Toasts at

For Father's Day dinner of the
New England Society
Dec 23 1899

No 15

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"No 15 C.B."
Mr. President, Mr. Army.... A Toast
and Gentlemen of the New England Society:

First, New England training, having sought somewhat of the Roundhead, Puritan, and Pilgrim theory about standing armies, which standing armies were supposed to bolster up the authority of the priests and the prerogative of kings and princes. New England training, which aimed to differ radically from things farther north, has forged New England's descendent with a settled disposition to a "regular" force.

But New England as I am and must ever be, as was early emancipated from other blindness by the presence of a negro bad in our household, so have I been most fortunate to have eliminated from my composition the anti-army prejudice, as I have been lately discovered, a most remarkable incorporation. It came one who is said to have been born by inheritance from one of my forefathers, a resident in the family of General Steele.

Whatever be your philosophy about family traits and inherited tendencies, one thing is certain, this regular spirit, whether by birth or right, by West, or by bias, or by influence of war, however it has come, has full possession of my mind and heart.
That is to say, I am and have been a friend of the regular army. And whether they use the ploughshares, the pruning hooks, or as did our recent ancestors, the scythe-blades, there will, in my judgment, be need of that army's watchful care, and prompt readiness for the legitimate duties, without too much parleying against the insurmountable enemies of the country for many years to come.

The old arguments against the use of military force, which were very abundant before the war of rebellion and which many men thought conclusive till drawn from them by principle and dreadful necessity, are again repeated. It is sought to make it a shame to wear the uniform, which a little while since, everywhere among the loyal people was a welcome sight and all military tendencies in the education of our youth are deprecated in the most unquali-

...
Headquarters Division of the Atlantic,

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY,

[Handwritten text in cursive, partially legible]
Life. Some deny their theory so far as to
assail the almighty who has required life for life and has taken all human life.

Now we recognize, while we unite with
the journals of the day in condemning the
ordinary destroyers of human life, like the
poisoning dyes, hemp, opium, grog,
railways, the storms, ships, the electric light
machines, including the big ones above and below the
ground, the theatres which have too few doors, stairs,
whether up or down, with other like scenes of tragic in the upper air
or beneath the surface of the water. Yes which
are join in the common cry against these
and emphasize the divine command and teach children
not only violative but just judges, marshals, governors
policeemen, militia and regular troops, under
the proper restraints and limitations of wholesome
regulations have the right and it is their bounden
duty to take human life. And it does not lessen
the sense of duty to do this thing as is often done by
the enemies even to themselves.
Now we only seek from General Sibley, Standish down to the modern modern. Major bernal have ever objected to do ever object to be classed as murderers. Understand as the definition of murderer, in law, encyclopedia, or dictionary abridged or unabridged does not include such men as George Washington a General grant. The Benedict Arnold's & the bribe, Pomeroy's to the contrary notwithstanding. It is quite another word which applies. Not murderer but patriot. Patriotism it is true, implies some strong bonds virtue, which will hold back with an irresistible mailed hand of iron would all anarchists organized or armed or unorganized or uncontrolled from their stenchings as the breath of the republics. The giant, free, is quiet watching and moves his friends and limbs with friendly caution, but remember all is malignancy nature of men, that he is in creeps and health and tremendous in power and brightness you without a tinge of hesitation, should the

Thou of duty demand it. give from its place of none to one.
give arbitration, a great merit with England. The 
forefront, till patience has had her 
perfect work; but do not, amid the tumult 
and moral powers, forget that Body-force must 
have its one portion, so let it have its full 
manifold of armor and honor.

To have no army or no forts, would 
in my judgment, be simply folly!
It is a little hazard to have no fire-foes, 
officers, located, no iron, no dyes; 
no adequate water dams; no insane asylums; 
no jails and prisons and no armed police or 
police correction. It is the essence of what is 
false called “Christian science,” in fact, Mr. 
Just think, every body’s good, every body is 
good! Believe the millennium is here at hand.

We will not allow a deceptive erroneous philosophy, 
however attractive, to seduce, rob us of 
our practical common sense or let it 
make weaklings of ours or children. We cannot become a prey to Dynamites 
and other criminal classes. That comes for nothing
our to reach on the garbage of society assimilated murdered and rotting. Their vile
schemings perpetuating malware.

New England, whose theory whatever has
been the practice of her reasoning mind, to lift up men and
yea! the plains of equality, has nevertheless inherited
or absorbed an abnormal philosophical prejudice
from the old country. A settled preconception of
of a regular soldier. While we are without fault
as we surely ought praising the volunteers for
taking and holding and transmitting the first 13 states of
our union for successful raid into Canada
under Gen. Harrison's grand father, for capturing
Texas
Origin from our English foremen in California their Mexican
from our southern Latin neighbors; and finally
for putting down a gigantic rebellion which wanted
of making slavery the key stone of a free republic and
The doctrine that our favored
constitution no corruptions but a rope of sand.
May we not forget the distinguished yet our regular
soldiers from home in the nation's work. Their
feet now bare blooming in Washington's winter campaigns; they
stood erect, fearless and proud as the tall American veteran.
wood in Canada, while selfish friends looking on
helping them for
money from the New York side of the Niagara. They assisted Seft.
on the plains of Mexico, and carried our standards to the Pacific; they guarded the
arms of approach and protected our trains when
they were carried to protect our railways
became possible; they were the rank and file
whence Slavery was betrayed and undermined.
Faced with imminent danger, remained true to the
Old Flag; they joined in every battle of the rebellion
with honor and great sacrifice; and since then
they have kept planting the seeds of freedom on
every continent till their virtues have disappeared:
so
we say never let the freeroaming of the old times, nor
the flat drunken fools, or miserable transgressors
of the past, despair. Ninety per cent of the
regular soldiers of the Union and fairest that
are their due. No soldier of Gettysburg will forget
the solid influence of Ayres' regulars when they
deployed around little Round Top; whose heart did
not thrill with patriotic fervor and gratitude as the
regular batteries began their rapid work!
Our present Adjutant General truly says, that our regulars
are all volunteers. Indeed they are volunteers as no constraint
brings men into the army.

We have seen them under the most trying ordeals stand
the test without a murmur. In recent wars, whose records
are at present, were seriously threatened undergoing extreme
privations, like those which used Stanley's men in Africa.
world renowned. They served in the longest campaigns and in the most
famous battles and withings, without a known desertion from the ranks.

So are they not, these devoted unselfish men, always
on the alert and ready when there is anything
to be done. So I say, my New England friends,

Write the representatives among you, a free
people in their homes, to address and respected
by New England men. I just esteem this in it
a lifting honor. Respect us and we will be stimulated
to greater and greater self respect.
Toasts

Responding to Sir Charles Howard

Chairman of St. Nicholas Society
Melbourne, N.Y.
Dec 19th 1898

No 16

Subject

The U.S. Army
A toast responded to by Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army, at the Annual Dinner of the St. Nicholas Society at Delmonico's December 6th 1893.

Mr. President and New Yorkers:

I thank you and St. Nicholas for your warm reception and for the novel and entertaining subject "The U. S. Army."

You say: "Ah, General; how is the Army?" The Army is pretty well, I thank you! A New-England Grandfather would answer: "He is tolerably this evening, bateing his late attack!" About Thanksgiving, every year, the Army has a chronic ailment. Not being a Surgeon with proper rank, I cannot diagnose his condition; nor even suggest the remedies. But this year it seems, according to Medical Dailies to be a combination of circuid-locu-economic-paralysis in the region of its clerical limb.

By the way, friends of St. Nicholas, after mince pies, nuts and raisins of Thanksgiving day, I had a remarkable dream. Really when dreaming I appeared to myself to be wide awake. This strange dream, which doubtless the early prospects of an interview with St. Nicholas greatly colored, puts the whole present condition of his Majesty, "The Army" into the concrete.

I seemed to be on a populous hill set apart for last
Mr. President and New York:

I thank you very much for your very kind and enthusiastic message of the U.S. Army.

I am very grateful to you for the honor you have so kindly and appropriately presented to me. I am not able to accept it, but I accept the congratulations and warm wishes of the American people.

I feel that I can now express my appreciation of this honor and the fact that it has been conferred upon me.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to visit the United States and to be able to express my thoughts and feelings in person.

I am very pleased to be here and to have the opportunity to meet you.
graduates from military service to civil life, I had a fine set of field-glasses which would have delighted General Thomas, the conqueror. I was reconnoitering one fair day, when I beheld before me a deep, broad valley. In the midst of the valley, I caught sight of a curious group.

The central figure facing me, was a huge Being, full of life, which confusedly amid its prancing took the form of a Grand Arabian Horse, with footmen on one flank and bicycle rider on the other. The neck and head looked like three distinct men, Anglo-Saxon and Celt, comingled, face straight to the front, negro to the left, and Indian, half-right and half behind. A huge placard hung on a cord of red, white and blue, dropped from the neck upon the breast. As I gazed steadily and long, I read the name on the placard:

"AMERICAN ARMY,"

At the instant, I discovered three figures, as if apart at the three angles of an all-embracing horizontal triangle; one was a handsome young officer of slender build, unwinding a huge roll of red tape, and handing it up to the tri-form creature; the second figure, an Army Surgeon, who was rolling a white material, like the tape in narrowness, and passing it up to waiting hands; and the third, a woman who in the midst of blue ribbons, already massed about her feet, was pushing it up sorrowfully to the same absorbents. She was evidently an
I have a line

...
Army-widow and a Pensioner.

The Great Abnormal Creature was braiding the red tape, the doctor's roll, and the blue ribbon into a strong cord of red, white and blue. Coils and coils of this strong cord were all around. Bundles of contracts, medicine chests, invoices and old saddles, etc., etc., etc., were tied up in tapes and rolls and ribbons, separate; while men and horse and bicycle and large things were bound with the three-ply cord.

Suddenly there shot between me and the figure a shadow, and I rested my field-glass on the shadow. At last it came out, that is, materialized like Great Caesar's Ghost. It was a big Uncle Sam. Three jelly marines were at the foot of a tripod of exceeding height. I raised my field-glass and saw an enormous hook at the top; and that, with that veritable three colored cord twisted around Uncle Sam's neck, by means of an ordinary block and fall, and the hook, they were choking Uncle Sam, and lifting him, accompanying their pulls with a merry sailor song.

I trembled for poor Uncle Sam, as I always did in battle-defeat - when lo! a sprightly being as bright as the morning light, and as beautiful as the maidens were when I was young, suddenly broke upon the scene, and poised in mid-air above the group with curved-bladed scissors cut the strong cords above the head of Uncle Sam. He dropped on his knees, and held
The Great Pyramid of Giza was the tallest man-made structure for many centuries. It was built as a tomb for the Pharaoh Khufu and served as a symbol of his power. The pyramid is located in Egypt and is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

I visited the Great Pyramid of Giza during my trip to Egypt. It was an incredible experience to see such an impressive structure up close. The pyramid is made of limestone blocks that were quarried from a nearby quarry.

The entrance to the pyramid is located on the northern side. After climbing a flight of stairs, you enter a long corridor that leads to the chambers. The chambers are located at different levels within the pyramid and contain various artifacts and remains of the Pharaoh's body.

I was impressed by the sheer size of the pyramid and the precision of the construction. The ancient Egyptians must have had a sophisticated understanding of geometry and engineering to build such a monumental structure.

The Great Pyramid of Giza is a testament to the skill and creativity of the ancient Egyptians. It is a reminder of their remarkable achievements and continues to attract visitors from around the world.
up both hands, full of joy and thanks at his salvation. A
glisten of intense brightness like that of the Navy-
Search-light now showed me a name in her crown; it was
" THE ANGEL OF THE PRESS. "

But that was not all; for there now approached, coming
into the brightness, walking with slow steps and bended form
a splendid old man. His locks were white, but his eye was un-
dimmed and his step was firm. Everybody except the Angel of
the Press appeared to fear him. He cried with a strong com-
manding voice: " Break not a shred of the Red, White and Blue!"
All who had been joyously shouting pascons to the Angel of the
Press, now bowed reverently to the Old Man, who said: Remember
me, I am " STATUTE LAW."

Oh! How can I tell you what followed! How three grand Noble-
men of Nature's build stood behind old " Statute Law"; the
middle like the President, the right like the Vice-President,
and the left like the Speaker of the House.

Over their heads floated a banner with this inscription:

" The Mills of the Gods grind on,
England and Mexico and Confederate,
Through Red, White and Blue have fallen,
Never break the cords of State."

Behind the three worthies came Congress in two throngs
and the majestic Supreme Court, defended by the Corps of
Cadets and National Guards under arms; all the unarmed
A great part of the work of any Congress of the American Association
is the presentation of papers on the science of the day. These papers
are presented in the form of lectures, and are followed by questions and
answers. The papers are printed in the Transactions of the Congress,
and are later published in the form of books. The Congress also
publishes a journal, the American Journal of Science, which is read by
many scientists throughout the world.

The work of the Congress is not only scientific, but also
educational. The Congress is interested in the education of
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lifted up their hats and cheered Uncle Sam as he flew to the front and appeared on a high pinnacle leading COLUMBIA by the hand. Columbia with extraordinary beauty and self-poise faced the youthful, radiant, sanguine Angel of the Press, and said:

"Hush, hush, my child; Economy is not always economic"

"Never take a shred from my conservative cords of the Red,

"White and Blue."

Over the whole group now came an electric arch-banner, inscribed in large quivering letters: "Righteousness existeth a nation, but Sin is a reproach to people!" "The Army and Navy restrained by the triple cords of Red, White and Blue are Columbia's preservative instruments under the Constitution and Laws of the United States."

In spite of the varying effects of my Thanksgiving night-vision, I awoke with joy and gladness; and found St. Nicholas clapping hands at my side.

Governor's Island, N.Y.C.
December 5th 1899.

O. O. HOWARD,
Major General, U. S. Army.
I regret my failure to express any opinion regarding the plan or plans you suggest, or any comments on the plans presented to the meeting of the Co-operative Society. Any comments would be mere suggestions or comments of a purely individual nature.

"Take care and all the rest - History's no guide in these economic times.

"I never sell a story from my conversation circle of the kind.

"Write any time."

Rested responded to by

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard 16th Libig
at Annual Dinner of St. Nicholas Society at Selma
December 6th 1893

In spite of the many odds of my three-cornered life
I am sure not to be discouraged and filled with hope

Sincerely yours, at my age.

[Signature]

Governor, Tainut, N.Y.C.
December 8th, 1893

O. O. Howard

[Signature]