

Cochran M. A.

May 7. 93.

Reply sent May 11. 93.

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OFFICE OF POST COMMANDER,

Fort Thomas, Kentucky, May 2nd 1893.

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: I

know you will pardon me for
taking this method of giving
you the information called
for in the 2^d endorsement
to the enclosed paper. The
peculiar circumstances of the case
seem to warrant it.

The within application was
wholly voluntary on the part
of Capt. Baker. He has been
on pledge for several years
(since June 21st 1885) to abstain
from the use of intoxicating

drinks while on duty in
the 6th Regt. On the 15th ultimo
he absented himself from this
post and was absent without
leave till the 18th. No satisfactory
reason for this absence was
furnished by Cpl. Baker.

It is presumed that realizing
his unfortunate weakness for
drinks Cpl. Baker applied for
retirement. His past services
seem to entitle him to this
consideration. In my opinion
it would be a kindness to
require no further statement
from him. This letter has
not been entered in the
official records of the Post
as it is intended to be
personal to you.

OFFICE OF POST COMMANDER

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt

M. A. Cochran
Maj. Genl. O. V. Howard Col. 6th Regt.
U.S.A.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Plainfield, N. J., May 8th, 1893.

Major General O. O. Howard,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The reports of our lecture course were presented by Major Miller at the May Meeting of the Board of Directors of this Association, and the Secretary was directed to express their hearty appreciation of your exceedingly interesting and instructive lecture.

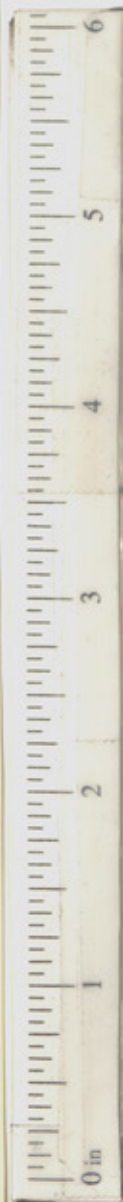
The proceeds ^{increased by your generosity} will be a great help toward our building, and we feel deeply indebted to you personally for your kindly interest and sympathy with our work.

Thanking you in behalf of the Association, I am,

Yours sincerely,

E. L. Walz Jr.

Sec'y.



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SCHOOL OF MINES, COLUMBIA COLLEGE

41 EAST FORTY-NINTH STREET

NEW YORK May 8 1893

Maj. Gen. O. O. Knwaud -

My dear Sir -

I was greatly delighted
to receive your kind letter of the 5th,
with its favorable answer to my re-
quest for a talk from you to our Young
Men. We are all greatly indebted to
you for your good will, & will do our
best to fit you a good audience. The
subject is very interesting, & it will give
universal satisfaction to know that we
are to hear from you -

With many thanks. I remain

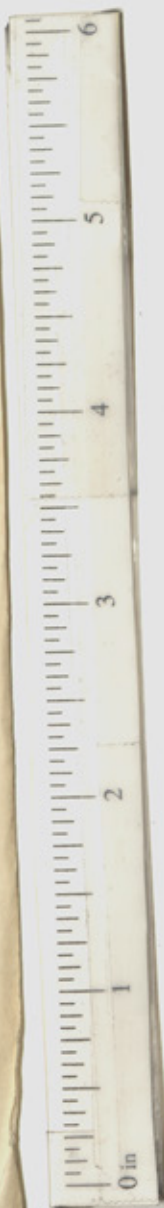
Ever sincerely yours

A. D. F. Hamlin.

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Hawley A. B. Ph.

May 8. 93



U. S. Engineer Office,

Room F. 7 ARMY BUILDING

39 Whitehall Street.

New York, May 8th 1893

My dear General,

I have always held that
a general letter from the Adj.
General in regard to Foreign
officers visiting garrisoned
posts does not apply to
Sandy Hook when special
experiments take place.

I have always required
a letter from the Secretary
of War specifically mentioning
Sandy Hook. My own idea
is that no Foreign officer
should be allowed to go to
Sandy Hook at all.

The proving ground can
not be seen without going

things and ^{5¹⁷} appropriated
to modern expense, therefore
it seems to me that visits
by Foreign Affairs are ob-
jectionable.

Such being my views,
I shall act, in the absence
of authority from the
Secretary of War, to allow
to provide for the visits
you submit to me

Very Respectfully
Y. L. Gillespie

Now Lill I only want
a small sum from you.
no matter how small
but y^r name I do
want, if you can
consent to give it on
a piece of paper -
which I will put at
the head of my list.

When I hear from
you I will plan
for the rest of my
work

always I most

Very H.C. Smith
231 West 83^d St. All will
in The Cranford
barn

Sum 12.6. 578
Letter & check for \$10⁰⁰ sent
May 8.93
231 West 83^d St.
New York May 8th/93

Dear Lill Howard

Our New York
South Hadley Alumnae
are making an effort
to build a cottage for
educating more young
Ladies for their lifes
work at the college.

Excuse me for
coming to you

^{even} a note of money
from yr hands for
Your hand's heart &
purse are always open
& ready for work for
every good cause.

But I want to get
my friends an ac-
quaintance to put their
names down on paper
that I may place
under the Corner Stone
to be laid as soon
as we have funds
in hand enough to go

ahead with our building
I have thought if
I could get yr name
at the head of my
paper & a word of
encouragement it would
start me off in
the right direction &
many would put their
name under yr's (& so
our fund started soon
after the death of Mary
Brigham (& the building to
be called after her)
would go on ~~well~~ we
have the money needed
for our work

COMMITTEE.

Captain Kiliaen Van Rensselaer,
President and Treasurer.
Gen. Alex. S. Webb, James Talcott,
Vice-Presidents

Col. Henry H. Hadley,
Superintendent and Secretary.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard. U.S.A.
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Col. Frank C. Loveland,
Pension Agent,
W. T. Wardwell. John S. Huyler,
Samuel H. Hadley.

Open
Every Day and Night in the Year.

THE GRAND ARMY MISSION,
396 & 398 Canal Street,
New York City,
Under the Pension Agency.

New York, May 8th, 1893.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

We wish to call your earnest attention to the claims of the old surviving soldiers of the rank and file, to whom we officers are indebted for the faithful way in which those under our command fulfilled their duties. As officers we should still take an active interest in those to whom our success is to be attributed. We cannot but remember during our natural lives what magnificent and brave men were those under our command, in all branches of the service, especially on the field of battle and in the camp. These old men are worn out and decrepit. The object of this Mission is to care for them and as far as possible help them so that they can help themselves.

We are in great financial distress and we appeal to you, companions of our noble order, to help us. We need five thousand dollars a year to carry on the Mission and we are in great debt at the present time. We write to know if you will not contribute as much as you feel inclined, to help us in this worthy cause. Those comrades who are on the committee, with the other gentlemen, have contributed large sums, feeling the worthiness of the cause.

We enclose some data which will show what the work is.

I am, dear sir and comrade,
Yours fraternally,

Treasurer,
56 Wall St.. New York City.

Kiliaen Van Rensselaer

Work of the Grand Army Mission Among the Pensioners.

The Grand Army Mission was formed in order that the veterans of the war might have a place where they could find shelter and have their checks cashed. They are delighted with the scheme, for they have a place where they can wait during the night for their checks, and where they can get them cashed as soon as they get them.

This place of shelter is convenient, too, as it is under the Pension Office. Formerly the men had to wait out all night on the steps of the Pension Office or spend their time in the liquor shops which abound in that neighborhood.

Kiliaen Van Rensselaer is the President of the Mission; Gen. Alexander S. Webb and James Talcott, Vice-Presidents; Col. Henry H. Hadley, Superintendent and Secretary; Gen. O. O. Howard, Gen. Wager Swayne, Gen. F. T. Locke, Col. Frank C. Loveland, William T. Wardwell, John S. Huyler and Samuel A. Hadley, Trustees. Col. Hadley is in charge of the Mission.

In the evening he has the veterans sing war songs and hymns. At midnight they receive sandwiches and coffee. Then they remain there till morning. It costs a good deal to run the Mission, defray the expense of renting the basement and feeding and warming the men.

The Mission is strictly undenominational and opens its doors at all times to those who need shelter, especially to veterans and Grand Army men. During the months when pensions are paid it does its utmost for them. Contributions should be sent to Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, 56 Wall Street.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Old Soldiers Made Happy.

The Grand Army Mission opened in the basement of the United States Pension Agency at Canal and Lighthouse streets is worrying the neighborhood saloon keepers greatly. They declare that the competition of free coffee and free sandwiches all day and all night long, and a free breakfast at 9.30 A.M. is ruining their Grand Army Trade. Heretofore the custom of the 10,000 pensioners, who come to Frank C. Loveland's agency every three months, has been no inconsiderable part of their business. They not only sold ale, beer and spirituous liquors to the pensioners but they cashed their checks for them—for a consideration.

These men have been pretty good customers for the neighboring saloons. They would drop in while waiting for their money, and then they would drop in afterwards to show how flush they were, and altogether they managed to spend a good many dollars for beer and whiskey, which was needed at home.

The pensioners are paid in checks, which are cashed at the Sub-Treasury in Wall St

Very few of the veterans care to go all the way down town, when they could get their checks cashed for a few cents right at hand, and so the saloons benefitted. But the Mission has changed things.—*N. Y. World.*

A Novel Mission for Union Pensioners of the Civil War.

The Grand Army Mission has leased for three years the basement under the Pension Agency at Nos. 396 & 398 Canal Street.

At one side of the big room is a platform on which are a piano and a reading-desk.

Meetings are held every night, at which hundreds of veterans gather. In addition the place serves as a club-room for the many old soldiers who meet there and read the newspapers.

But it is on a greater day when Uncle Sam is paying pensions in the office up stairs that the Mission serves its best purpose.

Each quarterly period over \$200,000 worth of pension certificates are cashed. All the old soldiers who wish it are supplied with coffee and sandwiches—and supplied free.

This is one of the best things about this wise and useful charity. The veterans are not charged one cent for anything. The officers of the Mission serve without salary.

Whoever contributes to the funds for the support of the Mission may be sure that his money goes directly to help the old soldier.

Heretofore the saloon keepers of the neighborhood have cashed the checks and put thereby about \$20,000 into their pockets every quarter. And just to this extent the Mission may call itself a pension increasing bureau, for it has saved just this amount to the pensioners and their families. It is estimated that the expense of carrying on this good work will be about \$5,000 a year.—*N. Y. Mail and Express.*

SALOON BUSINESS MADE LESS.

Many Pension Checks Cashed Without Discount at the Grand Army Mission.

There was a lively time yesterday at the Grand Army Mission under the Pension Bureau at 396 & 398 Canal street, where pension checks for more than 50,000 were cashed with money advanced by the publishing firm of Funk & Wagnalls. It was the second quarterly pay day for 1893.

At the Pension Bureau checks are issued for pensions, payable at the Sub Treasury in Wall street. In consequence a score of liquor saloons around the Pension Bureau have derived a handsome profit in discounts from cashing the checks, and an enormous trade in liquor. So active was the competition for the brokerage business among the saloon keepers that many of them had inclosures built in their saloons where they placed cashiers to do their business. Not content with

the business that came to them unsolicited, they hired men to bring the old pensioners into their places. And discount was charged that the cashier thought the pensioner would stand, cases being cited where as high as 10 per cent. has been charged on amounts over \$200.

In other cases men would be made drunk, and as is alleged, would be fleeced by the saloon keepers. Men would be harbored about the saloon for days, too, before their pensions were due and given unlimited credit for liquor, giving their pension papers as security.

During the last year much of this business has been taken away from the saloons. The Grand Army Mission, which was founded by Col. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Gen. Alexander S. Webb, James Talcott, Col. Henry H. Hadley, Gen. Wager Swayne, Major Gen. O. O. Howard, Col. L. F. Locke, Pension Agent Loveland, and other Grand Army men, has been looking after the interests of the pensioners. Last year the idea of a cashing bureau was proposed, and Mr. Louis Klopsch, publisher of the *Christian Herald*, furnished the money. Then on every quarterly pay day the holders of pension certificates were directed by Col. Loveland to take their checks to the Mission, where they would be cashed without discount.

Col. Henry H. Hadley, of the Mission, yesterday dispensed delicious hot coffee and sandwiches, while one force of Funk & Wagnall's clerks were paying out money and others were busy running to the National Park Bank, where the checks were deposited and drawn against.

The Mission was crowded all day with men drawing their pensions, and the saloons, which used to be crowded, were practically deserted. Yesterday the saloon keepers sent out their runners to gather in their victims, but Police Capt. Ryan stationed policemen at the Mission to aid Col. Hadley.

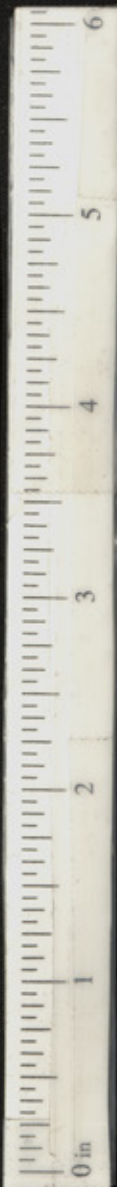
Col. Hadley said yesterday that since the Cashing Bureau had been established by the Mission many men had been protected from temptation and made sober men. More than \$1,000,000 had been paid out in the aggregate. It costs about \$5,000 a year to run the Mission, which goes principally for rent food, which is given away free, fire, lights, and attendance.

An all-night meeting was held at the Mission last night, where all the old pensioners who formerly spent their nights on the streets or in the saloons before the quarterly pay day began, were fed and given plenty of hot coffee and shelter.

The paying of checks will begin this morning again and continue until about \$200,000 has been paid out. Funk & Wagnalls furnishing the clerical help. The saloon keepers are said to lose \$10,000 in commissions by the operation.—*New York Times.*

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Grand Hay Mission



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Wygant S. M. Mrs

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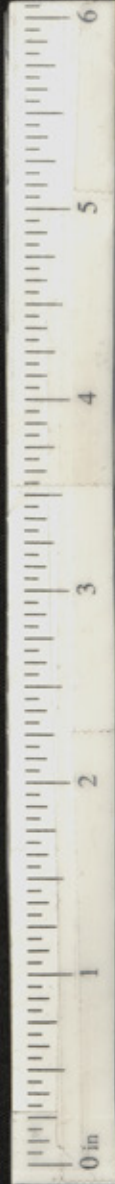
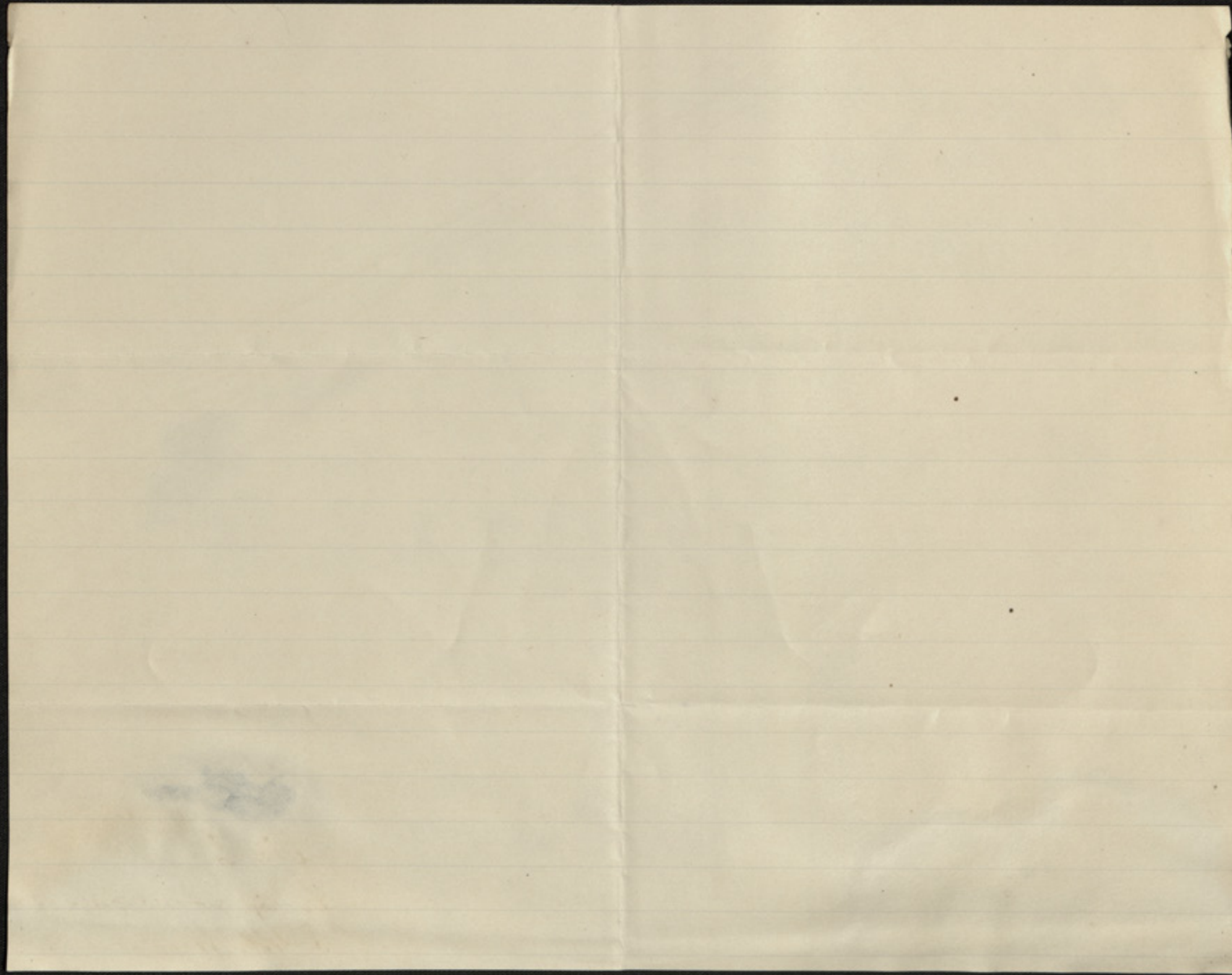
971 Main St.
Beekskill May 8-93

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I am
very desirous you should give
us a lecture. I am Secy of
the Woman's Christian Tem-
perance Union; also Co. Supr.
of Soldiers and Sailors Dep't.
In speaking with your friend
Rev. Mr Pattison he encour-
aged me to write, and wishes
to entertain you if you decide
to come. Please state time,
terms and subject

Yours in every good work
Mrs S. M. Wygant



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Dated *66 Goldst ny*

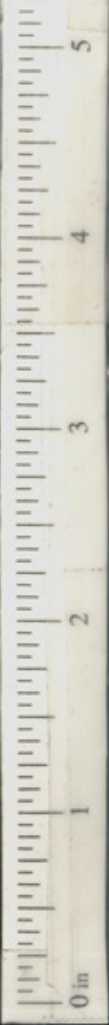
To *Genl C Howard*

Governors Island ny
Can you preside at our annual
meeting wednesday april tenth an

W A Rice

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Gibson J. R.
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Recommendation Sent
May 10. 93

David's Island
W. J. Harbor
May 9. 93

Dear General

I am
about making an ap-
plication to the President
for a cadet appointment
to West Point for next
year for my son Ralph.
In support of the ap-
plication I would like
to forward, two or three
testimonials from prom-
inent Army officers to
whom the boy is known
and would be
extremely pleased to
have one from you, if you

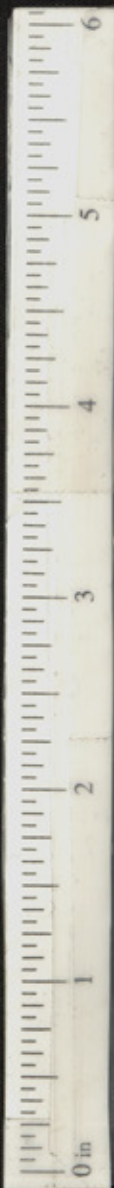
feel that it is not
asking too much.

Very Respectfully
and truly yours,

J. R. Gibson
Surgeon
U.S.A.

To
General O. O. Howard
U.S. Army

Received
June 11/63



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Webb Alex. S.

May 9. 93

Reply sent May 10. 93

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

NEW YORK, May 9th 1893

My Dear Howard

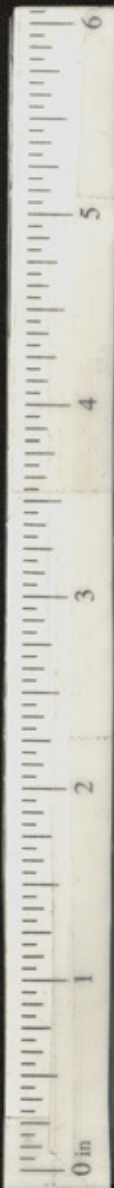
Lieut. Chas McKimstry
now at West Point asks
to be transferred to Walleth
Point as "Adjt of the Post."
I hear that Lt McKimstry
is to be released or is released.

To whom shall I
write to accomplish this
change for the young man
for married a sister of
Mr Alexander

I saw Guy in
Chicago. A fine fellow.

Truly Yours

Miss S. Webb



May 9th, 1893 -
Atlanta, Ga.

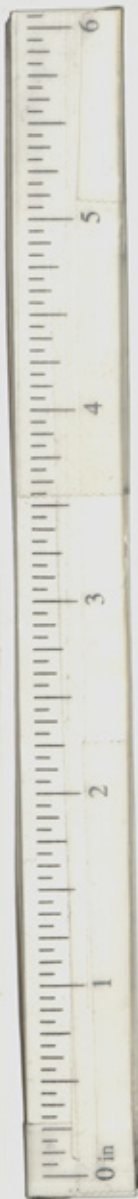
Gen. Howard.

Dear Christian Bro. & Friend,

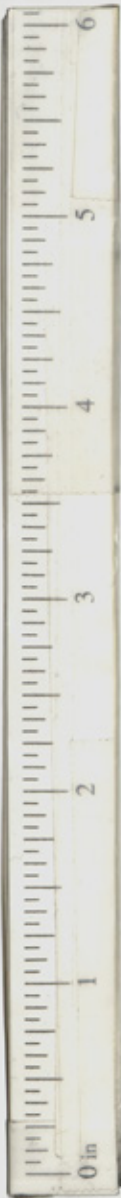
I would write
a few words to tell you
again how much we en-
joyed the brief visit of
yourself and Larry, and
to say we hope you both
duly reached home well.
I had long wished you
would come, but did



not really expect it, even
after the promise, a year
ago, in Washington. Hope
you found Mrs. Howard
and all the family well. We
enjoyed Harry's return
visit and were glad to hear
from him in Chat-ga.
Your visit here did the
entire circle of good, as well as
rejoiced personal friends,
and doubtless the same
will be true wherever you
went. Southern people do
not remember all the good



things they may say on
such occasions, still
every such count is a step
of progress. I only wish
you'd come often. Our
own church still remem-
ber with pleasure & gratitude
your presence & words at
the Prayer-meeting. How sor-
ry I was every member
was not there! We are
now having delightful days,
neither too cold, nor warm,
and in all the fresh beauty
of Spring. We are feeling with



the country at large. the
business depression. As
DeWitt says. "Things were
going on solidly well, but
the people wanted a change,
and they have got it."

I hope you will have a good
meeting in Saratoga, in June.
I am rather glad for all the
people, they are to return to
the old place. It is so pleas-
ant there - you must speak
a good word for the South,
tho' of course we cannot
expect every year as much



space as we enjoyed last
year. Things go on well
with the church here, but
slowly. I wish someone
c'd send us \$25,000. to
put up an audience room,
and give us a sign & name.
It wd do wonders for the
Dynam^u. The people can
not help estimating us
by our little chapel.

Please give our best love
to Mrs. Howard, as each
one of the family. whether



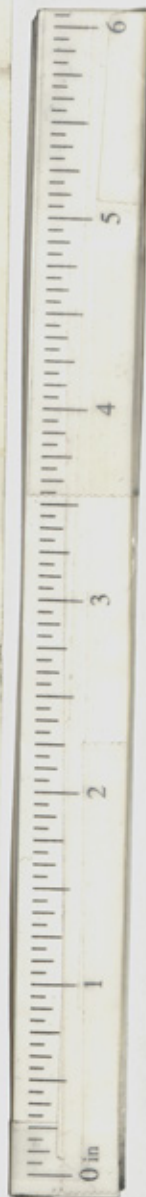
with you or elsewhere,
and to your dear self
an ever warmest love.
Most truly & respectfully,

May 9. 93

C. A. Merrill.

Replied May 16 1893

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May. Gen. O. O. Howard:

My dear General:

Ever since the day at Governor's Island - I have been very miserable in health. having added to my then severe cold. For two or three days I was confined to my bed. Latterly have been suffering tortures with neuralgia. I am some better - but not well.

I was not able to go out on Sunday last. as the pain from neuralgia troubles me most in the middle of the day - lasting several hours each.

I was sorry not to be able to
call on you all last week.

Please express my kindest
regards to Mrs. Howard and
Bessie.

Trusting you are all well.

I am - Dear General -

553 Your loving daughter.
Clara M. Donald.

36 W. 61st. St. N.Y.

May 9. 1893.

Recd May 12. 93