if he remains
encouraged. He is a graduate of the
Rochester Theological
Seminary. I am not
quite sure of your
address so I shall
send this through
the War Department.
With great regard
Very sincerely Yours
Mary McC. Manning

May twenty-ninth.

[1898]

278 Alexander St.,
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear General Howard:-
I do not feel
sure that you remember
me personally but I am
sure you do know my
husband Captain
Manning of the 23rd Infantry.
I am writing you in the
interest of a young friend
of mine, Mr. William Chipp
a minister in the Baptist
church who is very anx-
ious to go into service
during the war as a

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chaplain. Mr. Chipp is full of patriotic enthusiasm and feels that there is with the army a wide field in which to help men, and do Christ's work. He is in full of health and training and in attractive personality. He has I think the right idea of the true way of reaching men's souls and drawing their sympathy. He spoke of you - and said he would like to be with you in your work. I thought if I could help him in the least by writing you, you would forgive my thus taking upon your time. What is the proper way for him to reach his point? Should he regularly enlist in the volunteers as a chaplain? If you have read of any workers under you could he go to you and enlist there? It will be very kind in you if you will let me know. When a man is so enthusiastic in the great cause of helping others, it seems as

Fort Adams, Newport, R.I.
May 30, 1898

Dear General

Will you kindly give me a recommendation for appointment to the grade of brigadier general of Volunteers.

I have no political influence and shall have to rely wholly upon my army friends.

Believe me
Very sincerely and respectfully
Yours
Wm L. Haskin
Lt. Col. 2d Artly

Miles

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My dear General

I am rather anxious to know if you have heard as yet from the lawyer, who seemed to take such interest in the Mines –

I am sorry to trouble you, when your thoughts are no doubt – at this time, upon more important matters, but will you please let me know, when you can, if the lawyer has done anything with – regard to them – Hoping you may

Your family kind well
I am truly Yours
Mary W. Hempsey

May 30th [1878]

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I [illegible] time a friend of [illegible] Howard's letter, [illegible] in his hands, I urged him to be, who could exert so strong an influence in my behalf, and assured me that if Genl Howard would bring his influence to bear in securing an appointment in the Pension Dept. I would surely get it. He said that as a soldier's widow, now left dependent upon my own effort for support, preference should be given me.

He urged me so strongly to write you at once, that I finally said I would, though deprecating anything that would even like the least disposition to impose on your kindness and friendship —

Norfolk. May 31st 98

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Kind Friend —

I feel that I must try to reach you with a [illegible] expressing my earnest heart felt thanks for your kindness, and telling you how much was gained by your letter to the Commissioner of Pensions —

The Special Examiner of Pensions for this state has already finished his investigation here — He told me that except for your letter it would have been years before my claim would have been settled, but that on the

ver, if you [illegible] the
Commissioner at once issued
orders to make it a special
case and push it through.
His orders were to drop every
thing and attend to my case
at once. and he said that
in all his experience he has
never known a case rushed
through as this has been
in getting into his hands.
As the examination advanced
he seemed to become interested
and full of sympathy for
me. and he is taking every
possible pains to clear up
every point possible here so
fully as to save time in
further examination
He seems to have no doubt
of my getting the pension. and
thinks it will reach me
within two months.
So you see. dear friend.
how much I have to thank
you for. [illegible] cannot [illegible]
you how much relief the
accrued pension will give
me just now.
Now because you have been
so kind I shrink from
asking any further service
and it is with much
unwillingness that I write
further. But Mr Greene.
(the special examiner) seems
to have become my friend.
and is anxious to give me
permanent help outside
of the pension, and he
urges me to apply for a
position in the Pension
Dept. He says he knows
I could fill a place there with
credit to myself and entire
satisfaction to the Dept.
and that he will do all
that he can in the matter.
He said repeatedly that
I was so fortunate as

heart, and the university of your friends like of so many years standing, that I know my appeal to you will have its answer — and such help as you can give — and I shall be just as grateful as I can be for any suggestions you can make.

I suppose you are in the far south, so shall ask that this be forwarded to you. I wonder if you will be at Chickamauga again — I have a dear boy there now — a soldier in Co. L — our Norfolk Co — Second Nebraska Regt — my second son — the fat, jolly baby in my arms when we visited you more than once — If ever you should happen to know of the Second Nebr being near you — in love for the dear husband now gone —

He told me to ask you if you knew of any possible way of avoiding the long, tiring delay of the red tape business in all these matters whether there could be found any shorter way of getting the claim asserted. As he realizes how urgent my need of employment is — I greatly deplore anything that shall take me away from my children — but my necessity has become so great that it is perhaps wrong for me to cling longer to the hope of finding something which will permit my remaining with them —

I have set myself the task of clearing off all claims against my husband now some connected with the Grand Dalles business that are only debts because of Mr Ellis' very high sense

of honor — not that they are just and honest debts — but I cannot bear any reproach even if undeserved, cast upon my dear husband's name when I know him to have been the soul of honor and integrity. My children are my all now — and yet if necessary I must bear the separation from them in order to fulfill the promise made to my dying husband and to see that his honor was kept inviolate, and his name sustained —

I feel so deeply the need of wise, loving counsel from some true and trusted friend, as to what my course should be, that I long more to seek your advice and sympathy, than to ask for the use of your name and influence.

It has been my prayer ever since my husband's death that some work might be given me that while giving me fair means of support, would yet be some active, earnest service in the interests of Christ's Kingdom, offer work in some of the many benevolent and charitable enterprises or something that would be real service for Christ. A pension clerk hardly comes up to my idea and hope — but perhaps God might show me some work outside of that —

I truly want to be guided into just whatever God sees best, and if I can only know his will, his plan, I shall never hesitate an instant —

So sure am I of your kind

and for me — mother — will you not try to find my boy sometime?

I resisted him sorely, and it was a hard trial to give him up, but when I thought of his father and the patriotism that was one of the strongest passions of his nature, I could not refuse to let him follow in his father's footsteps — and so my girls and I are all alone now. as my oldest son has a position in Kansas City, Mo —

I have committed Carl to God, and follow him daily with my prayers — but shall find it hard to be very restful if once he is sent into Cuba —

Forgive me for so long a letter — I hope I have not overbrimmed you —

Ever gratefully Yours. Mary H. Ellis