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Chicago, Sept. 12, 1902.

Mr. H. S. Howard,
Broadway,
New York.

Dear Mr. Howard:-

We have decided that it would not be wise to accept the Washington date. The trip would be too far, and there would be no money in the date at all. We are filling in some time out here the last of Jan.

Yours very truly,

(Dict. C.L.W.)

The Slayton Lyceum Bureau

THOMAS KANE, Pres't. DAVID B. CARSE, Sec'y. JOHN B. CARSE, Treas.

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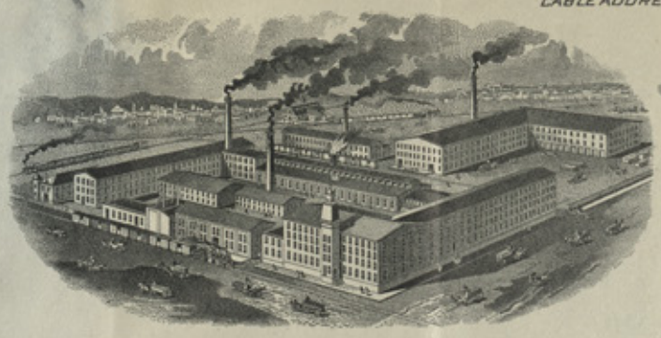

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Chicago, 9/12/1902

Gen. O.O.Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear General:--

By this mail I send you copy of the INTERIOR of April 5th, 1902, which contains a picture of Dr. Pearsons, also a short sketch written by Dr. Gray. I trust this will be satisfactory.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Thos Kane

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Reunion
Oct 9th 11
Howard, O. O. — Corr.

Washington, D. C., September 13, 1902.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

In behalf of the sub-committee on Reunions, I have the honor to inclose herewith a letter from the Chairman, dated September 11, 1902, and am directed to request that you will be present at said Encampment and address the comrades at the reunion of the 11th, 12th and 20th Corps, to be held October 9th, 7.30 P. M., at the Sherman tent.

While no limitation is fixed, it is suggested that an address of not more than thirty minutes will give ample time to the other speakers invited for that occasion.

Will you also advise me of your acceptance?

Respectfully,

Luther R. Smith

1 inclosure.

Acting Chairman of Sub-committee,

Room 19 Patent Office Building.

Christian Endeavor Union

OF THE

State of Vermont.

For Christ and the Church. Organized December 14, 1886.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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Bellows Falls, Vt., Sept. 15 1902

Gen. O. O. Howard:—
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Gen. Howard:—

You doubtless know more or less about the All New England Christian Endeavor Convention we are to have in Boston Oct 14-15-16-17. The state day that is the day we each state has for its own business and special programme is Wednesday Oct. 15. We Vermonters plan for business and reports in the morning until about 11 then we want a stirring address. Will it be possible Gen. for you to give us one on that day and at that time? We are not wealthy so can only offer expenses and entertainment.

I hope Gen to hear from you favorably very soon.

With kindest regards for Mrs Howard you daughter and your son

I am Very Respectfully Yours
Edw. G. Osgood

Law Offices of
JOHN C. COOMBS.
WM. H. LEONARD,
CHAS. H. HANSON,
F. C. CHAMBERLIN.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION.
25 Equitable Building,
150 Devonshire Street,

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BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 15, 1902

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,

U. S. A. Retired.

My dear General:-

It has been several weeks since I have sent you a letter as I have been wandering around the country without your address and we are without it now; but I am going to throw out the line once more in hope that I may get a nibble, if not a bite.

My western trip was far pleasanter than I had anticipated. The properties there which are in my charge seemed when I left Boston to be in the worst possible condition, and I was to attend the funeral of a friend and associate of some years. The worst nightmare of all that I had was the thought of the details of the funeral. There were four small children and a widow. Several of those little folks had been great favorites of mine and I was oppressed with how they would be affected by the awful tragedy that had descended like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky upon this family that was full of love, trust, happiness, complete peace and prosperity.

I had not alighted from the train in Sioux City before the burden on my mind began to shift a little. As I stood on the car steps waiting for the train to complete the last few feet of its journey, I heard my name called by a small, halting voice, and, looking into the crowd that was awaiting the train's arrival, I saw the eldest of those poor, fatherless children, and there was not a sign of a tear in her eyes. She was strong and well - and down to the train! I had feared an absolute breakdown on the part of this child of fourteen and, worse than that even, was the fact that, if it came to that, the widow's load

would be doubled. And no human being could stand up under more than she had borne on that long journey to New Zealand that started so brightly with her husband's convalescence only to be blackened soon by failure and death among absolute strangers and by the weary, heart-breaking wait of nearly a month for a steamer that should take her and her dead back over the three week's ~~journey~~ voyage that lay between her and her little ones.

A moment's conversation with the little girl told me that her mother was strong, ~~and~~ sleeping some, and eating well, and in the same sentence the dauntless little soul said that she was not going to cry but she was going to be brave and help her mother. That girl was 14 years old, as we count the moons, but she was 20 that morning.

The later developments in this sad tragedy were far less frightful and harrowing than I had feared. In the interview that I had to have with the widow there was not a tear shed by her,- all was strength and the fight of the future. This last helped me over the place that I had dreaded worst of all. That interview had been before me for nearly 2 months, almost night and day, and none of the harrowing, heart-racking things that I had expected to go through or see took place.

In business it was the same. The nearer I got to each difficulty, the more I examined it, the better it looked, so that the sun was shining clear through the clouds before I turned my ~~face~~ feet to the East. How often I have had the same experience! It would seem that by this time I ought never to borrow trouble by prophecying it to myself and yet I am sure I worry unnecessarily about as much as I ever did; and you know me well enough to know that that is a good deal. I sometimes

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brightly with her family. Nervousness may be discovered upon by
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her dead back over the ocean, leaving that day behind her and
her little ones.

A moment's consideration of the little girl told me that her
mother was strong, not alarming, and adding well from the sudden
sentence the daunting little man said. Yet she was not going to die
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yet I am sure I worry unnecessarily about an much as I ever did;
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think my mind is unfortunate in that it will not loosen itself from any problem it undertakes until the problem is solved. It is a dangerous mind in that it makes a slave out of me. The result is that I now find myself dodging new problems and new work because I know that any problem or work that I undertake my mind will compel me to solve or complete; and to actually do anything one undertakes, actually and finally to do it to the best of one's ability, takes up so much time that one soon sees that his life is short in the number of works he can do while here.

I have been seriously reflecting on my course for the next year, for this winter. My mind is now clear that I must retrench in my work. I have been spreading too much, scattering too much. I have been writing a play, a Memorial speech, I am Inspector of Rifle Practice, I have been writing a book, and I have been preparing some political speeches,- all these at the same time and all avocations and I a lawyer by vocation. In the language of the street, that record "jars" me and I am going to direct my fire more at one target from this time on.

I began to cut off the creepers yesterday. First, I decided to give up my campaign work this year. Second, I decided to resign as Inspector of Rifle Practice as soon as this season is over. Being in, I must get out well and honorably. I ought never to have gotten in, as the fellow said who couldn't swim and who was out over his head; but that wasn't the matter for immediate consideration. The getting out was what was troubling him. The getting out is what is troubling me in this inspector of rifle practice business, for it takes time. Having taken the work up, I shall see it through to the end to the

think my mind is unfortunate in that it will not lose entirely from any problem it undertakes until the problem is solved. It is a dangerous mind in that it means no eye out of joy. The result is that I now find myself adding new problems and new work because I know that any problem or work that I undertake my mind will compel me to solve or complete, and to really do anything one undertakes, actually and finally to do it, to the best of one's ability, takes up so much time that one soon sees that one is short in the number of works in which one.

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very best of my ability, no matter what the cost may be, and it is bound to be very much this next month and a half as I must put much time into the work or fail on the homestretch of a race in which I have been leading the whole state, and probably the whole country, since last March.

I have decided to have just one avocation now and that is the writing of my book. I shall, therefore, cut off everything from now until next July that will interfere with my writing every night till then, that can be cut off, and throw myself, after eight o'clock in the ~~morning~~ evening, wholly into this work.

My situation is just here. I am now just 32 years old and I haven't done anything yet but prepare - get ready - train. I believe I am magnificently trained. But that won't do me any good unless there is a chance to enter a race, so I am continuously seeking, feeling for my chance, my opportunity.

As I sit here in the library at my desk, I see these words which I wrote 3 or 4 years ago: "On the great clock of time there is only one word - Now." I must do something now; and so I am doing it and I am doing it in the writing of my book. The world gives its prizes to the man who actually does it,- not to the man who could do it but doesn't, and I must do it or fail. In the law, my profession, I am not doing it. I am growing, to be sure, but I am not making now, nor, I believe, can I make an immediate, notable success. This last is what I want for what I can do with it,- that is all. I want it very soon so that I may study the things in which I believe I can do the most good. I want to cease spending, if ever, any time in the making of enough money by which to live. If I could only get by that corner, I would be headed right at last. I want an assured income of, say,

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My situation is just there. I am now just 22 years old and I haven't done anything yet but prepare - get ready - train. I believe I am magnificently trained. But that will do no good unless there is a chance to use it. So I am continually seeking, trying for my chance, my opportunity.

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$1500 a year,- not more - and I would be started.

Failing to see any opportunity to secure this immediately or in the near future in my profession, I am trying to land it in literature,- hence the book. If I do not catch on in literature after having tried a play and a book, I shall give that up and have no more avocations. I shall throw my nights and days into my profession to see if I cannot hammer out a respectable success there.

It seems to me as if I were justified in trying a book. Of course, it means many long hours to be spent away from my profession but I feel certain that the attempt is a wise one. As I have begun to buckle down to the work since my 4 months' enforced absence from it, for the first time in my life have I felt a doubt in my ability to adequately deal with a task which I had determined to undertake. I feel, aye, I know that this projected book will be fully up to my capacity. It will try me out as I have never been tried out before, but, after last evening's work, I believe I shall make it go. I shall measure my powers by my undertaking, not my undertaking by my powers, and I rely upon a growth in power as the work goes on to carry me up to heights that now seem inaccessable.

Your advice to a young man in a situation as my own should be very valuable. If you have the time and inclination, please write me with entire frankness just what you think of the wisdom of the course I am pursuing as laid out herein. You know, probably, more of my real worth than I do. You are ripe in experience. You have had to deal intimately with hundreds of men in the most important matters. You have had to depute work of the greatest moment to subordinates because it wouldn't be performed unless you did depute it to them, and so you

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This will, I hope, catch you at Gettysburg where you have been before and where you will always be. You were greatly favored to have been there in the immortal battle and to have placed your name on the scroll of the most prominent who had a hand in shaping its course.

I am somewhat discouraged when I reflect that you were then no older than I, as I look around and see the small things in which I am engaged. But I shall hope for the best and trust that some day I may get into a larger field.

The length of this letter is rather appalling, I am afraid, but, as it is so important to me, I hope you will excuse it. Come and see us when you can. You keep me up to the mark better than anybody else.

Frances is well for her. Her Vermont trip did her much good. She sends to you her love and I beg you to accept my own.

With the greatest respect, I am, as ever,

Your friend,

Fred Steinwedel

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Teresa is well, but very [illegible] this old lady much good.

She sends to you her love and I beg you to accept my own.

With the greatest respect, I am as ever,

Your friend,

Major-General DANIEL E. SICKLES,
Commander,
No. 23 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

HORATIO C. KING,
Adjutant,
375 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NOBLE D. PRESTON,
Quartermaster,
2312 Poplar Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

HEADQUARTERS

MEDAL OF HONOR LEGION.

New York City, Sept 16 1902

Dear General:

I rec'd the enclosed this a.m. & have, as you will readily understand, acceded to his request.

Gen. Porter was the only aspirant, and his retirement makes your election by acclamation certain. But do not fail to be there.

Sincerely yrs
Horatio C. King

Gen. O. O. Howard:
Burlington
Vt

Book
Exchange
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ESTABLISHED IN 1869.
T. S. PECK,
GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT,
152 COLLEGE STREET.

Personal

BURLINGTON, VT., September 16, 1902

Maj. General O. O. Howard, U. S. A. retired,
c/o Mr. J. W. Howard, 1 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear General:

I received a letter from General Moses Veale, 727 Walnut street, Philadelphia, the Commander of the Medal of Honor Legion, asking if I could secure from you a letter which he could read at the banquet of the Legion to be given at the Union League Club in Philadelphia provided you could not be present. General Veale writes me that you spoke of Miss Bessie's marriage, and feared you could not be present, and he wished me to remind you of those in the good Book who were bidden to the feast and gave marriage as an excuse. He desires to have you respond to the toast "The Army," and all the members of the Legion are very anxious to have you there, but if it is not possible for you to go I hope you will be sure and send the General one of your good letters, which will please so many comrades and warm friends of yours.

I was in Boston last Saturday, and had a long talk with Col. Rand, Recorder of the Massachusetts Commandery, with regard to the Dr. Webb case. Colonel Rand and all of our friends seem very sanguine over the result. I have arranged for quarters for you at the Falmouth hotel in Portland from the evening of the 29th inst. As you know, the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief is on the 1st of October, but the Vermont delegation leave here at 7.40 a. m. Monday, September 29th, and go via St. Johnsbury and the White mountains. The fare, as I under-

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BURLINGTON, VT., No. 2, Maj. Gen. O. O. H.

stand, over all railroads is one and one-third from the residence of the officer. If it is not possible for you to go down with us from here let me know, and I will arrange to pay for a room with bath from the time you arrive. + we will meet you in Portland.

Hoping to hear from you at your early convenience, believe me, with kindest regards, as ever

Yours sincerely,

T. S. Peck

WILL G. STEEL. 245

Crater Lake

IS LOCATED ON THE SUMMIT OF THE CASCADE RANGE OF MOUNTAINS, IN KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON.

Was known among the Indians for ages before white men discovered it.
Was discovered by a party of prospectors June 12, 1853.
Was first known as Lake Mysterious, Deep Blue Lake, Lake Mystery and Lake Majesty.
Is located in an extinct crater 4,000 feet deep and nearly six miles in diameter.
Is 1,996 feet deep.
Is the deepest water on the western hemisphere.
Is clear as crystal and as blue as indigo.
Is located in Mount Mazama, once a companion of Shasta.
Was stocked with trout August 31, 1888.
Its surface is 6,239 feet above sea level.
Is surrounded by nearly perpendicular walls from 1,000 to 2,000 feet high.
Is one of the world's greatest natural wonders, and the general government should set it aside and maintain it as a National Park for the benefit of the whole people.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 16. 1902.

My Dear General:-

Under Sec. 30, Postal Laws and Regulations, a copy of which is here inclosed, I have been recommended by the Postmaster for transfer to the Post Office Department in Washington. The Oregon delegation has indorsed me, and a copy of Congressman Tongue's letter is inclosed. Senator Simon sent even a stronger letter, and Governor Geer one equally strong. I expect one from Judge Geo. H. Williams, and would greatly appreciate it if you will write to the Post-Master General requesting such a transfer.

As far as I am able to ascertain, with one exception, no one has ever been transferred from Oregon and I am the only candidate at present.

Sincerely Your Friend,
Will G. Steel.

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Sec. 30 – Vacancies in the classified service of the Post-Office Department at Washington, to which promotions from lower grades can not be made, may be filled by transfer from the Railway Mail Service, or classified post-offices, within the limits of the rules fixing the quota of each State.

2. – The General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service shall give notice of this regulation to the superintendent of each division of the Railway Mail Service to be by him promulgated throughout his division. Proper records shall be kept in each division, and on the first day of each quarter the names of all persons who deserve and desire transfer to the departmental service at Washington, with a detailed record in each case, shall be reported to the Postmaster General.

3. – Postmasters at all post-offices having fifty or more officers and employees shall give similar notice, and make like reports on the first day of each quarter to the Postmaster General.

Copy

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Hillsboro, Ore. Sept. 5. 1902.

To the Postmaster General,

Sir:-

I understand that W. G. Steel of Portland, Oregon, and who is now in the City delivery Service, has been recommended for transfer to the Department in Washington City. I know Mr. Steel quite well, and and have known him pretty intimately for the last twenty years. He is an excellent public servant, much beyond the average in intelligence, energy, efficiency and a conscientious desire to discharge his duty. He is certainly a deserving public officer, and if there is anyone in this State that deserves a transfer to Washington City, it is Mr. Steel.

I should be very much gratified indeed if his application for transfer could be granted.

I have the honor to remain,

Truly & Sincerely Yours,

(Signed) Thos. H. Tongue.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

WARREN, PA.

(INCORPORATED.)

YEAR TEXT.—God has power to shower upon you every kind of blessing in abundance, so that, having in all things and on all occasions a full supply for all your wants, you may be able to do an abundance of good actions of every kind.—2d Cor. 9:8.

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Sept.17,1902

Gen.O.O.Howard,

Burlington,Vt.,

My Dear Howard:-

Every thing is moving along very nicely for the opening of our 30 weeks of Men's Meetings in the Opera House on Oct.12th, 3:45 at which time you are to make an address.

This season we are planning to run a very strong Senior Boys' Meeting in our Auditorium, at 3:15 We do not allow any boy under 14 years of age to attend this meeting, but in another part of the building at an earlier hour, we are arranging another meeting for boys under 14.

Our boys' secretary is very desirous that you shall give a 10 minutes talk at the Senior Boys' Meeting on the Sunday that you speak for us at the Men's Meeting. This will be the first Boys' Meeting and they are very desirous to get a good swing on the meeting at the very beginning. I trust that you may be able to grant this request.

Please send a small cut of yourself by the last of next week, as we get out our printed matter 10 days in advance. We desire to use this cut on our invitations.

Please inform me on what railroad and what hour you will arrive in Warren, so that we may meet you.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. Dodge

Dict-H

kind of an operation on his cheek, a growth of some kind they think he will be all right very soon. he is to be in Boston soon, & probably will have the best medical advice. he is in their country home somewhere in N.H. I think, I hope we shall be leaving for home the first of October, I have had a good many poor days this summer. tired all the time, any little strength, hope to live to be in our own home once more, my love to Mrs H. & Bessie - yours affectionately. E S Wolfson.

Sept 18, 1902.

Dear Mrs Lodge
I wrote to you
a long time since on
the occasion of your
sister's illness.

Gen Howard.

I know it is a long time since I have written you, but if you could look in upon this household you would say I don't wonder you are negligent about writing letters, In the first place my old home is in such a shattered condition that it is very difficult for me to fix my thoughts upon anything

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like letter writing, & I
shall very soon give it
up altogether, I am on
the verge of 86 years
of age, & it is time for
me to stop <u>worrying</u> my
friends with my miserable
letters. Abby has been to
her old home in Bluehill
visiting her brother &
sisters, her sister returned
with her, been here two
weeks, went home yesterday.
I think this is the last
visitors we shall have
for any length of time,
probably a great many
will drop in for dinner,
or tea, & should be glad
to have a little quiet
time before I leave, I have
been feeling very sad the
last few days. a very
dear cousin about my
own age, & one with whom
I have been very intimately
associated all my long life,
has gone to her home
above. she died at
Manchester by the Sea.
her summer home. the
girls in Boston, you
may have heard of Gen
Whitelaw illness. some

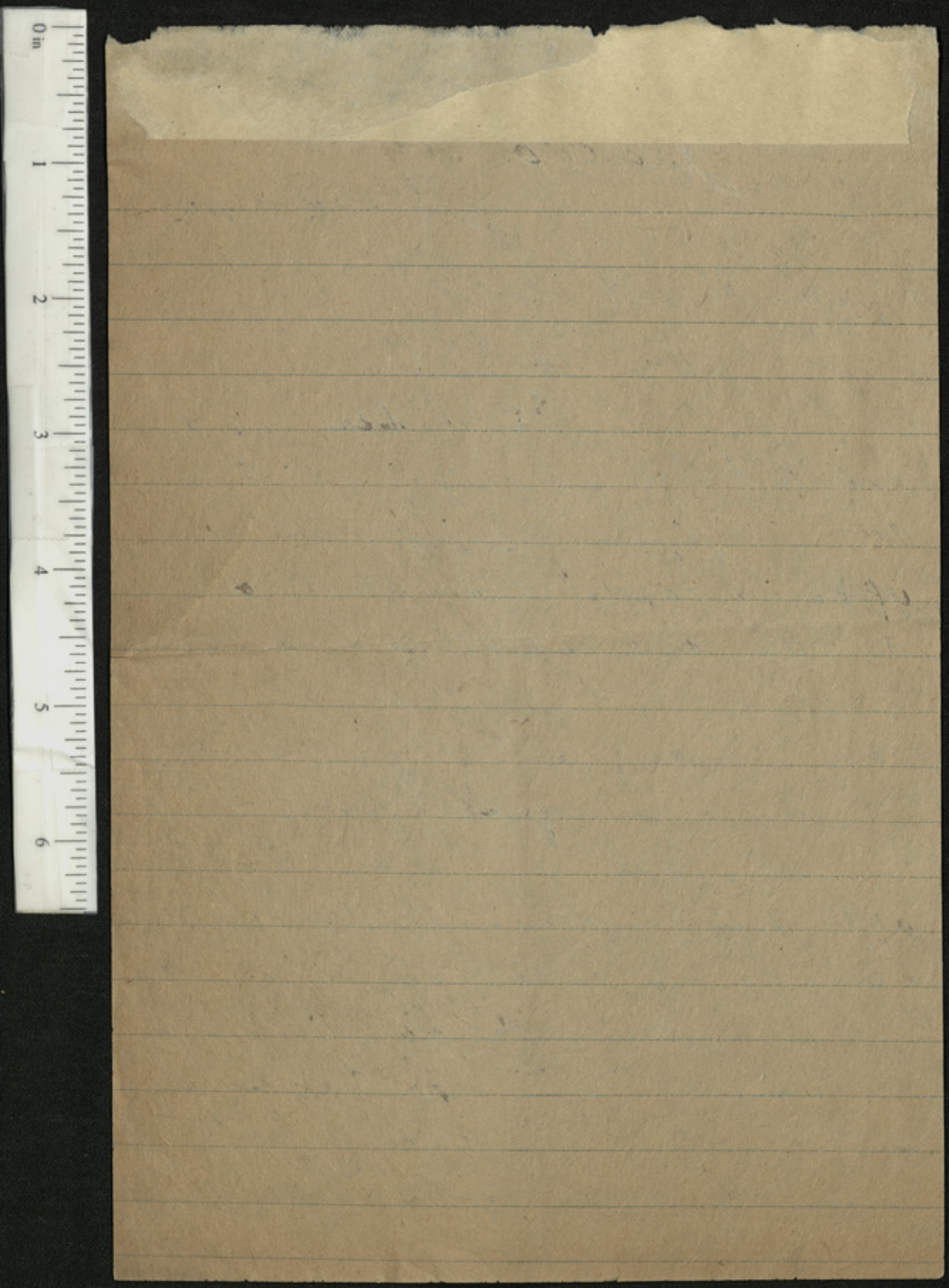
Jackson Ky
Sept 18. 1902

Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir:

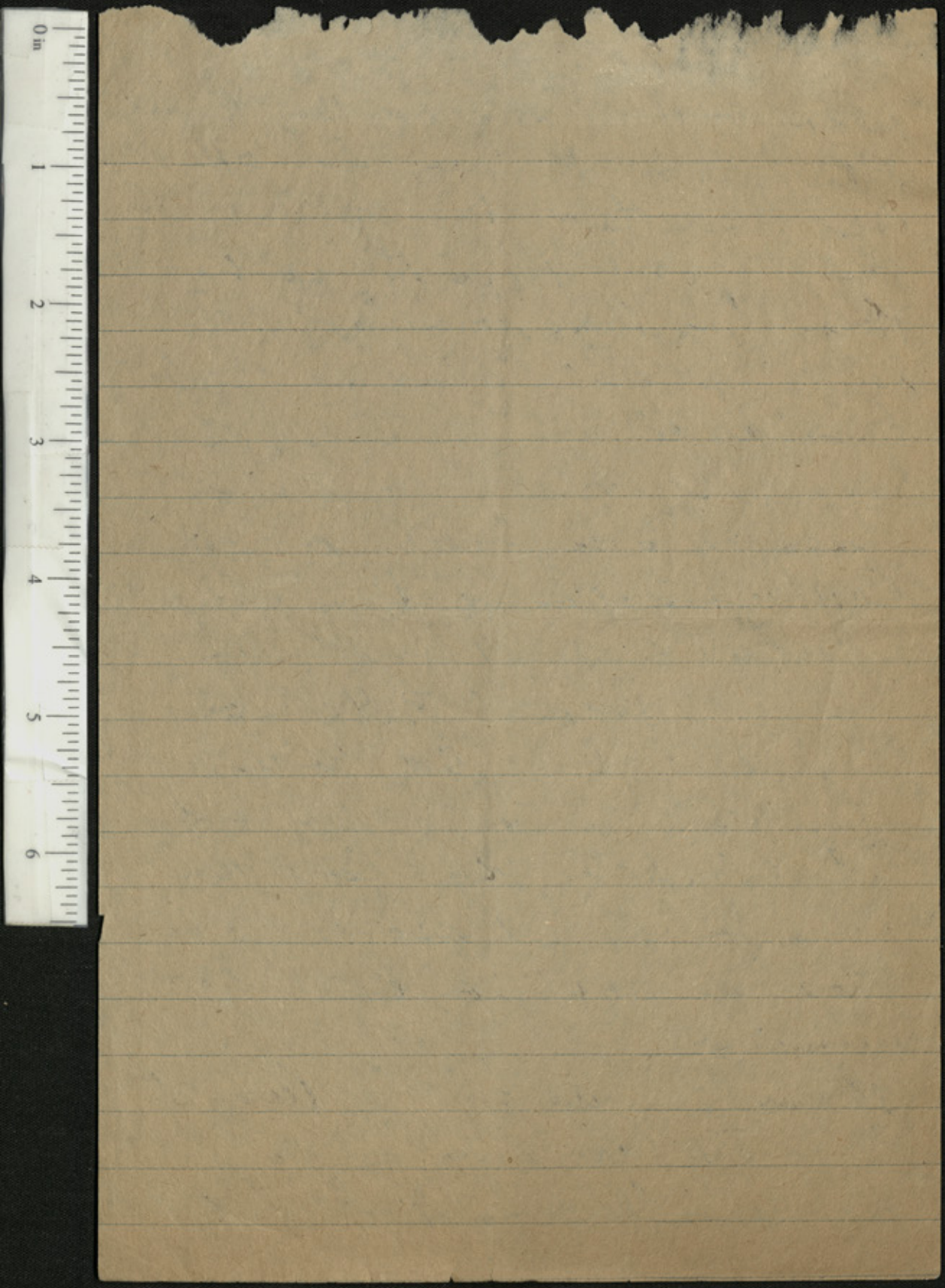
It has been said that next to fighting side by side with a soldier, fighting against him "in opposing ranks", more attaches one to the other, & the additional fact that we now "march all one way", may, I hope, justify me in asking of you a very great favor.

Dr. Guerrant introduced me after your address in the Court House here last Monday, 15th, as a Correspondent of the Louisville Evening Post. The Post has sent me to the "Mountain feuds" several times during the past three



years, & the readers of that journal & the Editor himself, has often expressed the highest gratification over my work in this section. There has been some "politics" in different Counties, but I have endeavored to bear exact & equal scales in such cases as to receive the unsolicited Commendation of Appellate Judge E. C. O'Rear (Republican) Appellate Judge J. P. Hobson (Democrat), Capt Ed Porter Thompson (author, & democrat) Col R. M. Kelley (Rep) Louisville Commercial, & scores of others whose good opinion is worth the winning.

If you can do an "Old Rebel" to see the head men on any one of the leading New York



journals when you choose to visit that City & get one the place of Mountain Correspondent (or general Kentucky Correspondent) to go when & wherever I may be directed, the kindness would be, indeed, a very great one. I have a friend who writes for the Herald, W. J. Lampton, who will perhaps testify to my trustworthiness on the line suggested.

With apprehension that I am presuming on our very brief interview, I am, dear Genl Howard,

Very sincerely Yr obt svt

C. E. Merrill,

Frankfort

Ky.

P.S. Your addresses here & throughout the mountains, have left a lasting

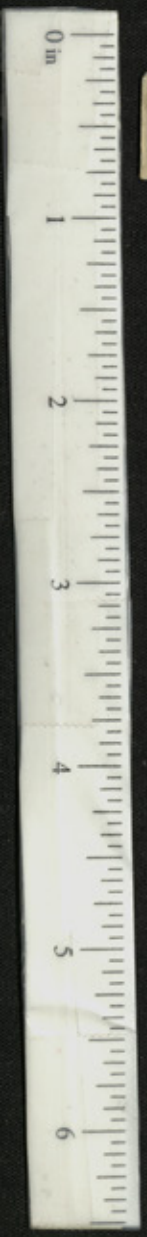
impression for good. Men & women refer to your noble appeal for Education & "Reconciliation! Reconciliation!! Reconciliation!!!" as one of the most masterful ever delivered.

While you were speaking I did not much wonder that we were finally "wiped off the face of the Earth", with such heroes as yourself to lead the Union armies.

I hope to return to Frankfort in two or three days & if you do me the kindness to acknowledge receipt of this letter, please address

C. E. Merrill
Frankfort
Ky.

The Post, like other southern papers, is unable to pay sailors commensurate to many services.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From behind my fan.

You will pardon personal reference & charge it not to lack of modesty, but ~~[illegible]~~ eagerness to secure the position herein referred to.

In 1899 the Clay County (My) feudists knocked down a correspondent of a Cincinnati paper & beat him severely — ordered him to warn every other newspaper man to keep out of Clay Co. & never return — an injunction he obeyed to the letter. The Cincinnati Enquirer got its Clay Co. news from adjoining Counties & said editorially = "There is only one correspondent living

here

who dares to enter Clay County; that is the Correspondent of the Louisville Evening Post".

I stayed there altogether 6 or 8 weeks, rode all over the County, proclaiming that I had a right to go wherever the American flag floated.

I told only the truth about the killing — made both sides mad alternately, but finally left with the good will + admiration of all, as a Mass Meeting in March — etc. testified. +

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EDITORIAL ROOMS

GEN. C. H. HOWARD, MANAGING EDITOR
O. McG. HOWARD
N. F. HOWARD

FARM, FIELD AND FIRESIDE

MASONIC TEMPLE
CHICAGO

Sept. 19, 1902.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother:-

I wonder if you are going to attend the Reunion of the society of the Army of the Potomac, to be held at Gettysburg on the 19th and 20th of September. It will not be possible for me to be there, and I should be very glad for you to be there. I see that Gen. Sickles is to have an important part as President, and that Hon. Seth Low is to be the orator.

I should be glad to have you there in order that you might look out for the acurate and correct statement of historical questions.

We have received some very interesting letters from Bessie. I have helped fill out some addresses here in the city which she wanted. I suppose that Nina has cordially accepted the invitatinn to act as bridesmaid. Possibly Mac will be able to be present, but I am afraid that we can not all be away from the paper at one time, and, therefore that I shall be the one to "stay by the stuff". Besides, you know by reason of Kitty's long illness, it would hardly be advise-able for her to make the trip at this time, much as we would all enjoy being at the wedding. You will certainly make Lizzie and Bessie understand that nothing of the kind that I could think of would give me more satisfaction than to participate in the joyful event of the wedding.

Affectionately your brother,

C. H. Howard

Dear Brother:-

I wonder if you are coming to attend the reunion of the society of the Army of the Potomac, to be held at Gettysburg on the 16th and 17th of September. It will not be possible for me to be there, and I should be very glad for you to be there. I see that Gen. Hancock is to have an important part on Friday, and that Hon. Seth Low is to be the orator.

I should be glad to have you there in order that you might look out for the accurate and correct assessment of historical incidents.

We have received very very interesting letters from Hesse. I have hoped till out some addresses here in the city which she wanted. I suppose that Miss Hesse cordially accepted the invitation to act as [illegible] would. Probably Gen. will be able to be present, but I am afraid that he can not. I will be away from the paper at that time, and therefore that I shall be the one to "stay by the stuff". Besides, you know by reason of Kathy's long illness, it would hardly be advisable for her to make the trip at this time, much as I should all enjoy being at the wedding. You will certainly make liberal use of Hesse's understand that nothing of the kind that I could think of would give me more satisfaction than to participate in the joyful event of the wedding.

Affectionately your brother,