

[Anderson, Lucy E.]

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My dear friend:

I have been in a high state of outraged feelings since reading in the "Washington Star" of late issue, of the treatment accorded you by the A. G. in matter of your dues, as to retirement with merited rank of Brig. Genl. - To those of us who have followed your career, and know of your lofty purpose and earnest devotion to the grand cause you have espoused, and of the grand achievements in your years' effort, this is a matter of sorrowful indignation - and comparison of your "Cerrie" with that of some who have received this honor, raises you high above any rank to which you

have even aspired - But, you
haven't baugneted & hot notted
& blown your Horn at Headquar-
ters, & gotten on the inside, nor
have you been Censational, nor
Climbed bridges or Orrow Obstacles,
or dealt in any of the Chap-trap
Methods or Measures to secure
Glorv (?) all of which rates higher
than your life long struggle for
the right & your great work
which speaks for itself. It is
an outrage - & I hope your
noble Spirit will not quietly
submit to this arbitrary misuse
of Power. I feel like rushing
madly into the fray myself -
getting our Senators, our good
Charlie Lauder, all our strong

State People & Power who are
so honored in your career; the
Indian Affairs Committee - a
gordly phalanx of great guns,
& advancing on Hdqrs. to
demand your rights. You would
not even wish this rank, were
it not your just Heritage - & that
alone, establishes the cause.
I beg of you to assert yourself,
& have this matter rectified -
as a matter of absolute justice -
& as an Indiana matter. What
of Coburn's own Service in the
field! And why were your
tenders of Services & Fighters,
born fighters, in the Spanish
War days not accepted, except
that you were doing greater &
better Service where you were, than

any demand of the hour called for.
Our Grand Mr. Kinsley, with his
high sense of justice, and his
appreciation of the depth and
people of the work that you have
accomplished, would not have
countenanced this travesty of
Justice, and tho' he is not
here, Right is yet above all,
and a wrong exists - Is there
some appeal from Corbin? - or
from the Sec'y? I am in favor
of Congressional action on your
case - and surely, a man's fearless
Championship of his rights, cannot
be perverted into insubordination.
I am mad, all the way through,
about it - and you would be both
honored and amused by my dear
old Mother's expression of views on the

subject - She said in her last letter,
that "any injustice or untoward
circumstances befalling our good
man, Henry, would cause many
hearts that cherish him, to ache".
Wasn't that correct?

Well - I seated me for a
brief little note, remote from this
strain into which my feelings
have led me - And I feel sure
you will not regard me as in-
trusive, for we stand together,
in the long ago cemented bonds
of friendship, And all your
interests are close to my heart. -

- And now, to business :-

I am deeply interested in the
welfare of a youth who has re-
cently obtained employment, under
And in office of Arthur A. Smith

in Sept. 2, Penna. Steel Co.-
Steelton, Pa. His name is John
A. Brightwell, and his widowed
mother is a near relation of my
brother George's, - Capt. Pigman's -
wife. He has had very limited
educational advantages, owing to
the death of his father, and the
poverty of their condition. - And
now his mother's hopes are centered
in him and based upon his prob-
able support of herself and his
little sisters. She has a very
small pension, the boy's father
having been a soldier - and
existence is a serious problem
for her. She is a sister of Rear-
Admiral M^r. Cornick, U.S. N.,

whose wife was a sister of George's
wife - So, you will understand
my interest in this youth.
He is extremely retiring in his
nature, and possibly lacks assur-
ance, but is thoroughly correct
in principle and integrity. - And
I have thought that it might
come within the possibilities
that you or, Mason, might,
from the Heights to which
he has attained, be able to
give this boy a word of cheer
and encouragement - and
perhaps, by his interest, advance
his opportunities. You will know

the good fruits of a kindly
word to a boy - And if, when
you see masons, you should
ask him to see if he can do
anything in the way of a
helping hand in this case,
the result might be far reach-
ing in good. I am sure you
will do what you can.

And now, Goodbye to you -
With love to your dear wife
and family - And my fondest
for your good self -

Ever Sincerely yours,
Lucy E. Anderson -
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To Col. Pratt.
Carlisle, Pa.