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10 Pemberton Square  
Boston, Dec. 9. 1881.

My Dear General, —

I have been absent on a trip to our Native State for a few days, so your very kind letter of Dec. 1st. would have been sooner acknowledged. I thank you very much for it, and for the kindly words spoken. Its general tenor corresponds with what I had known of Gen<sup>l</sup> W. — and with what may be said to be universal testimony of all, whether officers or privates who had occasion to come in connection with him in any way.

For the particular grief I am specially obliged —  
Hoping that yourself & family

are very well - and with the  
compliments of the season - (if  
not too early) I am

With great regards  
Yr. friend & servant

Wm. A. G. Fuller



you, and hoping that I may  
have the pleasure of hearing  
from you.

I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

Edward W. Bok

New York Dec 10, 1881

Received by the Bank  
Dec 13/81 -

New York  
Dec 9, 1881.

Edw. W. Bok

New York Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1881.

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Gen O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I am making a collection of contributions composed of a few lines in the shape of a short note from the pen of the most distinguished persons of the present time, and am very desirous of adding a contribution from you thereto.

Will you therefore kindly favor me with a few lines in your handwriting, with your name and date of writing attached thereto?

I have already a very large and valuable collection of short letters from the most eminent Generals of the United States Army, and now only need



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a brief letter from you in order to complete that collection.

May I therefore appeal to your kindness to enable me to accomplish that end?

I have been for some time endeavoring to ascertain your whereabouts, but was unsuccessful, until a few evenings ago Gen M<sup>r</sup>. Gleason kindly furnished me with it.

I sincerely hope that you may be able to find a few spare moments to devote to an answer to my request, my desire to obtain a short note from you being of course greatly increased by the fact of such contribution completing the above mentioned collection.

Apologizing for troubling

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Leather Manufacturers' National Bank,

New York, December 9, 1884.

U. S. A.  
To C. O. Merriam Esq., Cashier,

I have received your favor

of <sup>the</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> inst with enclosures as stated.  
Wagoning the for for color, will be  
your Bank book Respectfully  
as requested

D. L. HOLDEN, Cashier.





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Gen. ... and us a  
West Point  
N.Y.

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THE CHRISTIAN UNION,

N. Y. & BROOKLYN PUB. CO., LIMITED,

22 WASHINGTON SQUARE,

NEW YORK.

Dec 9. 1881

Your article entitled

"A German Lad"

is reserved for publication at the earliest practicable date. If in the meantime you are desirous of using it elsewhere, it will be subject to your order.

H. W. Mabie.

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For THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

Mable, H. W.  
"Christian Union"

New York  
Dec. 9. 1881.

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OFFICE OF

**SETH WARD,**

Patentee and Proprietor of

**WARD'S BACK BAND HOOKS.**

N. W. COR. NORTH AND HART STS.

Princeton, Ind., Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1851  
Gen O O Howard

Your very kind favor dated 6<sup>th</sup> inst has just come to hand and you will please accept my sincere thanks for your kind offer to do what you can for my son you are no doubt a Father and know something of a fathers anxieties in regard to <sup>his</sup> children I am trusting his case to the Lord but I know that faith without works is dead and I have written to him to apply himself with all his energies to the last moment and then if it should come to the worst to go to you for advice and if he should fail I would like if possible for him to have a reexamination and if he should fall so far short as to make it impossible for him to continue under his present appointment I would like to get him reappointed and I have assurances from Hon Mr Keilman that he will do all he can for him I hope he may yet be able to pull through

Very Truly Yours Seth Ward

WARD'S BACK BAND HOOKS.  
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Princeton, N.J., Dec. 10th 1881

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Hamilton, 19th E. 4

Deckertown N.J. Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1887.

Gen. O. O. Howard

West Point, N.Y.

at. 21.

Showing that you had  
the opportunity to observe the  
services of Gen Judson Kilpatrick  
in the late war. I wrote to ask  
you for some Expression of  
opinion upon his merits &  
work as a Soldier.

For nine years Gen Kilpatrick  
Has been a near neighbor a  
warm and generous friend  
a loyal hearted son of this  
County reflecting Credit upon it.  
I have called upon a few of  
the veteran Soldiers left in the  
County to unite with me in some



expression of regard. That

Kilpatrick's memory may be  
properly treasured among us,  
and have thought that in our  
meeting - if we had some words  
from you who were intimately  
associated in the "March to the Sea"  
it would serve our purpose to  
awaken a quicken feeling.

Kilpatrick's death is sad - so far  
away from the home he loved  
among strangers and alien scenes.  
Will it be too much to ask from  
you some word for his memory?  
It will greatly oblige Yours Truly

Edgar A. Hamilton

Pastor Presby. Church

Lat. Major & Prov. Col. 10<sup>th</sup> Me. Inf.



ALEXANDER SWAIN,  
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175 Broadway.

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Genl O O Howard  
West-Point  
Winchester N.H.

Dear Sir

I have  
a brother in your school  
and I am very anxious  
that he should go thro  
the course and I think he  
is also he is a good boy  
and I want to see him  
do well and if seems that  
he makes every effort necessary  
in order to get thro he  
not being used to the manner  
of leaving then made a  
bad start-in the beginning  
and it seems that he is  
very low in his class  
and at present seems a little  
discouraged. but is determined

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COMPOSED OF THE  
GENERAL & LAWYERS

ALLANSON STREET  
NEW YORK  
FOR THE NEW YORK  
EDWARD A. SWAN  
THE NEW YORK

THE NEW YORK

175 Broadway  
New York

Hubbard & Norton  
New York

Dear Sir

I have  
in brother in your office  
and I am very anxious  
that he should go there  
the corner and I think he  
a who he is a good boy  
and I want to see him  
the well and if seems that  
he makes every effort necessary  
in order to get them to  
not bring them to the  
of sending them back a  
but still in the beginning  
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*J. W.*

*175 Broadway.*

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Dear Sir

not to give up. Now if it  
is not asking too much I just  
wanted to ask if you would  
give him as good a chance  
as you can he is a good  
boy and his greatest desire  
is to try to make something of  
himself. I enclose you a  
letter I received from him some  
time ago you will please read  
it and you can see his feeling  
about the school he wants to go  
thru and I want you if you  
can to keep him in a better  
school. The letter is not for the  
public but I think there is no harm  
in your reading it will you please return  
it to me <sup>and</sup>



I hope you will not think me  
taking too much liberty in  
writing in regard to this little  
matter. I am very anxious and  
think that after the first year  
he can go thron with the  
determination he has established  
he stands high in the Society  
of this place as you could  
find out. Should you want to know  
by writing any one here Please  
pardon my liberties

Your Obedient Servant

Sam. H. Ester

Marionville Tenn.

Dec. 13/81

Dec. 11, 1881

McMinnville, Tenn.

Dec 13/81

Wm. D. H.



of the law and let it be manslaughter  
or some less heinous charge.  
Always truly your friend.

Wm

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Answered by the Clerk  
Dec 14/81-

Washington  
Dec. 13. 1881.

McCoy, Genl M.C.

War Department,  
Quartermaster General's Office,

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Washington, D. C., ~~Oct~~ 12<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Col. Maj. Genl J. O. Howard,  
Dir. U. S. Military Academy,  
West Point N. Y.

My Dear General:

I have just read  
your annual report and I wish to  
express my hearty accordance with your  
desire to check the tendency to governing  
the cadets with cast iron rules, to put  
them into strait jackets, and to multiply  
reports, and charges against them of  
demerit, on the most insignificant  
pleas.

When I was a Cadet it was bad  
enough, but, after I left the tendency to



which you allude had its way till a cadet for some insignificant omission arising, not in vice of evil intent but absence of mind or forgetfulness, perhaps even in carelessness found the omission charged as an offence under half a dozen different regulations and <sup>was</sup> thus punished by accumulated demerit marks till an offence <sup>involuntarily</sup> charged two demerits became a separate offence under several paragraphs of two to six demerits each.

This system tended to destroy all confidence in the justice of the Government administration and thus in the mind of the sufferer to bring all administration into contempt.

I have always thought that entirely too much weight was given to

the demerit system which pulled down the active, the enterprising, and put up at their expense the stolid, the manky pambly, the men having no distinguishing traits of character.

I hope you will see that no cadet can have reason to believe that offences are multiplied against him under technical interpretations of regulations and that no offence is charged under more than one regulation. That may be the one which subjects <sup>him to</sup> the greater penalty but only one penalty can be justly inflicted for one offence.

If the offence is one of intentional and deliberate violation of discipline committed with malice, premeditation and aforethought let it be murder in the first degree, but, if not, then follow the humane practice



*Morris, W.L.*

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

MAIN AND WASHINGTON STREETS,

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

*Dec 12* 1881

Gen. O. O. Howard  
West Point.

Sir:

For some years past our Ass<sup>n</sup> in Poughkeepsie has conducted a Free course of popular lectures for the benefit, first of Young Men, second, of a class in the community who cannot afford to attend a paid lyceum course, - to reach this class we distribute all our tickets in factories & in districts where such people live. - We need a lecture for Monday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> to complete our course for this winter and while I should never have dared to hope to secure so busy a man as yourself to help us, I am emboldened to write as the suggestion of Dr W. K. Hall of Newburgh

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who tells me that you have a  
lecture on 'Jettisoning' & that possibly  
you might be able to deliver it for  
us. - My object in writing is to know  
if such is within the possibilities, we  
have already secured the service of  
nine gentlemen for this winter &  
in past years such men as Dr. Howard  
Crosby - Lyman Abbott - Dr. Robinson  
& others have helped us. - While we  
cannot offer remuneration, we of course  
pay all expenses, and do all in  
our power to make the visit of our  
friends agreeable to them. - Our hall  
seats about 600 & is generally well  
filled. - Soliciting an answer at  
your early convenience & apologizing  
for thus troubling you.

I remain

Yours very respectfully  
W. M. Chapin



U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE,

~~No 70 Saratoga St.~~

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Smithville, N. C.

Baltimore, Dec 12 1881

My dear General.

Your note of 5<sup>th</sup> came to me in this out-of-the-way place, where I am looking after one of the wires I have in charge.

As soon as I get back to Balto, or I hope to do in 10 days, I will use my best efforts to aid in getting your son appointed to N. O.

I am glad my boy is doing well. Please remember me resp<sup>d</sup> kindly to yr wife & mother.  
Yours truly  
W. P. Langhulst.  
Enl. O. S. Howard  
N. I. S.  
New Point, N. Y.

Craig, W. W.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE  
No. 20 S. 2nd St.  
Baltimore, Md.

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Fowler, E.

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New York  
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U.S. Hotel,  
closed day morning,  
December 12, 1881.

Dear General Howard:

I regret not seeing  
you Thursday evening. It  
is quite likely that I  
shall be in Wash.  
on Wednesday leaving  
this city with certain  
prepaid Tuesday (tomorrow).

It is my purpose  
to remain while in W.,  
at the Riggs House, and  
if it comes in your  
way, will be glad to



meet you there.

I have not as yet  
been able to get a  
definite answer from  
Rev. Dr. Booth, regarding  
the subject of which  
you spoke at our  
last meeting, but hope  
to have some thing  
tomorrow morning.

With respect  
Yours truly,  
Fowler.

Gen. O. O. Howard  
To Rev. E. Whittlesey,  
Washington  
D.C.



not improve.

Wadsworth's application comes back with an endorsement on it - from Sherman, which shows that he has not given the subject the consideration that a great many officers think it deserves. I hope you will see his opinion, and express your own to him upon the subject before you leave there. Casey is back from leave. Your telegram about snarks was communicated to the Adjt. and orders given for their purchase, but your letter threw a doubt upon the matter so they will not be bought until more is known. Will you telegraph whether or not all changes of left-cocks, recommended by the Academic Board, have been approved. Your family are all quite well. Mrs. H. was in my house Friday night. She had just returned from Newburgh and was tired out. My wife & I called at your house Sat. night but Mrs. H. was visiting the children, so we did not see her.

Chenier was down Saturday but I guess returned same day. I send regards to Genl. Whittesey and family. The man (Bond) who was seized yesterday. The subject died yesterday. I am recommending an adjt. with a wound. I was not.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF WEST POINT,  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY,

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1881

My dear General:

Your letter of Friday came to hand Saturday night, and was interesting, as every letter from Wash. is, when full of gossip. I am glad you think Swann will help me: I have faith in your intuitions, but I have felt a little uncertain as to Swann. There is another, who I think would be glad to please you by helping me, and that is Hazen. Barron has returned and brings his budget of news from Washington. He, I think, has had all his hopes squelched for a yr. this place. His rank and youth went against him. He says that Genl.



Logan is backing another officer for  
his place & want, a Lieut. Constantine  
Chase of the 3rd Artillery, now at  
Fortress Monroe. I do not want  
him to get the appointment over  
me on the same ground that  
Swampscott man did, viz. that his  
record is better than mine for  
it is not. He did not get  
into service himself until late in  
1843. — I cannot find that he  
was in a single battle, though  
he may have been; he was  
out of service about a year, then  
came into the regular service after  
me, and is now my junior as  
a 1st Lieut. There are no applicants  
with a better active war record than  
mine. If it is true that  
Gen. Logan is backing him, please

remember that there are going to  
be more than one vacancy. I  
doubt Gen. Logan's advocacy of him,  
for his service was not in the  
same Army with Gen. Logan and  
he comes from Mass. and not  
Ill., and then, tho' I am loath  
to admit it, Farrow is given  
to romancing. Excuse me, Gen.  
for writing so much of myself  
but it seems a vital moment now  
with all your own influence and  
such as you can command <sup>on the ground</sup> right,  
I hear that Senator How has  
asked appointments from Pres.  
Arthur, and if so he would  
be very likely to work in my  
interest again. If he seems in-  
disposed, I can have him picked  
up by Mass. influence that he will