Forest Grove Jan. 3rd 1876.

Maj. Gen. Howard

Dear General,

Yours of Saturday was duly received. I have had no question to decide lately that has given me so much trouble to decide as the one you ask in regard to a lecture from me for the Y.M.C.A.

I have already this winter resided six quarter times to lecture simply because I could not spare the time to go around and therefore have not made the least preparation whatever for lecturing at all.

Two weeks notice and one of...
Then the week of prayer, and in Portland too, while old
Theuse have been worn bare
won't do. I don't try it.
I really ought not to lecture
at all this winter. I have far too
much else to do, but if you
cannot fill your advertise
and must have me give
me a place late on the
list.
Leave me out if you
can.
Very Respectfully yours

Thomas Condon

A. B. W. Jan. 6, 75
Dear Sir,

Chaplain Collins, whom I have known from this post, has requested me to write to you concerning him. He is a man advanced in years with a wife also past middle age. He is very liberal in his doctrines, so much so in fact that I do not know to what denomination he belongs. His services have...
been held on Sunday evenings and have been well attended which is something unusual with Army Chaplains. I hope he may be well located and successful in his new field. Very Respectfully Yours

E. Mear
1st Oct. 1913 Mg.
Northern Pacific Railroad Company

PACIFIC DIVISION.

Office of General Superintendent and Assistant Land Commissioner.

Kalamazoo, Washington Territory, January 6, 1876

Dear Sir:

At request of Maj. Hayden
I send a letter and from the
City of San Francisco, May 11th, though the
letter might appear bonnie point
On could make in his behalf.

Again I request something could
be done for the Major—unworthy
I mention Capt. Purdy's case
and family which I shall
with complacence and kind regards
I deeply sympathise with you
in the annoyance you must find
in consequence of the unjust and
malicious prosecutions which
are brought against you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

M. H. Spurr
Personal.

Camp Harney Oregon
January 6th, 1876.

General O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

My dear General,

By this mail I send through Post Headquarters, a letter to your Assistant Adjutant General, dated the 5th inst., requesting to be furnished copies of endorsements or communications on which you based your endorsement of November 24th, 1875, on the Extract from my Annual Report. I made this application hoping to receive some data on which to base a fuller report on the facts connected with the Chapel and thereby relieve myself from the Censure conveyed in General Schofield's endorsement No. 9 on the same paper, which is as undeserved. The extract from my report I presume you are acquainted with; therefore I need not enclose you a copy. In making my report I was guided by a strict sense of duty and was not influenced to say what I did through prejudice against the Roman Catholic Church. Had it been a non-Catholic Chapel under like circumstances, my report would have gone all the same.
I now from the dates so on the endorsements you so kindly furnished me and which kindness I very sincerely appreciate, that there have been reports called for and that it is on these you and General Schofield base your endorsements; therefore I made my request of yesterday, it becomes necessary to establish certain facts beyond question which I shall try to do. The two beams were cut out and Mr. Rulison, Wheelwright, who was present when they were cut, says the building was thereby injured and will take oath to that effect. Mr. A. H. Robie, contractor, who built the house told me the same thing. My Annual Report of Public Buildings for the year ending June 30th, 1875, forwarded through the Channels, approved by the Post Commander, Captain P. Collins 21 Infantry, reports this particular building as dangerous. Lieutenant Cornman, who occupied one side of it has said time after time that it was dangerous and I have no doubt but that he will certify to that belief. In truth it is more a matter of opinion than determined fact as to the extent of the injury sustained. The skilled labor of Mr. Rulison, Wheelwright, for full two weeks at high wages, also one or more Extra duty men for one or more months, were paid by the Quarter master's Department when there was no appropriation for that object. This is truth and forms my assertion in this Report.
The transformation of this attic into a chapel was unauthorized and therefore I suggested that it be restored at the expense of Major Otis. If an officer makes an unauthorized purchase it is suspended against him as a rule. It is a dangerous precedent to establish and is allowed at Harper's. Officers quarters may be altered into chapels at other posts. I told the facts in the case and made but reasonable suggestions: why then should that be called disrespect and impertinence? It is a very grave question if the labor performed by extra duty men or soldiers was willingly done for I have been told that some of them were very tired of the enforced labor on the ornaments &c.

When it is proven to me that I am in the wrong in any part of my report I will retract it but until then I will assert what I believe to be the truth. The attendance at the Chapel has been very small indeed, although some reports may attempt to show the contrary. I wish to get the plain facts in the case before you. I am from your endorsement of November 24th 1845, that your sense of justice has sought the right and that you wish to see justice measured out to whom it is due. I have taken a great liberty in addressing a personal letter to you but owing to the circumstance of my being under a severe censure
which I am exceedingly anxious to have removed, I request that you will kindly pardon the liberty. There are many things about the case I cannot procure but will in due time present such as I have.

With sincere thanks for your kindness to me I am with sincere respect

Very Truly Your Obedient Servant

Geo. R. Bacon

U.S.A.
Washington, D.C. Jan 6, 1876

Sir,

In reply to your communication, dated Dec. 16th, 1875, relative to the pension claim no. 164692, of Michael Ryan, you are respectfully informed that the report of Dr. Jones, the examining surgeon, has never been received by this office, although written for several times. Under date of January 3d, 1876, another order was sent, through his attorney, Gilmore & Lee, of this city, for him to appear before Dr. R. & R., of Portland, Oregon, for another examination. The claim will receive prompt attention as soon as the report of Dr. R. & R. shall have been received.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

C. W. Atkinson, Commissioner.
JAN. 7, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR:

I HAVE READ WITH GREAT INTEREST

YOUR ARTICLE ON THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURGH, WH.

CAME RECENTLY TO HAND. IT IS ON THE WHOLE MORE

SCIENTIFIC & LESS POPULAR & PICTURESQUE THAN

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BUT NO DOUBT IT WILL HAVE ALL THE GREATER VAL-

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ITS LENGTH: WITH THE MAPS, WH. I THINK IT VERY

DESIRABLE TO USE, I AM AFRAID THE PAPER CHRIST
MY DEAR SIR:

I have read with great interest your article on the battle of Gettysburg, which came recently to hand. It is on the whole more scientific & less popular & picturesque than I had hoped you would think well to make it.

But no doubt it will have all the greater value on this account with a very important class of readers: I am, however, somewhat dissatisfied by its treatment with the Harper's Mill; why I think it very

Desirous to use, I am, &c., &c.,

C.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
MAKE BETWEEN 25 & 30 OF OUR PAGES; A IT IS HARD TO DIVIDE AN ARTICLE OF THIS KIND, & DELAY ITS COMPLETION IN THE MAGAZINE FOR A WHOLE MONTH WITHOUT GREATLY IMPAIRING ITS INTEREST. IF IT IS POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, TO REDUCE IT IN PARTS I SHALL BE VERY GLAD TO HAVE YOU INDICATE SUCH PASSAGES AS MAY BE LEFT OUT.

I WOULD RATHER NOT PRINT THE PAPER BEFORE JUNE, WHEN WE MUST BEGIN OFFERING SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS FOR THE SUMMER, & SO THERE WILL BE ABUNDANT TIME TIME TO MAKE ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES. IF YOU HAVE KEPT A COPY OF THE ARTICLE, IT WILL BE EASY TO MAKE THE REDUCTIONS; OR IF YOU HAVE
Make between 50 & 80 of our papers: it is hard.

To divide an article of this kind & delay its publication in the magazine for a whole month without greatly diminishing its interest is impossible; therefore, to produce it in parts I shall be very glad to have you insert such passages as may be left out.

I would rather not paint the pages before June when we must begin preparing special articles for the summer & so these will be abundant time left to make any possible changes.

If you have kept a copy of the article it will be easy to make the corrections; or if you have
NO COPY & WILL GIVE ME SOME GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

I WILL CUT IT DOWN MYSELF. FOR EXAMPLE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT WILL GAIN FORCE & EFFECT BY THE OMISSION OF ALL QUOTED PASSAGES & THE CONFINEMENT OF THE NARRATIVE STRICTLY TO THE HISTORY OF YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE. ALSO, THE ORDERS WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN IN FULL, WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUSLY REDUCED TO THE SIMPLE TENOR, EXCEPT WHERE THEY ARE VERY MEMORABLE.

I HAVE ASK YOUR INDULGENCE FOR MY USE OF THIS MACHINE: MY WRIST IS FOR THE PRESENT ALMOST DISABLED BY WRITER'S CRAMP.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Stamp: 1881]
I will cut it down myself. For example, it

seems to me that it will gain force & effect by

the rejection of all quoted passages & the con-

clusion of the narrative strictly to the his-

tery of your own experience. Also the opera-

tion will be given in full & c'd be advantage-

able to the simple tense except

where they are very remarkable.

I have asked your indulgence for my use of

this machine: my wish is for the present al-

most disabled by writer's cramp.

O.O.

Received

JAN
21
1873
Preliminary management of the academy was put more fully into Dr. Marsh's hands.
More on top classes in the academy have always been taught by the Professors in the College.
From Dr. Marsh's personal peculiarities it did not and does not seem to me best that he should have a closer relation to the academy.
His administration is by no means uniform and he has been very often absent from his classes and from the place without giving notice to his classes or to his colleagues and for no reason known to them.
His manner of administering discipline very often has been such as to provoke ill feelings rather than to secure.

Forest Grove, Jan. 8, 1876

Rev. C.H. Atkinson, D.D.
Dear Brother,

On your favor of Jan. 5 including copies of letters from Rev. A.D. Butterfield who the General Howard came to hand in due time.
My health has been quite poor for a few days past, I'm sure you would have sooner received an answer.
Dr. Butterfield speaks of Dr. Marsh’s “enemies” I do not think Dr. Marsh has enemies either in the faculty or in the Board of Trust.
For one, though I do not accept some of Dr. Marsh's views, and object to his plan, rather

[Handwritten letter continues on the next page]
went of plan in trying to realize them, yet I will most certainly do him good when I can, and will as certainly help him in what I think to be right.

Dr. Buttefield says "The Academy and University have always been separate and mutually independent."

Six years ago last summer Prof. Anderson was employed as Principal of the Academy by the Faculty under the direction of the Trustees with this agreement. He was to be the Principal and executive of the Academy and a member of the Faculty of the University as a whole, of which Dr. Marsh was President. All courses of study, all general rules and all serious cases of discipline in any department were to be considered by and acted on by the whole faculty, but the execution of these rules as in the academy was intrusted to its Principal.

A copy of this agreement I have not at hand, but will attempt to secure it. This agreement was, I am confident, accepted by Prof. Anderson in good faith and carried out with attention and ability.

The "friction" which existed with Dr. Marsh arose from his assuming to perform executive duties in respect rules and discipline in the Academy which was resisted by the Principal. This has been the plan from the time of its adoption to the present, except that last year the general dis-
Professor at Dr. Marsh's. earnest suggestion when the Doctor as I suppose was in circumstances of great difficulty. This was long before I came to Oregon and have only the testimony of others. He certainly was not brought in to oppose Dr. Marsh.

Mr. Condon was appointed Trustee about four years ago and Professor and member of the faculty about six months ago.

The plan of making Mr. Condon a Professor was pushed forward by Dr. Marsh and others without consulting me though there was good reason why I should have been consulted. He certainly was not a Professor put into the Board of Trust for the

Abedience.

These defects were less injurious with older than with younger students, hence could he better come in the college them in the Academy. These are my own views, but I think they have been substantially the views of most if not all my Colleagues.

Dr. Butterfield says some of the Professors and Trustees wish to lower the high college standard. This statement I believe not at all to be true. From not known either Professor or Trustee seriously to make any such proposition. I have had the impression that two of Dr. Marsh's special friends...
in the Board of Trust and Dr. Marsh with them were in favor of making a boarding school for smaller boys. A prominent department in the institution, but even they may not hold such views. Others certainly do not. I feel that I speak what I know on this point.

There has been a difference of views among the Professors. Some insisting more on a discipline of the reasoning powers and accurate thinking, others on memorizing. But all have been anxious to make the course as extensive and thorough as possible in the circumstances, and as a matter of fact the course of study has increased in quantity and quality of work during the last ten years and the faculty hope to increase it in the future.

The third count in the indictment is that two or three of the Professors have been brought into the Board of Trust for the purpose of opposing Dr. Marsh.

On this point you know more than I do. I state the facts as I understand them and leave you to state the reasons.

Three of the Professors besides Dr. Marsh are Trustees. Of these, Mr. Syman was a Trustee long before he was a Professor and I think as soon as or sooner than Dr. Marsh himself. He was made
purpose of opposing Dr. Marsh.

While a Professor in the College, three years ago I was elected a Trustee, not I had supposed, for the purpose of opposing Dr. Marsh, but because there were few educated men in Oregon who would give time and thought to our affairs.

In my judgment, Dr. Marsh's troubles do not arise from any one of the things which Dr. Butterfield has mentioned, nor yet from a difference of views in respect to the denominational status of the institution and the danger that it will become sectarian, which the Doctors friends feel.
Making a good deal of noise about just now.

Not one of these would produce any such state of things as exists at the present time. The Doctor’s troubles are not new. They are the same that he has had from the beginning of his work here, and in my opinion would continue though he should rearrange the school to suit himself.

The “Endowment is a monument” to Dr. Marsh’s “persevering energy.” And I hope no one will try to belittle his achievement in that direction.

The men whom Dr. Butterfield styles Dr. Marsh’s enemies were (some of them) have gone to their reward.
And are earnest, conscientious, God-fearing men and whatever they have said or done against Dr. Marsh, has been with sorrow of heart.

You are welcome to show this to General Howard or to use it in any way you think best.

I remain,

Yours truly,

G.H. Collier

I have heard the above statement read and believe it to be essentially correct.

Elkanah Walker

As to questions of fact, I think the above statement is correct, has to opinions and views expressed in general concurs.

Horace Lyman.
Last month my uncles and aunt
were very surprised when
they received a letter from
underground of ten persons
in town. Most of them were
not expected and very
surprised. It was a letter
from a group of friends who
had recently arrived.

Plant seems to grow
without a head.

Sentences at the
beginning were
short and

tenderly.

Jan
15
1876

O.I.
have it in anger, rather than with strong good will. And each can throw a stone beneath its wheels, is this right? Do it ought to be? Can any Institution pursue or accomplish the great end of its mission while it is so.

I am as truly the friend of Providence as any Christian modesty, wisdom in giving. I wish as well I have been. We have made few decisions for its future development. In look accordant, and I have no ill wish towards being the whole matter over I know it from. I am, and it would be with true sorrow and the statements of Bro. Goxom. I talked to you, that I should vote for his resignation. But I am constantly losing ground through my own. The vote I should certainly give if he questioned, and influence I am bound to feel, now put. Give it with sorrow, give it in the meeting more than ever, that we cannot longer do interests of Christianity and the cause of education. Our duty to God and the risen generation.

Respectfully,

C. Dickinson

management of the intelligent and Christian
portion of the community—men who have, we see them, would be satisfied to have it go
years of their means, thought and time, to one so another year! Our indiscretion and
found it and help it on shall come out dilly dally way of acting in this matter, it
with a respectful petition to the Board,
beginning to amount to criminality. And while
requesting a change in its Faculty, as I
I feel for Brother Marsh and shall be sorry
understand; they will, I feel that the Trustees for the pain, which such action of the Board
ought to heed well that petition.
If any action is taken towards a change haste on my part, but the regret of many
of the faculty the question of a successor or

successor will be a very important one to

I have seen and known as I now see and
consider. And that same change ought to

know, that Pacific University is little else
be made at ones I am very confident. I
than a Draught-Salary School. The young
do not believe that one of the hundreds of
men of the country are not there. The
Donors whose funds are in that institution moral—Christian character of the rising
cure they are the place of the members of generations is not receiving as high and help
our Board of Trustees, and saw things as
would at its hands. Those who go there
Chicago, Jan 8th, 1876

Gent D O Howard
Portland Oregon
Head Sq

Please favor the undersigned with
two of your autographs and confer a
favor

Very Truly yours

W H Connolly
Thos Conwell
St Eugene
Automobile East
Jan 24.35