New York, Nov. 21, 1865.
Secretary of the "Soldier's Friend",
Major General O. O. Howard,
General,

I have sent you a copy of "The Soldier's Friend" which I published, and which I hope has reached your hands. Whether in the press, if your duties have been able to spare time to examine these, I am in doubt.

Permit me to call attention to a feature which is attracting a good deal of interest. It is the Permissive to the "Left Arm Soldier" for conjoint essays and Specimen of Literature. You will see by the prospectus enclosed that I have exhibited an eminent Committee of Award. I desire the influence of your
name and character to this effort on behalf of our Soldiers. Already, many specimens have been sent in, and for the assurance made I hope for a very honorable representation of the moral and intellectual character of the Army.

While I hesitate somewhat in asking you for your contribution to the work, I still feel that with the generous spirit you have manifested and your Christian sympathy with all that concerns the best interests of the rank and file, as well as the loyal and the opposed, you only need to have your attention called to this effort, in order to secure your favor. I would deem it a privilege, not less than an honor, to have from you a narrative of your work in this
Army, and an essay on any one of the first practical topics of national or Christian reforms in which you are interested.

I am endeavoring to make my paper a practical and serviceable instrument for the Army and Navy, and for the masses of the Community, North and South. I want the cooperation of true, earnest Christian men in my work.

I know you will excuse my freedom in this application, and I trust you will find it within your power to spend an hour or two to the opportunity of thus aiding a benevolent undertaking.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

H. Oland Dumke,
Ed. Hedie's Round,
PREMIUM

$500

to the

Left-Armed Soldiers of the Union.

There are many men now in hospital, as well as at their homes, who have lost their right arms, or whose right arm is so disabled that they can not write with it. Penmanship is a necessary requisite to any man who wants a situation under the Government, or in almost any business establishment. As an inducement to the class of wounded and disabled soldiers here named to make every effort to fit themselves for lucrative and honorable positions, we offer the following premiums:

For the best specimen of left-hand penmanship...
$200

For the second best specimen...
$150

For the third best specimen...
$100

For the fourth best specimen...
$50

The specimens of penmanship must be written with ink, on fine letter-paper of the ordinary size (eight by ten inches), and not to be less than two pages.

The literary part of the work may be original or selected. Brief essays on patriotic themes, and especially narratives of the writer's experience in the service of the country, incidents, or sketches of the war, are preferred. In all cases the writer must give his name in full, his company, regiment, and rank; list of battles in which he was engaged, as complete as possible; the place where he lost his arm, with the date; and his post-office address. An inch margin must be left at the sides and top and bottom of the paper. Should a sufficient number of specimens be sent in, they will be placed on exhibition; and the proceeds, if sufficient, will be devoted to the publication of a memorial volume containing the prize essays, a list of contributors, etc., a copy of which will be sent to each competitor.

The undersigned has the honor to announce that the following gentlemen will act as the

COMMITTEE OF AWARD.

His Excellency Reuben E. Fenton, Governor of New-York.


William Cullen Bryant.

George William Curtis.

Howard Potter, Executive Committee

William E. Dodge, Jr., Bureau of Employment.

Theodore Roosevelt.

New-York.

After the award shall have been made, the editor of The Soldier's Friend is to have the right to publish such of the contributions as may be best adapted for publication, and the manuscripts will be bound up and preserved as a memorial of the brave.

The manuscripts must be sent in on or before the 1st of January, 1866. Time will thus be allowed for the men wounded in the last battles near Richmond to enter the lists as competitors.

The manuscripts must be wrapped around a wooden roller, to avoid folding or crushing in transportation, and must be addressed to

Wm. Oland Bourne,

Editor of "The Soldier's Friend,"

No. 12 Centre-street, New-York.

Editors of newspapers throughout the country are respectfully requested to republish the above.
6. With the close of the rebellion, the time has come when the application of martial law and trial before military courts should cease, wherever civil law and government exist under the authority of a loyal State of the Federal Government, except as to persons in the military and naval service of the United States.

7. That we heartily indorse the policy of President Andrew Johnson, on the subject of construction and restoration, so far as that policy has been developed.

So heartily have the society and its principals commended themselves to the good sense of all, that already numerous branches have been formed in this and sister States having view one common purpose, and so eminent has been the success attending the movement, at its last meeting the parent society, by resolution, authorized a call addressed to the officers and men of the Army and Navy, so have served during the late rebellion, and to have been honorably discharged the service, either by resignation or mustering out select delegates to a State Convention, for the purpose of taking into consideration the political issues of the day, and to determine on such other matters as may be brought before such a body.

To enable one desiring to unite with the society to do so, it is necessary for him to sign certificate as follows:

"UNITED SERVICE SOCIETY, S. N. Y.
NEW YORK, CITY, --------, 1865.

I hereby make application for membership in the United Service Society, S. N. Y.; and certify on honor that I have been honorably discharged from the United States service, and that I know of no just cause or reason by which I might be rejected.

Signed,

[Signature]

Company --------, Regiment, --------, Brigade, --------, Division, --------, Corps, U. S. A.

I present myself either to the Central, or the society in the assembly district in which resides, be elected, and enroll myself as a member.

The Central organization numbers several led members, and is officered as follows: Colonel Wm. S. Hillyer, Vice-President and Acting President; Col. Wm. A. Lynch, Treasurer; Lieut. C. T. McElhenachan, Secretary; Col. S. M. Berliner, Sergeant-at-Arms; Gen. H. Hobart Ward, Gen. W. P. Brewster, Col. George D. Kellogg, Col. Wm. A. Lynch, Col. Elsey. Bendix, Lieut.-Col. Thomas J. Leigh, Capt. James Sherlock, Board of Control, assembly District societies, or clubs, have a fully organized as follows:

FOURTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.---Headquarters, Hester-street.---Lieut.-Colonel Luke McGrath, sident; Private Henry Roseenthal, Secre- 
Captain John Barker, Lieutent. Hor- 

EIGHTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.---Lieut. Tony Presdident; Lieut. James Cox, Sec-
To Maj. Gen'l O.H. Howard
136, Oxford St.
Washington, D.C.

Brooklyn, Nov. 21, 65

Dear General,

I feel already so well acquainted with you that I cannot address you as a stranger.

I write to inform you that you have been selected as one of the Vice-Presidents of our new "National Temperance Society & Publication House". We expect to do a grand work on a good pecuniary basis.

We have some
Brooklyn N.Y.,
Nov. 21 & 1865

Cuyler, Theo.

Inform me, sir,
Edward N. Hull
has been
elected Vice
President of
National Historical
Society. This
they desire me.
Tell for delay.

Rec'd Nov. 22nd 1865.

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Ann'd. " 23rd.
thought in our Board of Managers of making

Mr. M. Tick

our working "Secretary" at New York.

It is said that he proposes to withdraw from the Freedmen's Bureau that he would be a most efficient organizer in our new society—& I would probably be willing to accept the appointment.

I only know on general reputation—I have
written to him today to ascertain whether he would entertain such a proposition.

Any information you can give our Board of Managers through me would be most welcome.

With kind regards to your brother, Col. Howard.

If he be with you, I remain, dear friend,

Sincerely Yours,

Theo. E. Castner

Pastor of Lafayette Ave. Church
Brookline, Mass.  
Mar. 21, 1865

My dear Sir, I send you two circulars and a report referring to the organization of the F. E. Freedmen's Commission. It was stated at our meeting, by one or two gentlemen who had seen you, that you would give your full support to such a work. I will be much gratified if you could, if you think proper, give any suggestions as to the plan and working of such a society.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Ashmun

Sir, Harvard,
February 27, 1955

Dear [Recipient],

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to express my gratitude for the kind gesture of sending me the materials from [Place]. They have been incredibly helpful in my current project.

The information you provided has been invaluable. I am particularly interested in the [specific topic]. I have been working on a paper on [related topic] and your materials are a great resource.

I am looking forward to our next meeting on [date]. I have been working on [details of work done since last meeting].

Thank you again for your support. I am confident that this project will be a success.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
Rev. and Dear Sir,

The Protestant Episcopal Freedman's Commission met at the Rooms of the Domestic Committee, New York, on Friday, Nov. 10. The following members were present:—


Rev. John A. Aspinwall was elected Recording Secretary, to the Commission.

The following Executive Committee was then appointed:—
Rev. Dr. Haight, Rev. Dr. A. H. Vinton, Rev. Dr. Littlejohn, Rev. Dr. Eccleston, Hamilton Fish, Esq., F. S. Winston, Esq., G. D. Morgan, Esq., and John Welsh, Esq.

Rev. Dr. Wharton was elected Secretary to the Committee, and Robert B. Minturn, Esq., Treasurer.

At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee, it was resolved:—

1. —That the clergy be requested to take up a collection, in aid of the Commission, on the coming day of National Thanksgiving; or if this interfere with diocesan regulations, at the earliest period practicable.

2. —That contributions of clothing be earnestly solicited, to meet the destitution among the Freedmen that now exists.

3. —That this Commission heartily invites the formation of auxiliary societies, diocesan or parochial, to aid in its important work.

By the instruction of the Committee, these proceedings are now forwarded to you, in the trust that they will meet with an immediate response. The Committee will see that whatever clothing is entrusted to them, is promptly and wisely distributed; and competent teachers are now waiting at the North, ready, with the hearty co-operation of the Southern clergy, and with the support of the Chief of the National Freedman's Bureau, to enter upon the instruction of the Freedmen, as soon as the requisite funds are supplied.

Contributions of clothing to be sent to the Rev. John A. Aspinwall, Domestic Committee Rooms, to be marked, "Goods for Freedmen."

Remittances of money, to be made to Robert B. Minturn, Esq., (Grinnell, Minturn & Co.) New York.

Communications as to the general working of the Society, to be addressed to the Rev. Dr. Wharton, Brookline, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS WHARTON, Secretary.

Nov. 11, 1865.
The following Report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted:

The Executive Committee have considered:

1. The need for a special committee to be formed to deal with the proposed extension of the railway line from Santa Fe to the new site of the University.

2. The importance of securing funds from both the state and federal governments for the project.

3. The necessity of obtaining land for the new campus from the adjacent ranches.

4. The recommendation for the appointment of a special task force to oversee the construction process.

The committee also discussed the implications of the expansion on the existing campus facilities and agreed on a plan to ensure a smooth transition.

In conclusion, the Executive Committee believes that the expansion is crucial for the future growth of the University and urges all members to support the initiative.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

FRANCIS M. WALLEY, President
Camp Morton
Indianapolis, Ind., 22nd

Gen. E. Howard
"General"

I have the honor to present

the following petition for your notice and
hope, Sir, that you may recollect that

I devoted to your command near Dallas
when Gen. E. Johnston retreated from
that place. I devoted it came over to

The Provost Guard of your Corps was

taken to your Head Quarters I then

stated that I had been forced into the

Rebel Army in February 1864 & was

assigned to an Alabama Battery that

being a Northern Man, having sympa

thized with the Rebels I had devoted myself

to take the oath of Allegiance & be a free

man when I reached the south.

I have been confined in this Prison since

last May, I am very anxious to be

allowed to take the Oath & hope Sir
That you will kindly intercede with the authorities in Washington that I may be released. Hoping Sir that you will pardon the liberty I have taken I remain with Respect Your Obder &c.

Matthew Poth
Division II.
Dear Sir,

Rebel deserter

Indianapolis
Nov. 22, 1865

Yours truly,

[Signature]
43 Wall St. N.Y.
22 Nov. 1865.

Chief Freedman's Bureau.

Parties in this City desire to place in my hands as large amount of Southern claims for collection. I beg leave therefore to ask you for information upon two points: as to the personal safety and security of one traveling through the South as a Collector, and second, as to the ability of the Southern States to discharge, at present, any large proportion of their Southern indebtedness.

Your kind attention will greatly oblige,

Yours, with much esteem,
Hezekiah Wathen
Late Lieut. Col. 143rd N. Y. V.
Robinson's Brigade -
Williams Division
20½ Army Corps
Boston, Mass. Nov 22, 1865

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty to address you asking for a little information. I want to know the proportion of white and colored population at the South supported by the government since the war. Whenever I have had occasion to speak upon the subject, I have always maintained that there were more white people that drew rations from the government than colored, but I had no official proof that such was the case. I drew my observations from the conflicting reports from the various parts of the South. At your convenience sir, it would give me great pleasure to learn the correct statement directly from you.

Very truly and sincerely,

Your Obdt. Servt.

O.O. Howard

Maj. Gen.
1203 Spruce St. Phila
Nov. 22nd 1863

Major Kent Howard
Dear Sir,

You will be surprised at receiving a communication from me, but having been by the papers that you were in Washington, I write at the earnest entreaty of friends to ask of you to do what may be in your power to get an appointment in the Army for a young friend.

His name is William Mc Clure, son of William Mc Clure an eminent Lawyer of Harrisburg Pa. long since deceased. This young man joined Anderson's Cavalry quite of Patroonism before coming of age and served as a private three years. He was one of the 300 who went into the fight when the rest mutinied and never took a furlough. I need not tell you that...
it is often most humiliating for a gentleman to serve as a private, especially treated as the Anderson boys were—under such officers as they had. And you know full well that those young men who entered the army so earlysaved the years most important in their preparation for usefulness in after life to their Country.

Mr. C. Mortin is a widower, now in straitened circumstances, and he is a youth of sterling principles and irreproachable character. (I do not mean a Christian. The family think a word from you to Mr. Stanton would secure his appointment. If you can speak that word it will pass a great deal of happiness.

He wants a First Lieutenant of Infantry, and is led to apply for it to Mr. Stanton—Chase & Me
to others by a notice in the papers
of a Board about to convene
in Washington to examine the
claims of applicants for Com-
missioning in the regular Army.

I cannot let pass this opportu-
nity of congratulating you upon
the career of usefulness—which has
been permitted you. I have
watched with pride and pleasure
your course. I know that the
military glory which has been
added has been no part of your
ambition. May your true reward
be that of those who turn many
to righteousness—a glory which
fails not away.

Please give my love to Mrs. Isaac
and tell her for me how
I hope in the multitude of fine
career duties you will not think
the intrusions. Very sincerely to friend

Marie C. Wheaton
Phila. Nov 22nd 1865

Wheaton, Mass.

Desires that Gen. Howard will use his influence to secure Mr. Me-

Clare admission in the Regular Army.

Rece abt. 23. 1865
A sister's earnest longing for her brother's good leads her to add a word to her friend, 'Nip Wheaton's letter, and to beg of Sen. Roscoe to use his great influence in getting for him an appointment in the U.S. Infantry. He can furnish any number of testimonials from citizens as to his integrity of character; but being a friend, she has no military friends.'
Fort Sill, Cattaragus Co, N.Y. Nov. 22nd

General,

Having made application for an appointment in the Regular Army, and judging that you know something of my services and fit for such position, I take the liberty of asking the favor of a letter from you, with such recommendation as you can consistently give. Although not under your command during the last year of the war, yet you undoubtedly know enough of my military career to judge of my fitness for the position for which application has been made.

So far as attention to duty is concerned, I think I can say...
what but few Volunteer Officers can, with equal truth declare.

that during the three years I was in the Service, I was never absent a day from my Post, except when in winter quarters.

Although for the larger part of the time I held no higher rank than Major, yet I was in command of the Post for nearly one half of my entire term of service, and I do not think the reputation of the Post suffered thereby. I was mustered as 2d. Col. last January, and commissioned as Colonel in February, but was unable to muster in that grade, in consequence of the reduced strength of the Regt. Any endorsement you can consistently give will be gratefully received. My pecuniary circumstances are...
My excuse for applying for either a Military or Civil appointment under the Government, I am General very respectfully your obedient servant.

S. Drummer
Lkr 1st Col. Connly
15th U. S. Volks.

Maj Sir C.O. Howard,
Chief of Recessions Bureau.
Washington D.C.
Portville N.Y. Nov. 25th

Warren S.
Saltsklent.
152d x. 8th Regt.

Desires recom-

mendation for
position in
the Regular
Army

Reed Nov. 24th 1865.