

J. S. Gordon.

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Ans. Sept 24th 88

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General:-

I have respectfully to inclose a discharge received by me on the 15. instant, which, in consideration of the fact of my 22 years honorable service and that I have never been tried by court-martial, is, to say the least, a decidedly peculiar document, and such an one as, in my experience, has been given to men convicted by military courts of specific crime, only.

I was informed, when the paper was handed me, that it was General Gibbon's express order that I should be discharged in this form.

I cannot think that he has acted in accordance with regulations or custom of the service in this matter; and knowing, by experience, his contempt for any law or authority which may happen to conflict with the exercise of his own views of propriety in the premises, notwithstanding his assertion that "The law is supreme", - I respectfully appeal to you for simple justice in the matter, and ask that, if entitled to an

unmutilated discharge, with character, good
bad, or indifferent, I receive it.

As regards his estimate of my moral quali-
ties; that is a matter upon which I am entirely
indifferent; but I do earnestly protest against
his assumption of authority to direct my dishon-
orable discharge, as such a discharge, I contend,
can only be ordered by a court-martial.

Submitting the question ~~as to~~ whether justice
has been done me in this matter, and, if not,
whether the wrong can still be rectified,

I am, General,

Your obedient servant

James D. Gordon.

Major-General O. O. Howard,
Comdg Division of the Pacific,
San Francisco, Cal.

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General Howard

Comorad of I.A.R.

Sir

I take the liberty of writing this few lines to you not knowing the Rules of the Regular Army, as I am a ~~old~~^{old} Veteran Soldier of the 3rd Army Corps and wish to speak to you in private and hope you will give me this opportunity of doing so. I am a Comorad of the Fronti Bartlett Post 6 of Los Angeles and a old Soldier of the ^{Civil} War 99th Penn. Vet. Volt 1st Brigade 2 division 3 Corps I fought on your left at Chancellorsville the your Corps Battle and come down the plank Road I can speak to you and tell you what I wish more private in a suitable statement. There is more in this note I hope as a Comorade Loyalty, Charity and Fraternity and a Christian to give me this chance

Yours as a Comorade

Mike Traynor

C. E. 99th P.V.V.

Frank Bartlett - Post 6 Los Angeles Cal

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Ans. Del. 11/10/88

Indianapolis, Ind.

Sept 24, 1888

My Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear General

Your most welcome letter was duly recd. & I enjoyed every word of it - I have a letter from Prof. Sheeley of interest which corroborates your statements about the disposition of your Corps, & especially the placing of the Division on Cemetery Hill. He was on the ground & was the best-informed person I found at Gettysburg. I am gathering up points on the first day of Gettysburg, the disposition of troops, the credit of establishing the line which determined this point on the battlefield, I want to get it straight & unanswerable, & when I return I hope that you will give me access to some history you have that will help me.

There has been a disposition to claim what I believe belongs to you, & I feel

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that great injustice is being done
by working up a current of popular opi-
ion that will take for granted what
the truth will not warrant. I believe
that God choose you as his instrument
in the selection of this great battle field
where the high water mark of the rebellion
was reached, & where the tides of that rebellion
began to recede. When history shall sig-
nify & determine the moral issues that
were fought out & settled by the war
it will be found, that God had his
own servant, whom He loved, & who
loved Him, at the crisis point to choose
wisely & well, the position that did so
much towards determining the issue of
that battle.

I am spending a few weeks here.
The political hot-boils are cuttingly here.
Thousands come here, with an enthu-
siasm that is unbounded to pay their
respects to Genl. Garrison. I have called
on him - I told him that I held a service
at your fort. He enquired after you &
said "Give my loving remembrance
to the General." He has a great kind
loving Christian heart, & is proving himself

be a well balanced & most efficient spirit in leading in this contest.

Both parties claim this State. The Republicans are jubilant, & declare they will carry the State by 650,000. Their friends have taken every bet offered & have offered many that find no takers.

The Democrats talk confidently & are working hard but they have quit betting

I am not familiar ^{with} the State, the dark & devious ways of the leaders to be able to decide - The Greenbacks are rolling into line, the laboring men by thousands come to pay their tribute, the ubiquitous & effervescent Irishmen come by hundreds to "arrah for Harrison" - but whether all will vote as they now hurrah, is yet to be settled - If my wishing & praying for his success would land him in the White House he would go in with a boom - I am only a looker on, but my remembrance of past history & my sympathy with what I believe to be a righteous cause, & the good of the nation makes my heart throb with interest for the triumph of Harrison - I am not as good

as you are, I am not ^{as well} trained down
to the principle of forgiving & forgetting -
I can forgive men, I abominate a
Rebel, & detest especially a copperhead.
I know that it is Gods province to
declare "vengeance is mine & I will
repay", but it is awful hard work
for me not to say "Amen" while
He is administering his justice.

I hear through Gen McKim that
Col Shosters encampment was not
as pleasant & successful as last
year. I am sorry for that.

Well God bless you my dear
General - I often think of you -
your good home; while I keep you
all in kind remembrance in my
heart, I often pray for you.

Remember me kindly to your family
in the grounds at the Post.

Your sincere friend
Winfield Scott

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Reno, Nevada, Sept. 24, 1888,

Gen. O. O. Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

You will remember that when you visited our town some months ago, I spoke to you regarding a Military Instructor for our institution.

Under the new law - Senate Bill 186 - we understand that sixty officers may be detailed from the Army and the Navy as instructors in colleges and Universities, and I am requested by our Board of Regents to ask you to name a suitable officer

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for us. We need a gentleman of good habits and one who possesses teaching power in the direction of mathematics and mechanical drawing. Personally, I desire an officer who neither uses tobacco nor drinks alcoholic stimulants. Although not authorized to make the statement, I am satisfied that our Board will pay the right man what is reasonable for his services here for all that he does for us.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am
Very respectfully

LeRoy D. Brown,
Presdt State Univ. of Nevada.

Canada. Ministry of
President.

9'30'.

No. 1000000

Rev C. D. Barrows.

38, File

A Special meeting
of the Committee, of
which you are a
member, at 901 N. 1st
St. 7-30 this Evening.

Important business.
Will not detain you
long —

Cordially —

C. D. Barrows.

Sept. 24th 1888. J.

ing Sunday Morning Dress Par-
made been stronger today -
or is there not a movement
in that direction - on the point
of its being a needless de-
creasing of the Lord's Day?

On these and any other
points that may occur
to you, I should like much
to hear from you in the future.

I had the pleasure of meeting
you when here - not also
now many years ago - of serv-
ing with you in the Union Army.

Pardon me for troubling
you - which I only venture
to do on account of your known
interest in religious truth &
living.

Very respectfully -

D. O. Kelley

Rector W. James Church

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File Sept 27th 1888
Rev D O Kelley

Presno, Cal.

Sept. 25. 1888

Major Genl. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

My dear General -

It has occurred
to me to address you as a
Christian soldier in re-
gard to a matter that
is exercising my mind
just now.

Last Sunday one of our lo-
cal Cos. of the U. S. C. held
its target practise a few
miles out from town -
and arrangements have
been made for the other
(Co. F.) to spend next Sun-
day in the same way.
The law or regulations - I

believe, require target
practice occasionally.

Now as we all know
there is little enough Sun-
day observance in Cal? at
the best - And I have
been greatly annoyed - and
indignant - that this pub-
lic, official act of pro-
fanation of the Lord's Day
should have been perpe-
trated - as its influence
must go strongly to light-
en still more the already
too light regard for the day.

These militia co's include
many of our best citizens -
among them at least
five who are common
members in the parish of
which I am in charge -
and two of these were at

the target practice last Sunday -
And hundreds of citizens were
attracted to the ground - where
feasting was one of the attractions.

I am thinking strongly
of raising my voice in protest
& warning from the pulpit
against such doings - And
as to do so will probably be
to stir up considerable oppo-
sition. I think it might
be well to fortify my position
by such support as I can
get from a few men in
military authority -

Especially as to yourself - on
these points:

Is it in accordance with
the general sentiment and
custom of the U. S. A. to
make such a use of the Lord's Day?
Has not ^{even} the old rule require

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File
Pass sent
from him
Sept 27/88
Sept. 25-1888

Genl O. O. Howard

San Francisco - Cal.

Dear Sir

I want to ask a favor
which I hope you will feel
perfectly ^{free} to decline if it
is not best in every way to
grant, and I shall under-
stand the reasons, and not
feel at all disappointed.

~~Saturday~~ Saturday Oct. 6th is the
beginning of a vacation week
in our schools, and I have
thought I would like to take
my wife and daughter, and a
few of our friends (say twelve
or fifteen) on a closing pic-
nic of the season.

My own inclinations of course
always lead me to the water
and I find the majority of

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others like it as well for a
day. If we could get a pass
to Angel Is it would be
thankfully received and
abundantly enjoyed.

If however the numberless
requests you must have for
these pleasures are a burden
and it would cause the
least unpleasantness to
the officers and families
I know you will do me the
favor to say so.

Cordially & respectfully
Isaiah Bray

J.M.C.A.

Auto sent
Oct 8/88.

39.

Colorado Springs Colo
Sept 25. 1888

Dear Sir.

Will you do me the
favor to forward me your
autograph & greatly oblige

Yours respectfully

C. C. Coff

Genl O. O. Howard.

Washington D.C.

C. C. C. C.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

BUILDING AND BUSINESS OFFICES, 232 SUTTER ST.

SAN FRANCISCO,

CALIFORNIA.

Sept. 26th., 1888.

File
Gen. O. O. Howard,

Phelan Building, City.

Dear General:-

The following will be the speakers for the mass meeting next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Odd Fellows Hall.

"Our young men and their religious needs." Rev. F. A. Horton, D. D., Oakland.

"How ~~shall~~ ^{in this city} this great mass of unchurched young men be brought under religious influences?" Rev. A. C. Hirst, D. D., President University of the Pacific.

"Are our religious efforts adapted to the young men of the day? If not, how may they be improved?" Rev. C. D. Barrows, D. D.

Will you please be there promptly at 2:45, so we can start right off at three o'clock. Briefest possible preliminaries. The speakers are invited to talk ten minutes apiece. Mr. Barrows may talk a little longer as he is to present the financial claim for the work throughout the State. Will you please allow me to make this suggestion that you insist upon the men talking ten minutes, only. When the time is up give them a signal; have it understood beforehand you are to do this and they won't run over the time; but if the meeting is spun out it will ruin it; it ought



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CALIFORNIA

Dear Sirs:

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Dear Sirs:

The following will be the speakers of the men's

next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Willow Hall.

"Our young men and their religious needs." Rev. E. A. Howard,

Oakland.

"How shall this great mass of unattached young men be brought

under religious influences?" Rev. A. C. Hirst, D. D., President

University of the Pacific.

"Are our religious efforts adapted to the needs of the day?"

It may, how may they be improved?" Rev. C. E. Carver, D. D.

Will you please be there at 2:15, as we are

starting at 2:30 for the church. Religious needs in preliminary

work. The speakers are invited to talk ten minutes apiece. We

desire to have a little longer as we are to present the fundamental

principles for the work throughout the State. Will you please allow

us to have this question that you raised upon the men's

minutes, only. When the time is given them a signal, save it

understand before you are to do this and they want you over

the time for it. The meeting is when you will find it at 2:15.

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best to work up an audience
it will interfere, but
we can.

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CALIFORNIA.

not to last over an hour; be sharp, quick, red hot. I will do my best to work up an audience; if the weather is fine I am afraid it will interfere, but we will trust to the Lord and do the best we can.

Very cordially yours,

J. J. McCarty



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WIDE AWAKE
Editorial Department

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My dear General:

I shall have to let you have the manuscript
of the Indian Battle. I cannot fit it in our present plan
at its present length, and it will not bear dividing.
I am sorry enough.

Yours sincerely

Ella Fernald Pratt

"Wide Awake."
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My dear friend,
I have been told by the manuscript
of the letter. I cannot get it in my hands for
it is much larger, and is not the same.
The very same.

Yours truly,
Ella F. Pratt

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My dear father

Your good letter of the 15th just here. I give my entire time to my work - except after I have finished for the day - this is generally 7 or 8 o'clock p.m. The weather is very fine now & the out door work is progressing rapidly. The pavement is becoming very popular. It is indeed a good pavement from the stand points of Economy, Health, Comfort. But each city entered must secure this for itself - because the city officials very seldom are men who study the experience of other cities.

October 1st tomorrow I will be leaving within two months - perhaps six weeks - for Rottum.

I have indeed enough of pay each month
to live plainly but comfortable indeed
married. I must not start with any debt
as long as I live I shall avoid debt if it be
humanly possible - also going security
for another - There are compensations which do
that now. It was because you once
spoke to me about marrying & the expen-
ses of it, that I wrote to ask help -

It is simply the journey over for myself
& the journey back for Adellieid & myself
that is the heaviest expense. I can
pay for the rest, if I must by stringent
economy & saving now - When will you
know about Clarence's returns to you?

But remember that what you may give
me must not embarrass you in the
slightest.

I hope Grandmother is better. I do
not hear from her. But I write her
just the same.

Adellieid is preparing her dresses & is
& busy & happy in it all.

I have written to mother for a certified
statement of my birth - Date given - I cannot
be married without this - Please help mother get it.
With love to all from Jennie

File
Am.

Glencoe, Sept. 30, 1888

Dear Uncle Otis:

This is the Sabbath afternoon, just a week since your letter which came yesterday afternoon, was written. Grandma asked me to read it to her, again ~~to her~~ this morning after Church, although both yours and Bessie's of the same date had already been read to her several times. She greatly enjoyed them both, especially your letter where you spoke of the death of Moses. I read the scripture passage to her and then read your letter as a commentary on it. Papa and I enjoyed that lesson very much too. It shows that Moses had a closer communion with God than any man has had since. We found a new meaning, (or possible meaning) in one verse, the fifth, Did you know that the Hebrew of that part which is translated "according to

to the word of the Lord
the mouth of God" and the
rabbi say that it means the
kissed Moses as he died. —
it not seem a beautiful show

Grandma does not show any
symptoms of disease but still
continues very weak though she
has had some gain of appetite.

Papa has gone to the Mohonk
Conference of Indian Workers at
Mohonk Lake, New York. He is to
read a paper on the Indian
Service. Miss Collins went with him
and will also address the meeting.

She spoke to us last sabbath
evening, telling of a few of the true
Christian lives and triumphant Christ-
ian deaths of some of the Indians
who were in abject heathenism, ten
years ago, when Papa & mamma and
I were up in Dakota. She also
showed that the ruling of the
President as to teaching the vernac-
ular had made the Indians all
the more eager to be taught and so
had done more good than the

Closing of a
They reasoned
Government has

closing of school had done harm.
They reasoned, that inasmuch as the
Government had never let them keep anything
which was good, therefore the teaching must
be good or it would not have been taken
away. - So God's providence overthrew
men's miserable plans, even those of the
Jesuits.

Our school has been open over
two weeks now. I am a senior, and can
begin to see the end of my foundation-
studies. There are four of us who
go down to Evanston, from our house,
every Monday morning, - Bert, Nina,
Libbie Rust and myself. I hardly see
the other three till the next Friday night
and then we have a good chance to
talk it over. I was glad to see John
and talk with him. He spoke of
going to Europe next year and I
hope that I may be able to go with
him, though I am not sure that I am.

O. M. J. Howard

You cannot wish for General
Harrison's election much more than
we all do here. Grandma is always
afraid to say how much she wishes
you could be transferred, for fear
she may seem rebellious against
heaven. But in her heart she wishes
it very much.

I thank you for the little
parable of inward whiteness and outward
blackness, in your letter to me. I will
try to remember it. Give my love
to Aunt Lizzie and Bessie. We
hope you are all as well and happy
as we are.

Your loving nephew
O. M. J. Howard