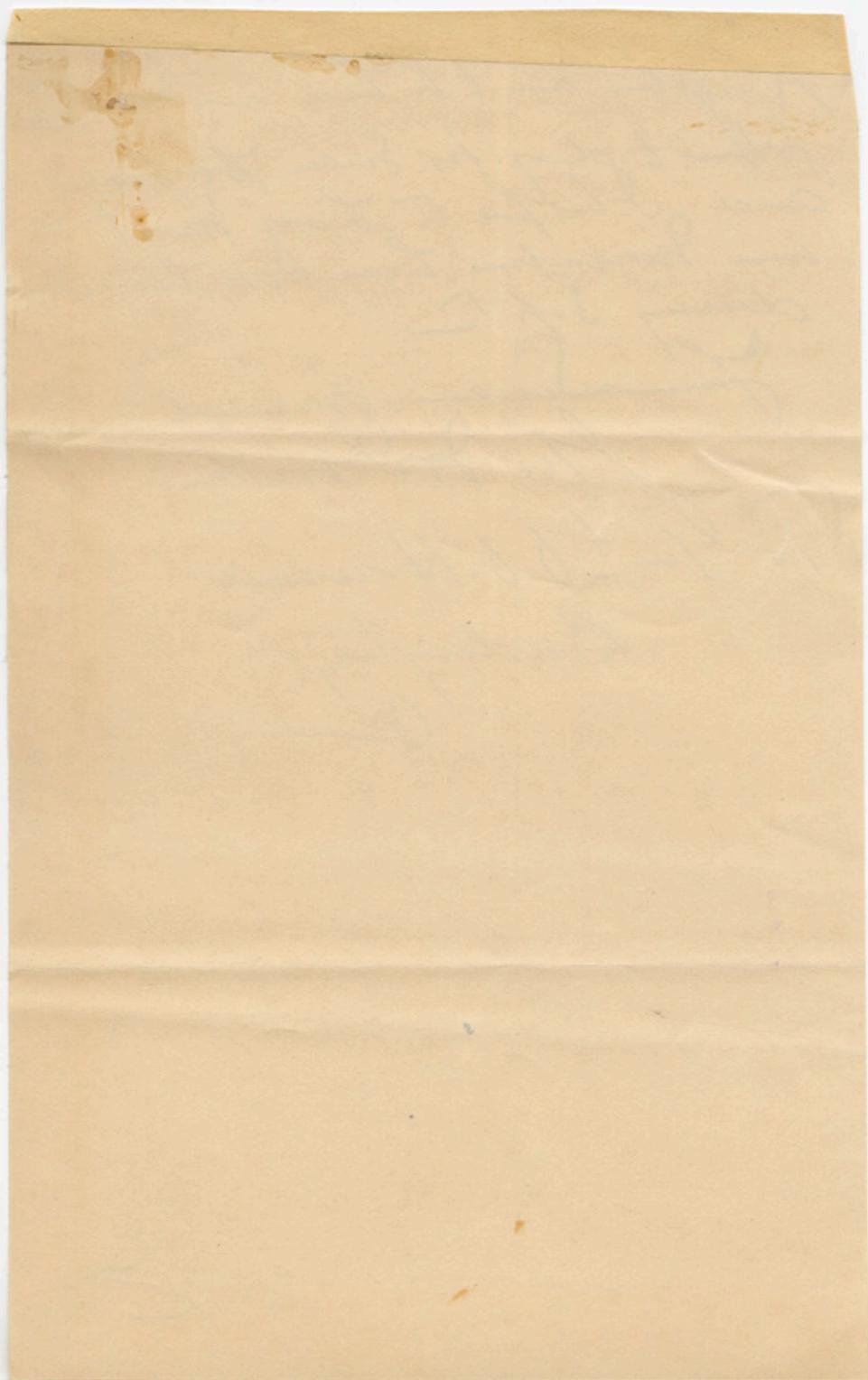


Ampley can't be here one week  
from 7 day for such purpose.  
and I hope to have most  
of my materials here sometime  
during Sep 1<sup>st</sup>

Yours Sincerely friend  
Geo. W. Brown.

To Genl O. O. Howard  
Burlington;  
Vt

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Gen. O. O. HOWARD,  
U. S. ARMY, RETIRED.  
156 COLLEGE ST.

Burlington, Vt. Sept 2, 1899.

Dear Father:

I have been lazily  
packing + arranging my  
affairs for trip to Columbia  
Bbs.

We leave here Monday  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 12.05 (about noon)  
+ will sleep at the Bucking-  
ham where I hope you will  
come to take breakfast with  
us Tuesday morning any time  
after eight o'clock.

I have sent my extra  
trunks by freight to San Francisco

+ Bessie + I shall <sup>2</sup> go to Columbia Bbs  
+ then from there to St. I am to go that  
Mory. It is just possible that the results  
may go via N.Y.; if so I will know  
soon after arriving in Columbia.  
I will telegraph to you if I deem it necessary  
from Columbia if any thing occurs.  
Ben Shafter's letter did not come  
back in your letter but I suppose it  
will have been kept by your sewing  
woman.

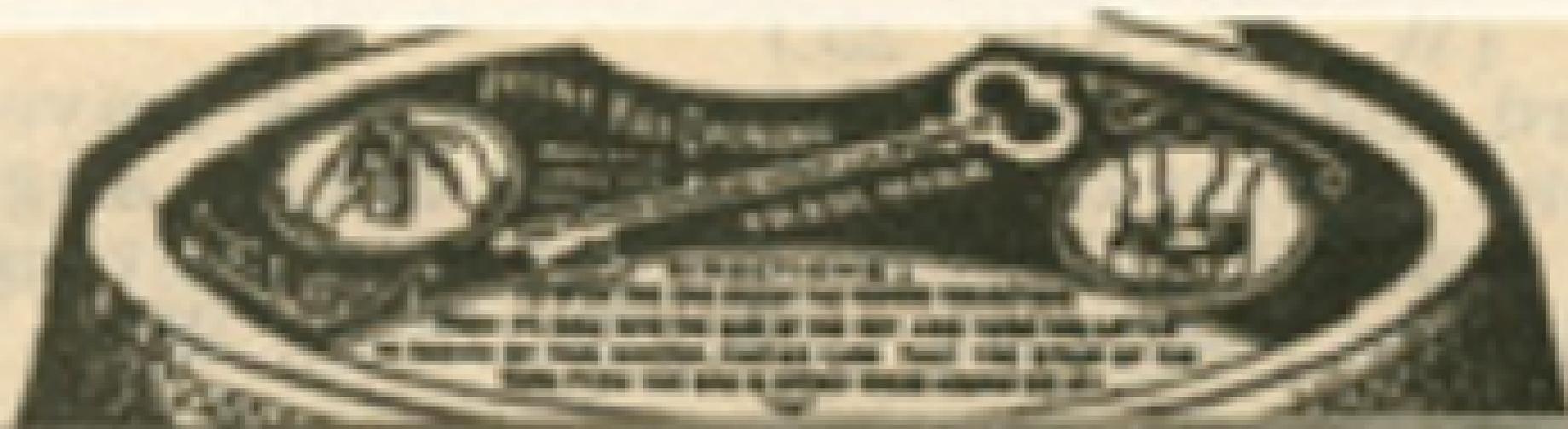
Bessie is reading to  
Harry & Mother is reading  
~~the~~ letter from Geanie.

Gen Peck I think  
has written to you so I  
need not tell you what  
he said about his  
visit to ~~Bluff~~ Bluff Point.

Give my love  
to all with you  
Tell Chaucery that he  
will have to address  
me at Columbus, <sup>Bks.</sup> Ohio  
with love  
John

1., for recruiting duty. (W. D., Aug. 20.)

1st Lieut. John Howard, 19th U. S. Inf., now on sick leave, will proceed to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, on or about Aug. 31, for duty with the first detachment of recruits leaving there for Manila, to join his regiment. (W. D., Aug. 25.)



**Potted Meats,  
Lunch Meats,**

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ALEXANDER McDONALD, PRES.  
GEO. F. TIBBITTS, GEN. SEC'Y.

YOUNG MEN'S  
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,  
CINCINNATI. ✓  
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Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 2, 1899.

Hon. O. O. Howard,  
U. S. A.,

Dear sir:

Beginning October 1st our Young Men gather every evening in the Association Chappel at 9:30 P. M. for evening prayers. These have been very popular in the past, and we desire to continue to make them interesting and helpful to our many members, and the strangers, who are always in attendance.

I am asking fifty prominent men for a few lines of advice or encouragement to young men, to be read at these sessions, and will be most thankful for a brief letter from you on any subject or thought that you may chose. I assure you we will be honored by such a favor and will appreciate so great a kindness, as it will be exceedingly helpful in our work, and the enlargement of the Master's Kingdom.

Very sincerely yours,

General Secretary.

YOUNG MEN'S  
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
CINCINNATI.



ALEXANDER DOORWARD, PRES.  
GEO. F. TIMBITY, GEN. SECY.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 2, 1892.

Hon. G. O. Howard,

U. S. A.,

Dear sir:

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the Association Chapel at 8:30 P. M. for evening prayers. These have  
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Very sincerely yours,

General Secretary.





Subject. - Men, all over the country,  
are much interested in the proper  
care of sick & wounded soldiers.

A committee has been appointed

"To secure by act of Congress the  
Employment of Graduate Nurses  
in the Hospital Service of the United  
States Army."

I am requested to speak (at the  
meeting of the Federation) on this  
question.

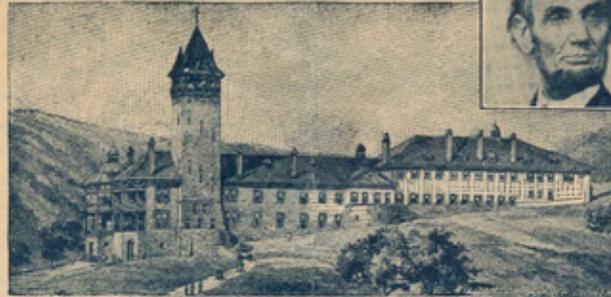
I know nothing about it, and would  
not presume to give an opinion.

When any military question comes up,  
I always feel I would like to hear  
your opinion, because you are a  
Christian gentleman, as well as a  
good soldier. Would you be willing  
to give me your opinion on this  
subject? The mother, daughter, wife,  
sister, aunts and uncles, & all the other

OUTGROWTH OF THE WORK OF REV. and MRS. MYERS.

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GEN. O. O. HOWARD,  
*Managing Director.*  
JOHN HALE LARRY,  
*Asst. Managing Director.*



COL. H. H. ADAMS, *Treas.*,  
177 Broadway, N. Y.  
EUGENE P. FAIRCHILD, *Fin. Agt.*  
CHAS. F. EAGER,  
*Sec'y and Asst. Treasurer.*  
Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY, CUMBERLAND GAP, TENN.

New Glasgow, N.S. Sept. 11, 1899.

Dear Gen:-

Your first from  
the Gap is at hand. It  
has been some time following  
me. Glad to get it for I  
have wanted to know about  
Mr. Myers' position. I wish  
you would take a catalog  
and mark it by your idea  
and if possible I will follow  
all you suggest. I will get  
the department in as  
you suggest. Just as soon  
as I get back, I will begin  
on the new catalogues. I hope  
you have read the rest books  
I've this. The folders may possibly  
be done, but if you have

marked many changes (the proofs  
have not come here but when  
sent to printer) they  
will wait my return. I  
leave here tomorrow for Heli  
fax and right on to Prov.

I am ready to go now almost  
any time. I have found a young  
man to work in in Providence.  
He is now employed by the  
Slater College (Colored) raising  
funds, but he would like  
to try my work. While I am  
not willing to work for less  
salary, I am now situated so  
that I would risk less steady  
payments. I am sure a good  
start of the printing department  
will help bring in funds.

Mr. Fraser is ready to  
go at any time. I cannot but  
think that a line now from you  
to Dr. Pearson, would be  
to guarantee enough for a start.  
You know best however. I shall accept  
his invitation to call on him as  
soon as I can afford to do so.

Will write again on my arrival  
home, the last of the week,  
Yrs fraternally  
Wm. H. Loring.



Oakland  
Sept. 4  
1899

General  
O. O. Howard  
Dear Sir

I received your  
favor in due time the last  
time I wrote to you I ask you  
to send me a letter of Introduction  
to Gen General Shafter. I enclose  
this letter from my Battalion  
Commander to show that I will  
keep up a good Record & I  
expect to the Bullance of my  
Days. shortly after I was discharged  
last Summer I went to the Fabrice  
Hospital I was there 25 days I  
was operated on for well  
Venereal Veins in the Bladder the  
The Operation was a success my  
health now is better than before  
what I wish you to do for me now

I go to write to some Officers  
who is now serving in the Philippines  
& Recommend me for active  
Duty. I can serve Under Arms  
as an Aid to some General or as  
a Dispatch Carrier, Messenger or as  
a Scout - I would like a letter  
from you to General Leavitt  
or Curtis or McArthur or Gen Joe  
Wheeler I am sorry I miss call-  
ing on Gen Wheeler when he was in  
San Francisco what I want is  
First Class Transportation from  
San Francisco to Manila & I  
can assure you it will not  
be my fault if I do not give  
a good account of myself  
I am to Old to Enlist but this  
will not prevent me from  
going on to the front line  
& doing my Duty. Shortly  
after receiving your kind letter  
I called on Gen Shafter he  
received me very cordially

he said as I was to Old to Enlist  
that he did not see what he could do  
for me. I propose to call on him  
again & ask him to furnish me  
first class Transportation to Manila  
kindly advise me on my  
course to proceed as you are  
throughly Post on Army Regulations

Hoping to receive a favorable  
reply in due time I will close  
I hope this letter will find you  
enjoying good health & I hope to  
meet you again sometime in  
Oakland or San Francisco.

Please return the enclosed Recommend  
from Major Rice

I remain Yours in T. & L.

James W Newton  
Please Adress # 950 ~~Franklin~~ St Cor of  
Peralta St Cor of Ninth  
Oakland  
Alameda Co  
Calif.

Hern, Landerbach & Company,  
Boots, Shoes and Rubbers,  
55 NORTH THIRD STREET

Philadelphia,

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Genl O. O. Howard

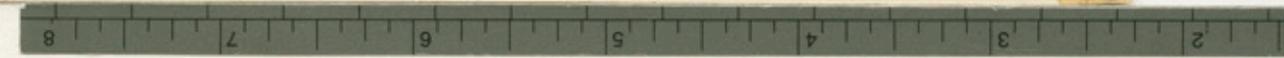
My dear sir: I am collecting autographs  
of eminent Americans, and I already have  
along list to which I shall be glad to add  
yours. I enclose a stamp for that purpose  
Thanking you in advance I remain  
Very gratefully

C. J. Miller  
53 North Third St

For Postage & Expenses  
Cash, Sales and Returns  
of the [illegible]

Philadelphia

Dear Sir,  
I am pleased to hear  
of your success in  
the [illegible] and  
trust that the [illegible]  
of your [illegible] will be  
of great service to you  
in your [illegible]  
I am, Sir, very  
respectfully,  
Yours,  
[illegible]





HEADQUARTERS

State Fencibles Battalion,

1ST BRIGADE, N. G. P.

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Philadelphia, Sept 6 1899

General O. O. Howard A. Gen.  
Dear General;

We have your note.  
There are but about a dozen  
of the Ohio Brigade here  
this morning - (11, Ave) if  
we get together enough of  
the old members to have a  
Meeting we would be glad to  
have you talk to us a few  
moments, - and if convenient  
call and let us shake you  
by the hand

very respectfully

Chas. H. Smith  
Late Major 77. ord

HEADQUARTERS

**State Fencibles Battalion,**

First Brigade, N. C. of Pa.

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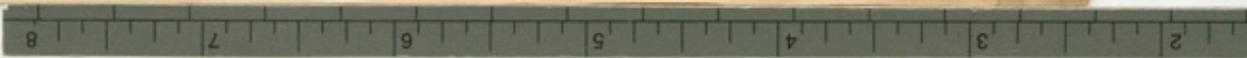
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State Fencibles Battalion

1st BRIGADE, N. C. OF PA.

Received,

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Form No. 1.

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This is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE, and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above.

THOS. T. ECKERT, President and General Manager.

58 E. 16th	SENT BY	RECD BY	99 No	CHECK
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RECEIVED at S. W. Cor. 10th and Chestnut Sts., Phila.

Sept 9 1899

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Burlington Vt  
 Genl O. O. Howard  
 Care C. O. Howard  
 Fidelity Mutual Life Assn  
 Phila  
 Peck just called says  
 President was glad to promise  
 to make John Major advise you

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RECEIVED at S. W. Cor. 10th and Chestnut Sts., Phila.

Sept 6 1899

Dated

To

To

See President Thank him  
 for granting Gov. Smith's  
 Request I ask for immediate  
 order before John leaves  
 Country  
 H. J. Howard



"A BRIGHT NEWSPAPER FOR THE PEOPLE:"

# The Evening Leader.

61-63 Orange Street,

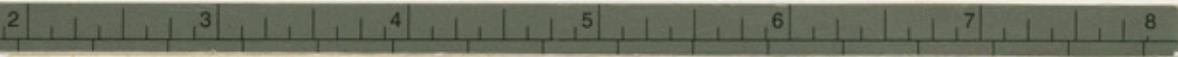
EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT,  
C. W. PICKETT,  
EDITOR.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

2710  
Sep 6<sup>th</sup> 1899

My Dear Gen Howard.

I shall assume that it will be no great effort of memory for you to recall Mr & W Pickett of New Haven, as my name has I think, been mentioned to you by Mrs Pralmer, of late in connection with the bringing out of her book. Had you forgotten the occasion on which I had the honor of a delightful chat - with <sup>you</sup> by invitation of Dr Litchell at his residence two or three years ago. If I have established myself sufficiently in your busy memory, I will come straight to the point



A BRIGHT NEWSPAPER FOR THE PEOPLE.

# The Evening Leader.

51-53 Orange Street.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.  
C. W. TICKETT  
EDITOR.

*Wm*

*Sept 14 1899*

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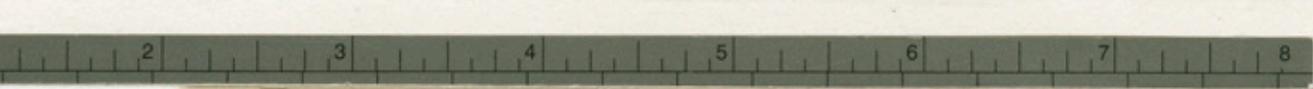
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of my letter, I have a pet-ambition  
which is no less than a brief interview  
with that persecuted hero (or will be)  
Admiral Dewey. Many other associated  
with-newspapers, will also have the same  
ambition. Not all will succeed, but the  
one who through the influence of a man  
like Gen Howard might possibly win  
where another will fail. I number  
among the triumphs of my newspaper  
life interviews with Generals Howard  
and Gen Miles and should be proud to  
add to the distinguished list that of the  
may, we shall soon unite as a nation  
in honoring. Next summer will hardly receive  
a visit from Dewey this fall, and as  
a large company of Yale men left



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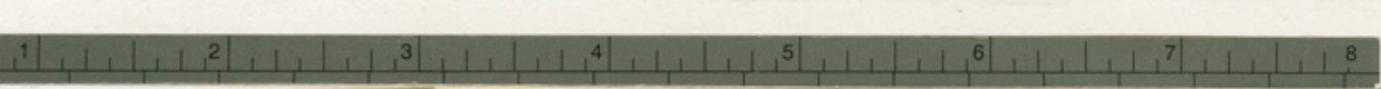
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Their studies; exhibited and clamped  
 to be sent to the front - at the time  
 of the war with Spain, a message  
 directly to them from Admiral  
 Dewey. Through the medium of a  
 local paper, would be without doubt  
 extremely gratifying to them, and  
 Yale University. I should <sup>not</sup> expect a long  
 interview; just a moment face to face;  
 a handshake and a few words would  
 suffice. Can you help me my dear  
 General? I assume that you will be  
 in New York on the reception of Admiral  
 Dewey. A letter would be of no avail and  
 only by being escorted to his presence by  
 one who had the open sesame, as you ~~read~~  
 would, can I hope to obtain my wish. Will  
 you kindly refrain from mentioning



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*Handwritten note:*  
J. G. O.  
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JULY 1854

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my request in any correspondence sent  
to New Haven possibly, as our habit  
to have failures known, if failure  
it-proves. Whether you are willing  
or able to accede to my plan, con-  
sider me ever  
Sincerely yours,

Wm. S. W. Pickett  
New Haven  
Conn



W.P.

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"Hobbs"  
 Bentley (son), Wm.  
 Sept 6 1842

Prof Genl D. O. Howard  
 My dear Sir  
 I have the pleasure  
 to inform you that  
 the copy of the  
 "Tragedy of the Ages"  
 for it was  
 long ago, that I had  
 the honor to spend in  
 your society was a  
 Christian party  
 to my book so  
 that in my life  
 as you see in so  
 true. You have a  
 position in one of  
 my books.

Equestrian pictures of  
 the Official series of the  
 "Army of the Cumberland",  
 a good patriot, and it was with  
 much admiration I presented  
 you to the people for  
 seven years. O! I have so  
 much to talk to you about

I beg you not to leave our  
 parts without coming to  
 see me. Please intimate  
 the train, my carriage  
 will meet you. I  
 failed to find you  
 yesterday. I will try this  
 evening. Please come  
 pardon the within  
 papers relating to my  
 "Tragedy of the Ages"  
 Your firm friend  
 Wm. J. Davis

Office of the Appraiser of Merchandise,

Port of Boston, Mass.,

September 6, 1897

My dear General

I have been expecting you here on your return from Cumberland Gap, but have given you up since I met Dr. Johnson last Friday night who met you at Burlington the same morning, Sept. 4.

Our good friend Samuel Johnson, who just goes to Lincoln Memorial University, has passed away.

Your slips were duly received, containing your speech, I had it re-published in the Transcript of Aug. 29,

and a good editorial on your work was published in the Journal of the Ev. of Aug. 25, both of which I enclose.

Hope my action will meet with your approval. I don't want to assume too much in starting Mr. Miller in the collecting line and wish you were here to advise in this important matter.

While the responses are favorable still you

Office of the Appraiser of Merchandise,  
BOSTON, MASS.,

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Appraiser.

SUBJECT:

No. of Inclosures, .....

to be here to consult and see if he is started  
right. He wants to see your name very  
roughly and I have no right to grant  
permission in this matter. Can't you come  
here a few days and look into this starting  
point and give your advice. We might strike some-  
thing favorable together. When Blanchard is  
back at home and the way is clear for  
you there (140 W. Concord St) please reply early  
before Mr. Miller gets out his letter heads.

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. H. Steward (signed)