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Description: George H. Frost, wrote to George F. Shepley to thank him for a gift he had sent and to share his post-Civil War thoughts.

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The President's proclamation places me in the list of those who are excluded from taking the amnesty oath, on account of my being educated at the Military Academy. What course will be pursued towards us lesser lights I suppose will not be determined till after our leading men are disposed of. In the meantime I have gone to work for the purpose of earning a livelihood. During the summer I shall be employed as Receiving Teller in a private banking house in the city with the prospect of ~~permanently~~ permanent

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All of our family are well, and of course happy at having me with them again. At the time I reached home they had not heard from me for some time, and were considerably alarmed for my safety. During the early part of Gen. Hood's Tennessee Campaign, I was severely wounded in a cavalry skirmish near Rome, Ga, and owing to movements which took place afterwards, which pretty effectually destroyed our railroads, I was without any means of communicating with them. No evil results followed my wound though I came very near losing my leg. My next younger brother, Charley, leaves us in a few days to spend the summer North for the benefit of his health. He goes from here to Sharon Springs N.Y. to remain there for a month or six weeks and

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Be kind enough to present my ~~kind~~ regards to all of your daughters some of whom may remember me. Enclosed I send a photograph for Nellie which I should like to have her accept for old friendship's sake.

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