

Do *ben* *can* *Don*

THE world is growing better, in the opinion of eight men and one woman, expressed in a recent number of the New York Independent. The optimists are Galusha A. Grow, Dwight Moody, Lucy Stone, Edward Everett Hale, Ex-Senator Dawes, Gen. O. O. Howard, Dr. Cuyler, Philip Garrett and Neal Dow. And the world is better to a considerable degree by reason of the efforts of this goodly company of reformers and philanthropists.

Do *ben* *can* *Don*

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often spoilt by poor facilities for
To remedy all this get

OUTDOOR COOKING OUTFIT

S. Government and issued to the
camp and outdoor cooking

S. Army to-day, and it has the
Department in the Army.

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Johnson & D Mrs.
Oct 11. 1893

Missoula Montana
October the 11th 1893

General A. A. Howard U.S.A.
New York N.Y.

Sir:

I see by the papers
that you belong to the "Optimists"
and that all of you agree that
the world is growing better
to a considerable degree. I
am indeed glad you think
so, and I believe you are
right. But, as you are high
in rank in the army I am
sure you must have overlooked
the humanity represented in the

File of the army. Post Traders
were removed because there
was no more use for them
and because they were
a detriment to the Christian
& moral elevation of the men
and now if the beer was
ordered out of the Canters
or Exchanges as they are
called I am sure some
mothers could get a few
dollars from their soldier
sons who now spend it
all for beer.

Try and stop the sale of
beer to enlisted men
and may God bless you
in the attempt
Respectfully Mrs E B Johnson

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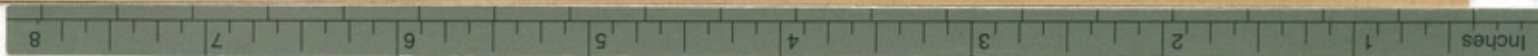
To Mrs. Genl Q O Howard

Governors Island N.Y.

Does Genl Howard expect to
speak with Doctor Burrell
twenty ninth street Brooklyn
second where can I reach Genl
Howard by telegraph Alfred E. Myers

3, West 29th St

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Chapman



the program.

Hoping you will
be able to help us

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Alfred E. Meyer

October 17, 1893

THE COLLEGIATE REFORMED CHURCH,
51ST AVENUE AND 29TH STREET.

New York City

Oct. 12, 1893

Major Gen. Howard

My dear Sir

Not having received
any reply to my letter
written Monday, I desire
again to ask your kind
attention to the meeting
which is to be held in
connection with a Con-

Venue of the Brotherhood
of Andrew and Philip -
Thursday Evg. 2^d November.
Dr. Burrell, pastor of
this Church, whom
you know, will speak,
and he sends his cordial
greetings and hopes
you will speak also.
It will be a popular
meeting with good mus-

ic provided; and it
will give an excellent
opportunity for a help-
ful message to young
men. If you can ^{telegraph}
please telegraph to
me to 309 West 70th
Street - otherwise please
write to the same address.
The press is awaiting
your decision, to print

INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.



The Salvation Army.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:

In reply to this letter
refer to

111 Reade Street,

New York City.

Oct. 14, 1893

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Major-General Howard, Governor's Island, New York,

Dear Sir:-

We have had a communication from our Headquarters in Toronto, Canada respecting a fine, bright young man who has been converted in one of our corps in the western part of Canada.

It appears that he is a deserter from the United States Army and he immediately confessed this to our people and announced his decision to go back to the United States as soon as possible and give himself up.

We understand that he is an exceptional case and will make a splendid worker for the Master, and we write you to ask your advice as to whether there is any other way of satisfying justice than for him to give himself up.

If this must be done, can anything be done to mitigate his punishment.

We anxiously await your reply and will act upon your decision

Believe me,

Very respectfully yours,

William Booth

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Booth Pallington
Oct 14. 1893



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If this man is not seen again we have done to satisfy his

Sincerely,

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Believe me,

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

M. A. Higley, President.

John W. Henderson, Vice President.

Charles E. Putnam, Cashier.

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 14 1893

You O. O. Howard
Governors Island

N.Y. Dear General

I send you herewith a circular letter that will bring to your mind a brave & gallant soldier ^{whom} ~~at~~ at one time served under your command. his comrades of the Brigade are striving to raise a sufficient sum to properly mark the spot where he is laid away.

At Gen. Nickens' suggestion I am sending to all members of the Society Army of the River one of the circulars like the enclosed to give all members of the Society an opportunity of contributing. I would be glad to hear from you at your convenience I am your most ob. serv.

M. A. Higley

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Chicago, Illinois, Jan. 14, 1893

Wm. B. Wood

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter with reference to the
loan of \$100,000 to the Chicago & North
Western Railway Company, and in answer
to inform you that the same has been
approved by the Board of Directors of the
Bank, and the same is now being
arranged for.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Wood
President



W. H. Reed, President.

C. W. Tucker, Recording Secretary.

John Hayes, Corresponding Secretary.

Peter Kiene, Jr. Treasurer.

Crockers Iowa Brigade.

Cedar Rapids, October 1, 1893.

DEAR COMRADE:

Do you know that our gallant and beloved Belknap lies in the National Cemetery at Arlington without a single stone to mark the spot where his dear body lies.

The government that he and you offered your lives to save, gave this lovely ground where he was so tenderly laid away three years ago.

Our noble commander died poor, he gave his money like water for the help of deserving comrades and for our "Crocker Brigade."

Two years ago, at Des Moines, Crocker Brigade appointed a committee to raise a fund for the purpose of placing over this brave soldier's grave a testimonial of the love that his comrades bore for him. Parties outside of the Brigade that knew and loved him, have expressed a desire to join with his comrades in the testimonial.

Now my dear Comrade, your committee desire to give an opportunity to every member of the Brigade to contribute his mite to this noble purpose. Give as you loved Belknap and as you are able. Do not delay, but at once mail to M. A. Higley, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the amount you can afford and desire to contribute. Do not withhold giving for this loving purpose because you can not give a large amount, every member of the Brigade can give SOMETHING, and will have shown their love and respect for their great leader by whatever they contribute.

Every contribution no matter how small will be faithfully recorded and an account given of it. Send in your subscription at once and if possible accompany it with the money, but if unable to do so at this time, please name the day you will send it.

If all will do as their hearts prompt them to do, your committee will soon have funds sufficient to place over the immortal Belknap's grave a fitting and lasting memorial from those that knew and loved him best. This memorial will proclaim to the world your implicit belief in him as one of the most honorable of men.

ACT PROMPTLY, so if possible, next "Decoration Day" the thousands who throng the great silent city at Arlington, will find a monument over the man we love and honor. Inscribed,

"In memory of our Great Leader,
By his Comrades of the Crocker Iowa Brigade."

M. A. HIGLEY,	15	Iowa	} Committee.
JAMES KELLEY,	11	"	
C. W. KEPLER,	13	"	
G. B. PRAY,	16	"	
W. H. GOODRELL	15	"	

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Higley M. A.
July 4. 1893



DEAR COMRADE:
Do you know that our gallant and beloved Helman lies in the National Cemetery at Arlington without a single stone to mark the spot where his dear body lies?
The Government, that he and you offered your lives to save, gave this lovely ground where he was so gallantly laid away three years ago.
Our noble commander, the post, he gave his money like water for the help of deserving comrades and for our "Clover Brigade."
Two years ago, at Fort Monroe, Clover Brigade appointed a committee to raise a fund for the purpose of placing over this brave soldier's grave a testimonial of the love that his comrades bore for him. Outside of the Brigade, that knew and loved him, have expressed a desire to join with his comrades in the testimonial.
Now my dear Comrade, your committee desire to give an opportunity to every member of the Brigade to contribute his mite to this noble purpose. Give us your loved Helman's name and the sum. Do not delay, but at once mail to M. A. Higley, Caretaker, Fort Monroe, Va. the name you can afford and contribute to the fund. Every member of the Brigade can give \$25.00, and will have shown that love and respect for their great leader by waterway.
Every contribution no matter how small will be faithfully recorded and as soon as the fund is ready for use, a subscription at once and a possible record given to it. Send in your subscription at once and a possible record given to it with the money, but it is possible to do so at this time. Please name the sum you will send.
It will do us most noble proud to do your committee will have funds sufficient to place over the immortal Helman's grave a fitting and lasting memorial from those that knew and loved him best. This memorial will proclaim to the world your implicit belief in the value of the most precious of men.
ACT PROMPTLY, as it is possible, next "Decoration Day," the thousands who bring the great silent cry at Arlington, will find a memorial over the man we love and honor.
"In memory of our Great Leader."
By the Commanders of the Clover Iowa Brigade.

M. A. HIGLEY, 15 Iowa
JAMES KELLEY, 11
C. W. KEMLER, 13
G. H. LAY, 15
W. W. DOORRELL, 15

L. B. WOMBWELL,
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.



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FRANCIS IRSCH,
GENERAL AGENT OF IMMIGRATION FOR
U. S. AND EUROPE TO THE
STATE OF FLORIDA.

C. A. CHOATE, Resident Agent,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Handwritten: NY Oct 14th 1893

Dear General Howard

I just learned through my son of your safe
return from Chicago as you said you would
come over to see me Monday after lunch why
not come to lunch I shall be in town
any time between 12 1/2 - 1 1/2 o'clock
if this does not suit you please drop me a
line when I can see you Monday and where
and oblige
Yours Truly F. W. W.

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Joseph Francis

Oct 14, 1893

I just learned through my son of your safe
return from Chicago as you saw your mother
come over to see me Monday after dinner why
not come to lunch I shall be in town
and there between 12-1/2 to 1 o'clock
if this does not suit you please drop me
a line when I can be sure Monday and where
and where
Yours truly
J. Francis



CAPT. J. A. SLADEN,
Special Agent and Adjuster,

P. O. ADDRESS: PORTLAND, OGN.

PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

German American Insurance Co.

OF NEW YORK

Portland, Or. Oct. 14, 1893.

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Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army.
My dear General:

I have your recent letter regarding Ned Chamberlain, and its enclosures, which came during my absence from the city. I will send for Ned and read your letter to him, but I will not give it to him for reasons I will give you. Ned is a very much changed man from what he was when he was with you in San Francisco. Several times, when he has been in to see me, I have had reason to think that he had been drinking, and a friend told me some time ago that he had seen Ned go into a bar-room with one of his own sons. Of course, there is a chance that there may be a mistake, but I think not. But Ned is not the same man he was. The last time I saw him he made some threat of some strong course he was going to take, to get justice from you. He will listen to reason, and at the time I speak of, his eye gleamed with a malignancy that is indescribable. I shall, however, send for him and have talk with him on this matter, for, in putting it in the hands of a low, miserable fellow like this man who wrote you, he has forfeited the good will of all true friends.

Now as to this man Mason, and his paper, they are the lowest of the low. The paper is a dirty sheet published for delevctation of the low and dirty people, and ~~when~~ is mainly a black-mailing sheet. The editor is under indictment in the United States court for sending obscene matter-his paper-through the mails, and he is under criminal indictment in the criminal court for criminal slander. His letter to you is for black-mailing purposes, and I am glad that you did not answer him, and I shall not let his letter go out of my hands into Ned's unless you command it. In the meantime, General, give yourself no uneasiness either on account of this man Mason or Ned. Mason has no correspondence to publish. That is a mere bluff. He wants you to write him, and then he will make use of it to crowd you for money. Ned is not poor. He is in the receipt of \$24. a month pension, and he dresses well, and has every appearance of being in good circumstances, nor has he ever complained to me of any money troubles, except on one or two occasions when his pension did not come promptly.

I am deeply disappointed that Ned should have turned out so badly, and that all sense of friendship and obligation should have left him, but the characteristics of race and breeding will come out under favoring circumstances.

I hope you are all well at home. Grace was at our house to lunch yesterday, and Mrs. Sladen had a nice visit from her. I am away from home and town so much that I do not get a chance to see her or the Captain very often. Your old friends here often speak of you and yours. Fred enjoyed your kindness and his visit with you, and appreciated it all.

I begin to feel old myself now that Carrie is married. What elegant presents you did send her. Give my love to dear Mrs. Howard and all the children that are with you.

Very sincerely your friend,

J. A. Sladen.

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Sladen
Oct 14 1893



CAPT. J. A. SLADEN,
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Business Department.

The Ladies Home Journal,
Curtis Publishing Co.

Philadelphia, Oct. 14, 1893.

Maj. Gen. A. C. Howard,

My dear Sir:— I hope you remember that last May, when I had the pleasure of meeting you, and, as President of The Quill Club, of introducing you, I spoke in a general way of hoping that you might have you as the speaker at our G. M. C. A. Anniversary, Montclair, N. J., which will occur Sunday evening, 29th inst., in Dr. Bradford's church. He will most cordially welcome you.

I write in advance of a call which I will make on you, on the island, next Monday forenoon about 11 o'clock, in the hope that you have no special engagement for that evening and will be willing to help us, as you may very greatly,— and we can then confer as to particulars.

Meantime, I am

Very sincerely and respectfully,
A. H. Siegfried.

Congregational Church Extension Society
of New York City and Brooklyn.

New York, October 14, 1893.

General Howard,

My Dear Sir:-

I hope that your presence at the meeting of the directors of this society on Monday afternoon next, the 16th inst, will be a possible thing. It is some time since we have had the pleasure of your company there. Several of the directors are out of town and it *is* probable that many, or some, may be absent. I have every reason to believe that Dr. Storrs will be there. You help the movement much by your presence.

The Camp Memorial might come up, in some form, for consideration. Mr. Slyfield is doing well, is he not? Mr. Colcord is showing some interest again. I hope to see Professor Backus, of the committee appointed, at the mission sometimes. He is a good talker. He expects Mr. Slyfield to call on him soon, and I have suggested to Mr. Slyfield to do so.

Pray come on Monday, if you can. We need all the encouragement we can get in these times.

The East Congregational Church, *is* in Brooklyn, of which young Dr. Doremus Scudder, a brother of the Scudder in New Jersey, (Jersey City), is the pastor. He takes up number 4 of the proposals I made in that letter which was sent to all the pastors, and a copy of which went to you, viz., a public meeting, hearty and informal in character, to be held on a Sunday evening and be addressed by two or three of the directors. He asked for the first Sunday in November and named as speakers yourself and Mr. Stockwell. I told him that I would do the best I co

Congregational Church Extension Society

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The place of the meeting on Monday is the office of the New York Fire Insurance Company, on the ground floor, to the right of the entrance. You will see a sign up. Mr. Hull, of the directors, is president of the company and we are indebted to his courtesy for a place to meet. It is No. 72 Wall St., near the Elevated Railroad, on the left hand side as you go down from Broadway. The time is 3.30.

I am, my Dear General,

Very Sincerely Yours,

W.T. Stokes,
Supt.

Address,

782 Jefferson Ave.,

Brooklyn.

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*Stokes W.D.
Oct 14/1893*

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Address,
782 Jefferson Ave.,
Brooklyn.

with my family in their days
meals. It was my duty as a loyal
Citizen so to act & to it I feel much
pride in referring.

I am
Very respectfully Yours
H. A. Williamson

Washington is my home cause:
created by the sad fact that the
partner of my youth "sleeps" in
Oakliff Cemetery, "the sleep that
knows no waking." H. W.

72 Sherman Street
Brooklyn New York
14th Oct 1893.

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

Sir I
Trust that the enclosed
documents coupled with the follow-
ing brief statement of facts will
be deemed by you sufficient grounds
for your signing the accompany-
ing application.

In 1863 I was, by special
request of President Lincoln appoint-
ed to a Clerkship in the Treasury
Department, and in 1886 I was

discharged with a certificate for
"honesty and industry". By Rule
X of the "Rules of the Civil Service"
"misconduct or incompetency" can
alone form the grounds for the dis-
charge of a Clerk holding under
the Classified grades. Although
I have kept my claim for Official
Recognition awake since 1886 it
was not until the 25th January
current year that I was offered
a "laborer or messenger" position, &
which I declined for the reason
that any tenure of either of them
would be of short duration owing to
the advent of the new Adminis-
tration, and that the chances of
promotion therefor were out of the
question.

I may here state that I
accompanied you, the Rev. D. Macrae

the Rev. Mr. Meek, both of Scotland,
and Mr. J. M. Ballantine of Washington
D.C. on a visit to the Schools for Color-
ed Children, and in the Rev. D. Macrae
very interesting book "Americans At
Home" you are complimentary re-
ferred to as well as the writer of this
letter. I presume you have a copy
of this book.

In conclusion I feel proud
in stating that my only son was
in the Union Army - my wife &
daughter almost daily visited one
or other of the Hospitals in Washing-
ton giving "aid and comfort" to the
wounded and the sick, and my
latch was out night and day for
our gallant defenders. In short
my house was a rendezvous for
them so much so that I had thirty
of them at one time sharing ~~my~~

*SUMMARY of correspondence of ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON, # 72,
Shermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

- I. -----Personal letter, requesting General Howard's signature to an application for messengership in War Dept.
- II. Copy of letter from General Howard dated June 24th 1865, in reply to letter from Capt. Robert T. Lincoln, asking that Mr. Williamson may be appointed to a position in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. Lack of appropriation makes it impossible to find a place for Mr. Williamson.
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drawing books frequently
asking attention. ¹⁹⁷ I saw
a mention of you at Lake
Mohawk in yesterday's Tribune.
We shall always be glad
to have any from home
drop in upon us for short
or long visits. I hope Harry
and Bessie are very well.
Give much love to mother
from both the children and
myself.

Yours affectionate son
Harry.

Howard

Oct 15. 93

Burlington - Vt -
Oct 15. 1893

Dear father:

Some time ago as
I told you I suggested Mr.
Sherrell's name to a member
of the College Street Congregational
Church here. It seems that
Professor Perkins, a member
of the Committee in charge
of the matter, also heard of
Mr. Sherrell in Galesburg, Ills.
I understand they have
written Mr. Sherrell but have
had no reply. So Encl. Perk

asked me to get you to
write Mr. Sherrill of any
thought you had of coming
here and give him as
favorable an idea of
Burlington as you can.

Janie is in Chicago.
The children and Gertrude
are very well. My work
is on the whole speeding
along very well in the fine
fall weather we are now
having.

I have seen Mr. Kauffman
several times lately and

he has each time inquired
particularly about you &
takes much interest in the
possibility of your coming
here. I have not yet
received any answer in
reference to the house I
wished to exchange for,
but fancy the owner is
looking up the value of the
property offered in exchange.

The children have just interrupted
me to have their heights measured.
Helen is 4 ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall and
Ade 3 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. They are
now drawing in red

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Laurens Alexander
Oct 15. 1893

Bancroft House, 922 Broadway
corner of 21st Street
New York. October 15th 1893.

Major General O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir

The large portrait of General G. H. Thomas that you saw some three years ago, just after I had finished it, has been returned to me from Washington where it had been ^{for nearly three years} until the closing of Congress last April; The bill for its purchase passed the Senate but the House closed before acting upon it.

It is at present on exhibition at Mr A. Bierstadt's fine Studio, 1271 Broadway cor of 32nd Street, (Rensselaer building) and if possible I would like to find a purchaser, for I cannot afford to keep it. Mr Bierstadt kindly offered to allow me to place it there on exhibition and sale. Could you kindly assist me in any way in finding a purchaser? or give ^{me} the names of any persons in this city who knew and admired the General that would be likely to purchase it or aid in the sale of it? The price is \$500.00, without the frame it has been endorsed by yourself and many others well qualified to judge of its merits as a portrait, and ^{as} a work of

Art. Would you kindly call at Mr Beerstadt's and look at
it again, and invite anyone along you think would like to
see it? Mr B. would be pleased to have anyone call for
that purpose, (he told me) - he is at his studio most always
or if he is not there when you call, you will find his studio
open and his boy will show you the portrait. After you have
seen it ^{again} after the lapse of three years, might I ask you to
kindly write me your decided opinion of it? a letter that I
may show to those who are not so well qualified to judge
of its merits as you are? (that is, if I am not asking too
much of you) - I know you did once write to Mr Voorhees
about it in my behalf. but that is no longer available.

You will find that the portrait has improved by age, and
you will see it in a far better light than you did the first
time at the Bancroft House, trusting that I am not asking
too much of you. (for I know that you admired good General
Thomas) and trusting that I may hear from you soon,

I am, dear General Howard,
yours respectfully and sincerely,
Alexander Lawrie.