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Genl Howard's remarks at Grant's Birthday
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~~address~~

~~Speech~~ of Genl O. T. Howard

Mr. President:

This has been indeed a feast ^{of good things}
for me, from the moment that the
Chaplain's prayer introduced ^{our cause and invoked} the
best blessings of God upon us.
Expressing the hope that He
would enable us to be loyal to
our principles ^{and} to our achievements,
^{on} to the wonderful oration of our
friend Stewart L. Woodford. ^{He} in
1861 was among the first to welcome
my regiment ^{The 3^d Maine volunteers} as it came through
N. Y. from Maine, ^{and} ^{gracefully} presented us
with a flag of silk, which the ladies
here in N. Y. had gotten ready
for us before our coming.
I ^{especially} remember those days. I had thought
to leave the Army ^{and} go into
other work; but somehow when the
struggle came on a significant
enthusiasm ^{took possession of and} went through ^{me} ^{as} through
me. I firmly believed that it was
the will of God that we should
go forth ^{and} fight the battles of
the Country. At first there were

as was natural in a crowd suddenly gathered, rough
pleading words whilst

That regiment was forming,
then were seen about the first camp

~~under the influence of~~
strong mounting

Dr. half-hoghead & made my first
speech to the men and said:

"We do not want to insult ~~the~~
the Almighty

because we want his blessing.
and we cannot afford to swallow strong drinks because
it will render us for the soldiers' duties. #

You may imagine that when I
went West, to meet Genl. Grant,

I had a great interest in

seeing the man about whom so
much had ^{always} been said, both for

and against, especially in the Cincinnati
Gazette

Such charges had produced a prejudice & a fear.
against him. Now when I came to

see him on or near the banks of the
Tennessee, and look upon him, you

would have wondered, as I did then,
to find ^{the reverse of my prejudice & fear. To find him} nothing but a slender

man; very pale and ^{from his New Orleans fall} very lame; not

even able to mount a horse.

Rawlins, and others, were lifting him
into the saddle, and soldiers carried

^{across} him ~~from~~ pieces that he was not
able to get over ^{by} himself. In this

with such an influence

made or

Condition of body he had himself
~~borne~~ over 50 or 60 miles of the
roughest country you ever saw
to the beleaguered city of Chattanooga
(applause) At our first meeting
he gave me what I ~~thought~~ ^{seemed} then and
~~what I~~ ^{have} ever since ~~thought~~ ^{believed} was the
key to his character. The
question came up about a certain
command. I said: "It was very hard
for ~~an~~ ^{our} officer like ^{the officer spoken of} him to take a
lower command than one he had
had before." He replied: "I don't
think so, Howard. If an officer
has a command according to his
rank, that is sufficient. As a
Major-General I am entitled to a
division, and if I have a division
this is enough and I should feel
that I was flying in the face of
Providence if I should seek a
command ^{entrusted to me} higher than that."
(renewed applause) Studying him
on the field of battle, studying
him from different stand-points,
I came to the conclusion that General

Grant had a steady, continuous
trust in the ^{great} Ruler of all things,
(appearance) and I was not mistaken.
Some people attribute his success
to chance, to luck, some
to this & some to that; and others to
something ^{else}, just as they did Mr.
Lincoln's success; but remember
what Mr. Lincoln said about
doing ^{the} right as God gives us to
see the right. And such was the
trust of Genl Grant.

Someone said to me once:
"He is not a saint ^{and} do not
try to make him out ^{one} saint."
But he loved his friends and
also loved his enemies, and I
am very glad to hear this
characteristic dwelt on here
tonight. I know things may be said
against a man while he lives.
But, with God, the time will come
when his country-men will appreciate
the things that he may really have
done, (appearance) the real ^{accomplishments}
~~achievements~~ that have gone to the

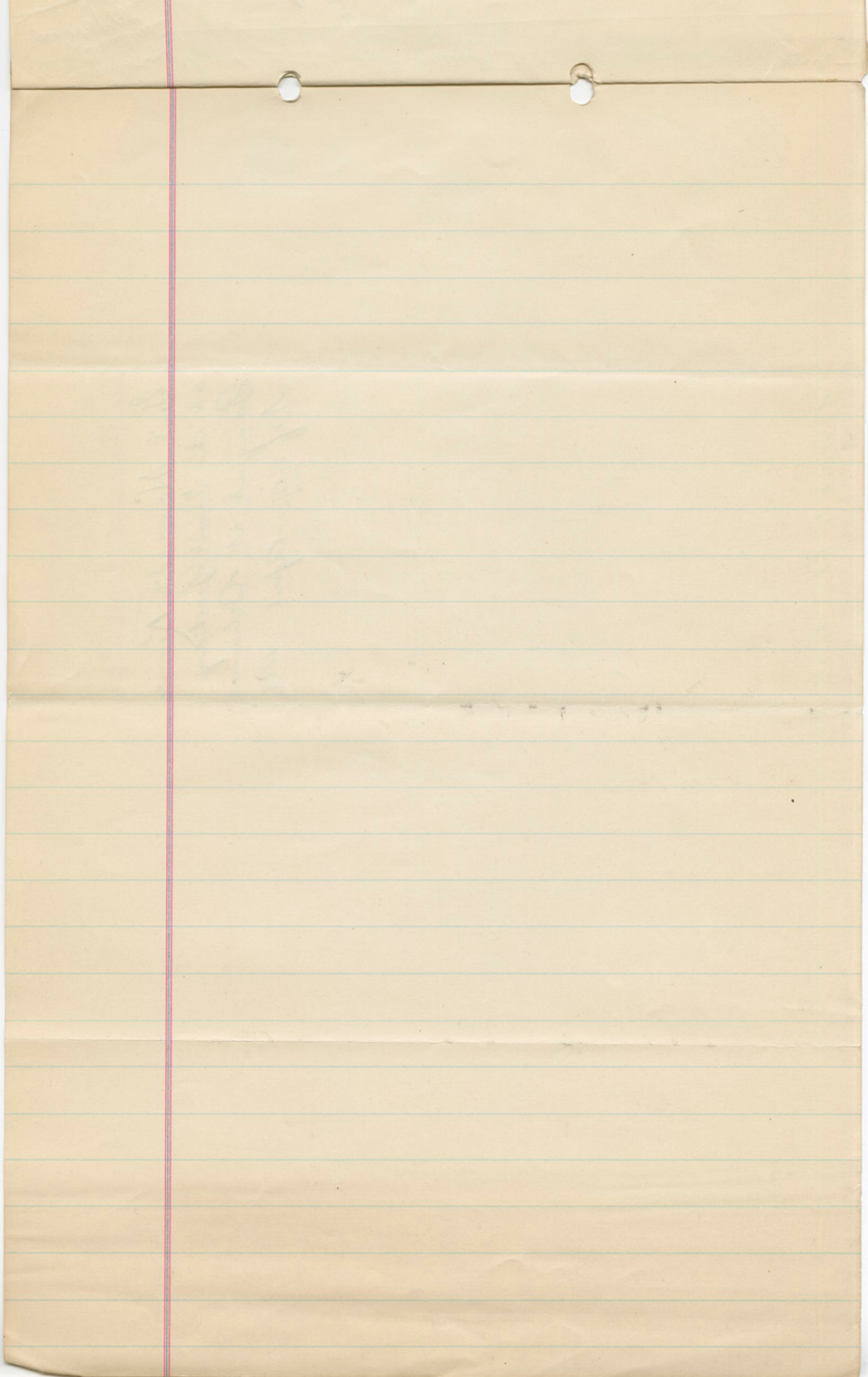
Record x Of Gen Sherman
 He could not speak too often.
 many times he has spoken to
 me about him. Little pictures
 impressed themselves on my memory.
 I recall one such. ~~He was~~ ^{hard} studying at night, at the ^{military} academy
 is described as "boring". He
 once said of Sherman "He bodes
 all day on ^{his} horse" (appears)
 The first time I ever ^{met} him
 I heard him say of Gen Schofield
 "he will co-operate with me
 even to his own detriment." And
 that ^{appreciative spirit, that} loyalty to his Lieutenants, made
 loyalty spring up in the hearts
 of the lieutenants a loyalty which
 is enduring. And I loved to look
 forward to the future because
 we are to live forever. And I
 know that our loyalty to one
 another will never be broken.

Occasions like this bring out this spirit of loyal
 affection - and we may well look to the
 future with joyful hope for this sort of loyalty
 is eternal. It is indeed good to live forever when
 we garner this kind which forges links that
 cannot be broken. As we offer our ~~understanding~~

own dimensions of affection - to General Grant has on his
 with him, so with other comrades in some great need - their heroisms
 to us - But better still we shall live of ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~life~~ ^{life} with others
 ever present in our hearts.

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Genl Howard's Remarks

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