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The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations,
3 West Twenty-ninth Street, New York.

April 15, 1901.

General O. O. Howard,
156 College St.,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear General Howard:-

With the new year well under way, may I remind you of the balance of your subscription of $15.00 made last year, of which $10.00 is still unpaid? I did not have the courage to write to you after the opening of the year, knowing how busy you were, and how much you were doing for association work other than by your generous contributions.

I take pleasure in sending you a bulletin of our army and navy department which is just from the press. I read it with much interest yesterday, and I am sure it will interest you. The incidents might be increased a thousand fold, and then would give only a fair idea of this splendid work for soldiers and sailors, made possible by the gifts of yourself and others to the work of the Committee. Your experience in this department will make this little bulletin a very ~~inviting~~ vivid picture to you.

The promise of our work in every department never was as bright as it is in the opening of this eventful year. In our work for students, thousands have been converted. In our work for railroad men, we are influencing tens of thousands, and are having the hearty coöperation of railway managers all over the country. Other departments of our work are equally successful. We have recently added three secretaries in the interest of our religious work department, and one in the interest of work for boys. Very many have been converted already as the result of their work.

I also enclose a brief report of our work for 1900, which will interest you as an old friend of the Committee. I trust it may be convenient for you to send the amount kindly promised.

Hoping an early reply, Very sincerely yours,

Thomas K. Cree

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157 West 103d Street

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New York April 15, 1901.

Major Gen. O.O.Howard,

150 Nassau St., City.

My dear General:-

When Col. Denison and I met you at the Bowery meeting a week ago Thursday night, you promised to send us the toast to which you would speak at the Patria Club Dinner to be held on Friday evening, April 26th. As we are anxious to complete the programme will you please send it at once, and greatly oblige us. We are going to have a fine dinner and a fine audience.

Gen. Wheeler's toast is "Our Country and its Progress."

Yours faithfully,

O.O. Howard

11 Broadway
City

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PHILIP W. MOEN
WORCESTER MASS.

April 15th 1901.

Major-General O. O. Howard, (Retired).
150 Nassau Street,
New York.

My dear General Howard;-

I should be very glad to help again for the Lincoln Memorial, but the demands on me this spring are so large that I cannot do it. There are more good things presenting themselves than I can keep up with.

Yours very truly,

Philip W. Moen

PHILIP W. ALDEN,
Worcester, Mass.

April 25th 1901.

Major-General O. O. Howard, (Retired).
150 Nassau Street,
New York.

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Office Hours,
3-4 P. M., except Saturdays.
John G. MacVicar, A. M.,
Headmaster.

Montclair Military Academy,

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Montclair, N. J., April 15, 1901

General O. O. Howard,
150 Nassau St., New York

My dear General Howard:-

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of recommendation of the school.

It will give me pleasure to call at your office some day and have a talk with you.

Yours very sincerely,

J. G. MacVicar.

314 Clifton Street.
Malden.

April 15 - 1901

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Thank you very much for your kind letter. we shall be glad to hear and see you on Thursday May 2nd. You did not say if we might expect you to dinner on that day. dinner at 12,30 and a train out from Boston 11-50 - Western Div of B & M. North Union Station there will be a carriage to meet you. If you do not

wish to come out then there is another train 12-45 which would get you here in time to arrange for the lecture at 2. I hope that we will have a nice day. I shall get out the invitations right away. I shall want about a hundred folders. Prof Larry said that I should have them. I do not know from where.

I shall see Mrs Leland and also Mrs H. E. Converse here in Malden and arrange with them to be present, if possible, all that can be done do, I suppose, may I place the for the cause.

Sincerely Yours.

Grace H. Hoare.

I have written to your daughter extending an invitation which I trust she will accept, to favor us with her presence also as our guest.

E. S. S. H.
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Major General Oliver O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

It is with pleasure that Mr Hammond and I, together with your many friends, welcome you to our city. With great interest also

We anticipate the privilege of listening again to your magnetic eloquence in public, to insure which we have secured seats for the banquet of the Congregational Club.

Awaiting your early arrival at our home where Clem Hammond unites with me in the delightful expectation of welcoming you as our guest, I am

Cordially yours

Ellen S. S. Hammond.

260 Clarendon Street.

April the fifteenth.

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Rev. L. E. Camfield, President.

Ward Academy,

CLASSICAL, ENGLISH, AND NORMAL
COURSES OF STUDY.

ACADEMY, SO. DAK.

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Apr. 15, 1901.

Dear General Howard,

If Pres. Warren mentioned us in his letter, you have doubtless been wondering why his invitation was not accompanied by ours, requesting you to speak at our Commencement. Some time ago Mr. Camfield asked Pres. Warren if we could ~~too~~ not combine in this way, for ever since I met you at Omaha and on the Kansas City train, and claimed you as a partial relative, (because my grandmother was a Howard of Bridgwater) it has been the dream of our life to secure your presence on some occasion, at the school which we have spent all of our married life in building up. That you were President of the Home Missionary Society, under which we work, was an added assurance of your interest.

The cause of our delay was that the small-pox scare has been hanging on our borders for many weeks, and the disease such as it is, has now come into our midst. I say "such as it is;" for it certainly is not the real small-pox, but is a light eruptive fever,

Rev. L. E. Camfield, President.

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leaving little, if any, marking. Our school is in quarantine, because our preceptress had it, outside students are kept home and only our boarders from a distance remain, but if no one else comes down, the quarantine will be lifted in another week. Of the three members of our graduating class, the most promising young man died of pneumonia last week, & another has been kept at home three weeks by the severe illness of his mother. Under all these circumstances, we anticipate the poorest Commencement we ever had, and hesitated about writing you, naturally wishing you to see our school at its best, and at a time when people would flock from far and wide at the magic name of Genl Howard. How this trouble will probably all blow over in a few weeks, and if you decide to come to us, I can not assure you in strong enough words of our warm welcome and hearty gratitude. But it seemed right to let you know all this.

Rev. L. E. Camfield, President.

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One of the happiest memories of my life is of that little visit in the evening on the train, when you, one of our country's heroes, so kindly conversed with a little unknown from the Dakota frontier. Nothing can take that away from me, whether I ever see you again in this life or not, but I cherish the hope that you may yet be on this ground where we chose to serve our Master as long as we were spared to do so.

With a heart full of reverence and affection, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ella Woodman Camfield.

P.S. This letter is perfectly safe, as I am not in quarantine, but staying at home, while Mr. C. is at the Academy.

P.S. Possibly you know that we are the "adopted child" of the W. C. T. U., and Mrs. M. J. Van Patten is well acquainted with all our work & has corresponded

with us for years. It would be a gratification if you could see her and talk over our school with her.

E.W.C.

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Subject:—

THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS,
ARMY BUILDING,

New York City April 15, 1901.

General O. O. Howard,
150 Nassau Street,
New York City.

My Dear General:

In a note received from you about two months ago, upon which I cannot just now lay my hand, you asked me whether I wanted you to do anything in reference to my appointment as Chief of Engineers.

I think this was before General Wilson had sent his letter to the Adjutant General offering to retire in my favor, a copy of which is herewith inclosed. The President and Secretary of War, I have learned to-day, are both opposed to the appointment on the ground that, as the President words it, "it would have to be followed by so many other promotions for retirement that he would be charged with padding the retired Army list".

Now I think my case is quite different from that of a number of other officers who are striving to be appointed Brigadier General before retirement.

Four years ago I was the Senior Officer in my Corps. I had three years more service as a Commissioned Officer than any other man in the Corps, and five years more service in the Engineer Corps. I held by all odds the most important positions in the Corps, being President at the time of seven Boards of Engineers including

the one planning the defenses of the United States, and have never been President of less than five Boards during the last five or six years. I was in good health and in every way eligible for the position and would undoubtedly have received it had not Mr.Cleveland forced the Chief of Engineers, General Craighill, to retire suddenly February 1,1897, just a month before the President himself retired. General Craighill had assured me that he would not retire until he had reached his age limit, July 1, 1897, when Mr.McKinley would have been President, and he has also stated to me in writing that he believed I would have been his successor at the time. General Wilson has offered to do what he could to right this wrong,and to retire now so that I can be appointed previous to May 2,1901, when I retire.

I think my case is somewhat special. I do not believe there is an officer in the Army who has served as long as I,- nearly 44 years as a Commissioned Officer, and 48 years in the Army. If I had just now at the end of my service reached the position where I was the ranking officer in the Corps, except the Chief, the argument might be brought up that the term was so short it was not expedient to make the appointment, but I attained this position four years ago and was entitled to it, and if I do not get it, it will be like serving notice on all officers that instead of attending to their duties wherever they may be, they should strive to be stationed in Washington where they can look out for their own interest. I know the time is exceedingly short, but I would be very glad if you could do anything immediately to convince the President that my appoint-

ment would be only righting a wrong and not establishing a precedent for the appointment of officers who only get to the head of their corps a few months before retirement.

In addition to this I may say that of the seven officers now living, in the Army, in my class,-1857,- and the class below me,-1858,- every one of them was appointed a Brigadier General before retirement excepting myself and Major Warner, who retired when promoted from a Captaincy several years ago.

Thanking you for anything you may do in this matter for me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry M Robert

I think the Pres has seen the enclosed memoranda, at least the second one.

MEMORANDA.

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(5) If Colonel Robert is not appointed Brigadier General he will be the only one of those now in the Army of the Military Academy class of 1857, and of the class below his, who has failed to be rewarded with that honor, except Major Warner, who retired in 1887 when promoted from a Captaincy. He has had at least two years more of active service than any other man of either class, living or dead, and he outranked, with one exception, every one of the other six living members of the two classes at the time they were appointed Brigadier Generals. He has been the only member of either of these classes on the active list since July 1899. If Colonel Robert fails to be made a Brigadier General he will suffer as the result of having graduated in the Corps of Engineers.

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He continued at this work until the close of the war, and ever since that time has been in continuous service on the various duties assigned Engineer Officers on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and on the northern Lakes.

During the last five or six years Colonel Robert has been President of The Board of Engineers for Fortifications, which has the duty of planning the defenses of the United States on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts; President of the Harbor Line Board for New York and vicinity, which has during this time recommended modifications of about fifteen miles of harbor lines to adapt them to the needs of modern shipping, and acted upon the various bridges from Manhattan Island; President of the Board for Examination of Engineer Officers for Promotion; and Division

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Princeton Ill. Apr. 15th 1901.

Major Genl O. O. Howard Pres.t A.H.M.S.

Dear Sir & Brother –

I have rec.d the March & April numbers of the Home Missy Society Journal & read them with great interest – As an appointee of the Home Missionary Society under the supervision of Drs. Badger & Asa D. Smith in 1850 I of course feel a special interest in the Society & in its approaching Diamond Jubilee – I did not engage in the Home Missionary work under the auspices of the A.H.M. Society – though requested to do so by Rev. Aratus Kent of Galena then Dist. Supt for the State – But soon had a call to Dover near home – which church was then under the Com. H.M.S.

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The Down Church in a few months became self supporting, & so my relations to the Home Missy Society have been rather nominal than actual during these more than 50 years - but I have never lost my interest in the cause from that day to this - During my two pastorates of over 14 years & my superintendency of the Am. Bible work in Ill. for 29 years I have ever had a warm interest in the great work of your Society & have contributed as I have been able, I desire to have some small share in this Jubilee Offering & send herewith a cheque for $10, & wish it were ten times as much - Wishing you & all your coworkers a joyful Jubilee I remain as ever Yours very truly

E. G. Smith -

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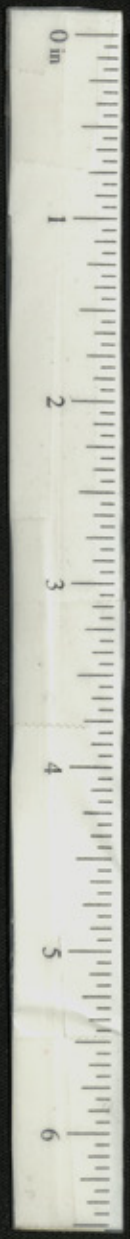
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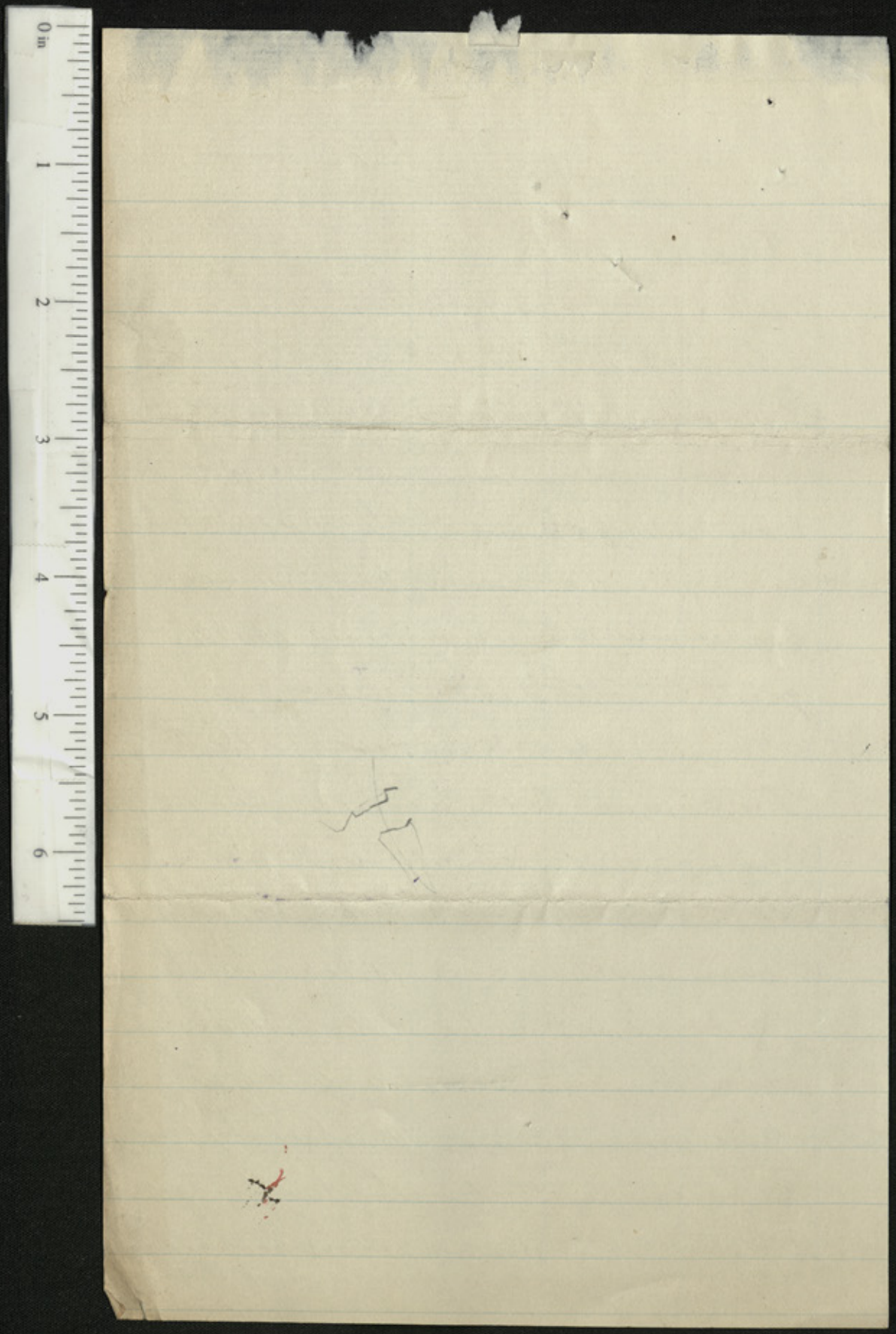
P.S.

It may be of interest to you to hear from the Princeton Cong'l Church where your brother Rev R.B. labored several years very successfully. ~~for~~ The Old Hampshire Colony Cong'l Church has just celebrated its 70th Anniversary with great interest & enthusiasm —

You are doubtless aware that this Church is the pioneer Cong'l Church in Ill & in all West of Chicago — So we claim no small prestige & honor as the leader of such a host. Rev. Lucien Farnham the first pastor who came here in 1833. was a Home Missionary pioneer — Your Society had the privilege of aiding this Church through its pastor for a few years — perhaps 4 or 5 years — So you can rejoice with us in this first-fruit. We greet & congratulate you — Yours truly. E.G. Smith —



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PRINTING DEPARTMENT,

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Cumberland Gap, Tenn., APR 15 1901 190

General O. O. Howard,
New York City,

My dear General Howard:-

Your letter arrived this morning. We shall endeavor to have creditable exercises at Commencement, and shall do our best to bring about this result. In one thing we are firm, that it is to be a Commencement for the whole University and we do not intend to have any strife between different departments, or any divisions of any kind. With a little care this can be done, and the result will be far more satisfactory than it would be otherwise.

In regard to the letter of invitation you wish sent to the Directors, I wish to ask if this suggestion meets your approval. Prof. Bowman and I are the members of the committee having the program in charge. Would it be fitting for us to write the letter, stating our program, and urging a full attendance, at your request. If that suggestion seems to be a good one we shall be glad to attend to the matter in this way or in any other way which seems

to you desirable.

You make no mistake when you depend on Mr. Hughes in regard to the future of this Institution, for I know he has its welfare very much at heart.

If at any time I can serve you or the Institution, you will command me.

With great respect,

T. G. Pasco.

319 Carlton av.
April 15th 1901.

Revd O. P. Howard

~~My D~~ Dear Sir and Brother.

I hope you are in good health after your trip to New-Jersey - and will be with us to-night - as per program.

If you expect a suggestion from me as to the sermon to-night I need say only this that "Loyalty" is a good soldier word and "Captain" is equally good. and "Church" gives the field of activity and object of devotion.

That's what we need at Parkville. Loving loyalty to Christ for the Church.

My desire is to have it a pleasant popular meeting but also just as practical as possible and with definite results. Your personal experience on the field

and on the march and in School building, will easily and warmly point in the way I suggest.
But please dear General do not be hampered by these hints. Be entirely free if you have your own plans.

Dr. Kent gave us a strong earnest sermon last night on "Confessing Christ".

Some I know are to join the Church in May - There are many others who ought to do so.

And I have come to think a great gain - a big victory, to get a professing Christian and Church member somewhere to bring a letter and join us. Other ministers say the same.

If you wish me to come for your Telephone message to 3082 Main

Fraternally M. P. Welden.

GARROLL HALL,
PATERSON, N.J.

Dear General Howard

I do give me pleasure to enclose my check for $50.00 for the Lincoln Memorial University.

With best wishes for you and the work in which you are interested I am

Yours

sincerely yours

John T Hobart

April 16th 1901

EDGAR O. ACHORN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
CHADWICK BUILDING, ROOMS 36 AND 37,
5 TREMONT STREET,
TELEPHONE,
1598 HAYMARKET.

BOSTON. April 16th, 1901.

General O. O. Howard,
150 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear General:-

I received your letter of April 12th. In it you say that if we can have the Bowdoin meeting the 3rd of May, that is, Friday night, you can be with us; that you are to be here to speak at a meeting in Malden May 2nd. I have decided on account of this letter of yours to change the date of our meeting to Friday night May 3rd, and this is for the purpose of having you present as our special guest. I shall advertise you as such in our notice of the meeting, and I think that the club will be delighted especially to hear you give some personal reminiscences of the prominent generals and great battles of the war in which you were engaged. It will be a great pleasure to me, as President of the club, to have you present.

I thought I would write General Chamberlain and tell him that you were to be here, and ask him if he would also be a guest of the club on the same evening. I feel sure, of course, that you would be glad to see him, and I should like very much to have you two men present at one time as guests of the club.

I expect to be in New York the last of this week and shall come round to see you, but you wont let anything stand in

EDGAR O. ACHORN,
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the way of this meeting if I don't see you before May 2nd. When you come to Boston, come to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar O. Achorn

Morristown N.J.
April 16/1909.

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MORRISTOWN, N.J.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.
150 Nassau St. N.Y.

Dear General.

In answer to your favor 14th inst. I enclose check for $10.00, on the theory that something is better than nothing. – I regret that my circumstances are such that I cannot make it more, at this time. I am

With best respects
Very truly Yours
T. T. Moore

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Subject:—

THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.
ARMY BUILDING.

New York City April 16,1901.

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TELEPHONE, MAIN 2220.

RESIDENCE:
100 KENSINGTON ST.

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CLEVELAND, O. April 16, 1901

My Dear General and Comrade:-

As chairman of the committee on Camp Fires of the next National Encampment G.A.R., to be held in Cleveland, I am ambitious to give the comrades the best, real genuine Camp Fire that they ever enjoyed. I do not propose any person shall have a place on the program simply because he wants it, or to gratify any ambition; but I want a dozen of the best twenty-minute Camp Fire talkers that were ever heard from the same platform, and to accomplish my purpose I need your assistance.

I trust you will be present at the National Encampment, and I respectfully ask you to permit me to put your name on the program for a twenty minutes talk. There will probably be two or three Camp Fires aside from this main one at which you will be expected to give a little talk. Kindly gratify me and all the comrades who will be in attendance by giving me a prompt and favorable response.

Sincerely yours in F.C. and L.,

John O. Winship
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To Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.,
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Dear Mr. Howard:-

Your letter of 13th inst. is at hand. I am perfectly willing to extend the time limit of your father's contract with us to August 15th, or even until September 1st. if it should be necessary. I should be sorry to have him work under the disadvantage of feeling that he did not have sufficient time to do the work just as well as he would like to see it done. I suppose that his real work on the book will not begin until he is settled in his Burlington home for the summer. By devoting most of his time to it during the summer, he will probably be able to finish it by September 1st. Even if he should not have it quite ready at that date, say to him for me that he needn't worry one particle about it.

Believe me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear Comrade,

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A resolution unanimously adopted at last nights meeting of the Memorial Committee to this effect.

Hoping that you will show honor your old Comrades and with assurance of high personal regard I am as always,

Yours in F. C. & L.

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