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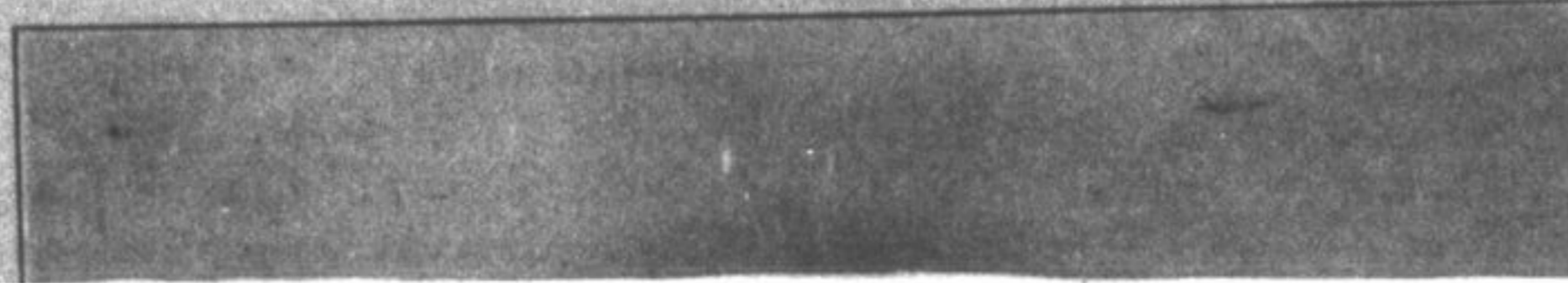
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## GENERAL CHARLES H. HOWARD.

The sudden departure from the busy scenes of life of any one of our friends comes always as a shock. And if that friend has been one of peculiar graces and active service, the circle affected is so wide that he



General Charles H. Howard has written history in his life—not merely as a man who lived for a period of years almost to the full of the Psalmist's measurement of human life, but as one who lived to do, to be, and to render service in the community and throughout his country.

Gen. Howard was a man whom one loved to count as a friend,—a true Christian gentleman and an ardent servant of his country.

Not because of any claim he would have made upon us but because he has endeared himself to North Shore people during his thirty-seven years of residence in Glencoe, we feel that we honor ourselves in giving him a larger place in our columns than was possible in our last week's issue. And in doing this we can hardly do better than to quote from the biographical sketch given by his pastor, the Rev. M. W. Darling, D. D. of the Glencoe Congregational Church at the funeral service on Wednesday, January 29th.

### REV. DR. DARLING A COMRADE IN WAR.

"Born at Leeds, Maine just sixty-nine years and five months ago, General Howard was educated at the public schools, Yarmouth, and graduated at Bowdoin College and afterwards studied at the Bangor Seminary. He was well equipped for the various enterprises in which he engaged in after life.

Just before the civil war he spent some time with his brother, General O. O. Howard at West Point. His experience here gave a new and unexpected turn to his early life.

In June, 1861 he enlisted in a Maine Regiment and was soon detailed as Aide de Camp and passed through all the grades from a man of the ranks to that of Lieutenant General of Volunteers at the close of the war.

The number of battles in which he participated is large, from Bull Run, Fair Oaks, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Lookout, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Burat, Hickory and Kenesaw Mountain.

Through the greater number of these battles and marches it was my fortune to have served in the same corps. I saw him often in the thick of the fight. No cooler, braver soul carried the flag. It was this fact—the fact that we were comrades—which drew us close together and many an hour have we sat and recalled scene, incidents and events of those years. Something few of you

can understand—this bond of comradeship—of common peril and common suffering in a common cause—the sound of the long-roll at midnight, the alarm of firing which comes nearer and nearer till it bursts into your camp at two o'clock in the morning, with the rush of battle; the long march, the fording of rivers, the climbing of mountains and the march to the sea.

He tested in his own body the enemy's lead at Fair Oaks and again at Fredericksburg—and I warrant you he did it as he has done every hard task in life, without murmuring and without complaint.

Even in his last hours he said, 'I think I shall pull through. But it is not so hard to go as it may seem.'

He fought a good fight and henceforth we will remember him as a man who went forward for a brave and courageous life spent in service of his country at all times, whether in army or in civil service or church and missionary work.

### SHERMAN'S MESSENGER TO LINCOLN.

Some of the vivid things of his experience as we have talked over them was, first at Fair Oaks where his brother and he were both seriously wounded and for a time it seemed that dark defeat was upon us. At Gettysburg he bore the flag of truce that covered the wife of Gen. Barlow through the lines. When Sherman's army reached the sea someone must be selected to bear the first official dispatches to the President and

the department at Washington. Gen. Sherman selected Major Howard for this important office. Arriving in Washington early he went at once to the White House—the porter bore word to the President that an officer from Sherman's army was waiting with messages. President Lincoln could not wait and Major Howard was ushered into the room where the President was shaving. He laid down the razor and grasped the Major's hand in both his and pressed it warmly and with fitting words spoke in praise of Sherman's army.

It was this experience in the civil war at critical moments that became a rich heritage for himself and for his comrades of the Loyal Legion and the Grand Army.

The same bravery of spirit has been shown through his whole career, in missionary effort, or in local church, always urging the lines forward—forward to the more efficient and to higher work as he urged the skirmish line at Fair Oaks, at Gettysburg and at Atlanta.

Looking back, we can see now that he was a man of faith—faith in the great verities of life, faith in the simple and essential points of the Gospel, faith in men,—faith in the Republic which he did so much to defend, to uphold and to promote.

He was also a Man of Hope. He was always hopeful—always optimistic, always expecting a greater good to come even out of seeming evil. He was a Man of Love. He loved home and family and friends with

an ardent Love which sweetened all the ways in which he walked. He loved his church, loved Glencoe and its community, loved his country with a patriot's devotion which had been tried by fire and blood."

General Howard has been a very active man in his later years. He

Society.

For several years after this he was Editor of the Advance, the Congregational organ of Chicago and the West. Later yet he was publisher and Editor of the Farm Field and Fireside and each of these positions he proved his eminent qualities of high moral and intellectual character.

His home at Glencoe is one of the most beautiful on the North Shore and his large family of grown up sons and daughters with his widow may well be the pride of any community.

## HIGHLAND PARK NEWS.

Prof. Solon F. Bronson of Garrett Biblical Institute, of Evanston, and president of the Chicago News Boy's Association, will speak Sunday evening at the Baptist church, at 7 45 p. m. Special music is being prepared for the occasion. All are welcome.

The Highland Park Woman's Club held a very pleasant meeting on last Tuesday. Mrs. Cobb read an interesting paper on "Wit and Humor in the Literature of the Day," and Mrs. Frank B. Green read in her characteristic way humorous passages from George Ade's and others works. The ladies had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Goodrich sing "Rosemary" and "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes." Mrs. Eddy was at the piano and Mr. Goodrich and Mrs. Eddy sang a duet. Refreshments were served by the hostesses Miss Patchen, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Boyd and Miss Potwin.

Those who entered the High School from the Grammar School are Alexander Doty, Murray Moon, George Martin, Frank Maroney, Milly Brown, Sture Nelson, Ora Hardy and Melville Cobb.

The monthly social evening of the Bible Study Class, will be next Monday evening when Mrs. Lovell will entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Card of Chicago, and four children have rented Dr. Bergen's cottage on Laurel avenue.

Mrs. J. L. Miller has been ill for the past week.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Robert Gregory and Miss Eleanor Gregory, left for a trip to Honolulu and Japan.

At the Chicago Artists Exhibition at the Art Institute, beginning next week, Mrs. Colburn will have five of her pictures on exhibition, that number having been accepted by the committee.