June 23, 1881.

Dear Sir,

In the matter of Candidate Fishtell, there is one serious difficulty. It is, that an Alternate was appointed to take the appointment if Fishtell should fail.

I think that Fishtell would today pass in Reading aloud, but of course he cannot be examined till August, for reasons that you you last spring. What can be done to keep his appointment alive as against the Alternate, till after August? Will you kindly send me word of the bearer, who is Candidate Fishtell himself, or, if you prefer to give me
Huse, C.
June 23, 1881

Answer to my verbal
will come on you
just things

Cordially,

May 20, 1881

Lt Col.

K. L. H. O. L. O. O. N. O.

June 23, 1881

N. Y.

Highland Falls, N. Y.
June 24, 1881

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Supt. U.S. Military Academy,

Dear General:

Will you kindly give a hearing to the bearer of this note, Candidate McElrath, in regard to his paper in History at the late examination?

The young man claims that his paper was simply correct in every important particular, and he is confident there can have been a great mistake committed by some one—perhaps a clerk—in declaring the paper unsatisfactory.

It is of great importance to the young man to have this matter attended to without delay, for the necessary action of the Board, in order that he may
for a government

June 21, 1888

James M. C. N. C.


dear Mr. O. O. Chambers, N. D.

New York City

We have learned with great interest in the news of your appointment to the new Senate Committee and we are deeply interested in the far-reaching and important work that lies ahead. Congratulations on your new position and we wish you every success in your endeavors.

The news you have heard is

While we understand that this letter may have come across as

Your efforts and commitment are greatly appreciated by us. We know that you will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of our nation.

We are proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing the positive impact you will make in your new role.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We are confident that you will continue to serve the country with distinction.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Address]
know how to act in regard to asking for a reappointment.

Mr. McClure will also ask to speak to you about another matter which is of no less importance than the above.

I beg, General, that you will carefully refrain from allowing any member of the Academic Board to know that I have made any complaint concerning items or any one of items. It is of the utmost importance that my school should be free from opposition of even one member of the Board, and if any injury or favor ever even suspected of me I should gain the enmity of men who would do me great damage. I know my mild what risks I am running in attempting to be of service to a candidate. But I think the matter will be safe in your hands. At
all events, I cannot, in justice to this poor fellow, do less than I am doing now; and, as you must have seen yourself, justice required that I should tell you what I did the other evening, about disturbing noise and conversation in one of the examination rooms.

Your own prompt action in the library when Colonel Brengle was under examination shows how exacting you would have been had you been present on the day I referred to.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Colborne.
Mr. C.

Highland Falls
June 14, 1881

[Signature]

[Handwritten text]

[Signature]

[Handwritten text]
Brookside Rough Sound Falls  
June 24th 1881

General Howard

Dear Sir

According to your favorable notice, Mr. Nathan Shearer, a respectable candidate, he is a young gentleman of excellent character, he has been in my house for two seasons preparing for the school.

If it is possible, General, will you give him another hearing? His reputation is entirely familiar. He has been a kind & faithful student. His father is not a wealthy man, or in the country. Mr. Shearer had a little money left by a relative. This he has spent, and he is the disappointed, has nearly worked the last. Please General, do what you can for him. Respectfully to General Howard.

Maria A. Snook
Dear General,

Have you not kept a journal, letters, or documents bearing upon Gen'l McPherson's Peninsula Campaign? I am writing a brief work upon it, you perceive, and I desire to draw from the best sources for facts. It would gratify me greatly to have something from you, many others cordially offering what they have. Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Col. O.O. Howard

New York, June 24, 1881
THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
COR. LEXINGTON AVENUE AND 23D STREET.

NEW YORK, June 6th, 1881.

TO MY COMRADES OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

I am writing a history of McClellan's Peninsula Campaign. It will be published by Scribner's Sons, in September.

Two histories of the Battle of Gettysburg have been written, from which my name has been omitted. If you desire to prevent omissions, which in the histories to which I refer, have the same effect as intentional misrepresentations, will you kindly furnish me, so far as lies in your power, with original documents which may serve to establish any proper claims which you may have made, and which you desire to see incorporated in an honest history.

I remain, your obedient servant,

ALEX. S. WEBB,
Asst. Chief of Art'y, Army of the Potomac; Inspector Gen'l 8th Army Corps; Gen'l Comdg 2d Div., 2d Corps; Major-General Assigned, and Chief of Staff, Army of the Potomac.

The following may give you some satisfaction

LETTER OF GEN. U. S. GRANT, VINDICATING THE MILITARY CAREER OF GEN. GEO. G. MEADE.

HEADQUARTERS ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES,
CITY POINT, VA., December 23d, 1864.

Hon. E. B. Washburne:

Dear Sir,—I see some objections are raised to Meade's confirmation as Major-General in the regular army. I am very sorry this should be so. Gen. Meade is one of our truest men and ablest officers. He has been constantly with that army, confronting the strongest, best appointed and most confident army in the South. He therefore has not had the same opportunity of winning laurels as distinctly marked as have fallen to the lot of other generals. But I defy any one to name a commander who could do more than he has done with the same chances.

I am satisfied, with a full knowledge of the man, what he has done, and the circumstances attending all his military acts, all objection would be removed.

Yours truly,

(Signed) U. S. GRANT,
Lieut.-Gen'l.

[The above is a complete vindication of General Meade, and in this letter the Lieut.-General gives to the Army of the Potomac its proper position among the armies of the Union. The letter shows the warm and cordial relations between the two greatest soldiers of the Union Army.]
I am writing a letter of recommendation for Mr. Martin C. Cooper. It will be submitted to the Governor's Office in Washington. The letter is intended to commend Mr. Cooper for his service as a member of the State Education Commission. With the information provided, I hope to demonstrate Mr. Cooper's dedication and effectiveness in his role. I have no doubt that he will continue to serve our state with distinction.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Enclosure: Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Cooper
S. O. Box 352
Newburgh, N.Y.
June 24, 1881

Gen O.O. Howard
Dear General

As I sat by your side on the platform on Sunday afternoon last, I could but magnify the grace of God through you, and I wished that many more occupying positions of responsibility in the Government of our great republic, were equally swayed by the religious views our Lord Jesus Christ gave.

God bless you General, and more and more pour upon you His Holy Spirit. In such men public morals are greatly strengthened.

On Sunday afternoon, the 3d of July we are to have a Temperance prayer-meeting at 3 P.M. in St. John's M.E. Church on Broadway, Newburgh. At 7:30 P.M. a children's religious and patriotic service. At
Both of these meetings, but particularly the latter, if you could not be at both, we are very desirous to have you present and speak. We have a Church which will seat 12 or 1400 persons, and we are likely to have large congregations on those occasions. But few who attended at the interesting services at Trinity Methodist Church. I know that in behalf of my Church and Sunday School I am asking a great favor of you, but I trust, generally, that you may look upon it as more than an ordinary opportunity of doing good, and give us the benefit of your presence.

The time is so short for making the arrangements that if I could trouble you for an early reply it would greatly oblige. Yours very truly,

Alexander W. Dear
Pastor St. John's W. E. Church
Cedar Springs, Mich. June 24th

General O.O. Howard
Hon. Sir,

I am under the necessity of addressing you in regard to a letter from an entire stranger to you. Although I feel as though I were quite acquainted with you having been in many active years a member of 1st Miles Light Artillery (from Sept. 1861 until June 1865) of the 16 Army Corps under your command and having very often seen your name during our marches in the South and having with pride watched your wonderful course since, I wrote cold to address you.

I see that your mother E. O. Howard has been appointed Indian Inspector and I am anxious of getting home.
position in the Department of War, I never have held a responsible position. I have confined myself to my profession since 1870. Voted the first time for Abraham Lincoln at Kingston, N.Y., and have always voted for Republican tickets.

I am not feeling well and my physicians recommend a change of climate. And if I could get some position that would pay my way for a year or so, it would be a great benefit to me. I can get a recommendation of the leading men of the State, who are acquainted with me, but I would not like to make a move in that direction unless the were an opening for one. Will you please write the State to your Batten and see if you can do anything for me. Thank you very much.

Yours very obediently,

[C. B. Smith]

Answered May 24th

[Signature]
I should also tell you that my husband was shot in his right leg and he was sent to Cambridge Hospital in Washington. He often said that he thought he should have received a pension as his wound often made him trouble, but he never did receive a pension. It is possible (as I have listen that he was in Hospital) for that reason I could draw some monthly allowance. You will know about it.

If you can help me in what is my due from Government I will gladly reimburse you and God will bless you for helping the widow.

Love yours, 

Eva Harris

2128 6th St. N.W. 

Washington, D.C. 

June 25, 1861

Gen. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

You will remember in 1869 that my husband, James Harris, a large tall light brown skin argum with full face something of a polotitian...and a contraband on his side read handed you at your kind request his discharge papers which you offered to put through for him. telling him that you could do it much sooner than he could have it done just before you left Washington. 

need June 29th.
he went to you for his papers and you told him that you were too busy to look them up. But you should leave them with some of your friends.

My poor husband has since died, and I was obliged to go in service. While at work away from home, one of my daughters took fire and burnt to death. I am struggling to support my two remaining children.

The sum that was on my husband's discharge papers was $140.00 in 1865. This sum now would amount to enough perhaps to buy me a little home which as my husband left me destitute will be most acceptable. I am unable to find those papers, not knowing with whom you left them.

My husband's name is all right on the records and I will only have to present the papers to get his money.

I hope and believe that you will either send me the papers or tell me with whom you left them - and thus help the widow of James Harris.

Very truly,
Grace Harris

P.S.

Gen. Ballou tells me that if the papers are misplaced, and my identity is proved the papers can be renewed. Or at least I understood him so.

Very truly,
Grace Harris
Culpeper, Va.
June 25, 1881.

Dear Lord,

I read June 28.

Culpeper, June 29, 1881

Gentlemen,

My Recorder. I trust you will excuse me for the liberty I have taken in addressing this communication to you, as your care for those in our troubles and if any thing can be done for our body will assist us.

A few days since we read his letter informing us he had failed to send his remittance. He is quite troubled, and his dear mother is perfectly over powered. She tells me that Mother is perfectly
devote to his own use
nothing I can say to
enlarge her to
make it. I was opposed
to his going to West Point
for since the death of my
son A.P. Hill has no fear
for his own life.
but to gratify hers.
our household at this
time is a base one and
a few lines from you
of them is no solace
of this being ministred
may be of some comfort
to my wife. Know how
he did his best but
that he may be suspected, he is not out
by mortifying he is opposed
to returning to the present.
Angélique Cala
June 25, 1851

Dear Friend,

I have just finished reading "Chief Joseph." I cannot imagine how vividly it recollected all the important and tragic incidents of that trying summer. I read your note of the Comanches, for want of mead and praise. It reminds me very much of "Kinglake's" Crimea. He don't forget the humpback individuals of the British Army. During the war, your defense is not half as strong as it would have been had there been some of these fine orders. I am sure the nation will be long rewarded for your services. I am sure individuals were imagined. It was deeply interesting. I learned much and greatly desire you to convey my congratulations. As I continued the
The summer brought me orders to break up our present home and move another at Fort Biddewell, Calif. I hoped for more agreeable orders but the official will come and must be borne. Mrs. Wells is delighted to leave Angel Island, therefore I'll not regret it as long as she is satisfied. I move about the 15th of July, and propose to remove after July 1st. I do wish she could take this month leave and spend my time in Washington. I hope to take advantage of her and obtain the new rank in the commissioner's department. She has stood very high. I am always glad to hear of Civilian appointments; standing as well, if they would only open the Ymca Polytechnique Day. Among them, yours truly.

Mrs. Wells sends regards to Mrs. Frye and her own. With love. D. T. Wells, Jr.
June 25th, 1881

Gen. Howard

Sir,

My late husband, Albert L. Magilton, was a graduate of West Point and in the Mexican war, where he contracted a disease (the yellow fever) from which he suffered, and from the results of which he died Dec. 28th 1875.

Could you aid me by letting me know how to find the Army Surgeons who were at the hospital.
in New Orleans in 1847 and 1848. Or could you tell one who to ask for the information. By so doing you would confer a great favor.

Yours Respectfully
Mrs. M.A. Magill
No. 413 Florida St.
and I must not help you. I am Paul Nelson. I am 25 years old. I am a student. My life is full of new experiences. I am happy. I am going on a trip to London. My dear friend,

January 25, 1881

Your letter came to one last evening. I cannot accept the money. I have no idea what to do with it. I am grateful for it. Dear SIR, you are a great person. I am looking forward to our meeting. I promise to send you a letter soon. I am sure we will be friends. If they are needed, I am here. I am the best friend of your family. It is beautiful.
and losing a good time.
A very good friend of mine,
Miss Lily Shipman, has been visiting me until yesterday.
I hope today our family
seem very much indeed.
I have been having a lot of
good times, playing cards,
camping, riding, reading,
and taking a job in the town.
I had the pleasure of, and
in the end, called for seeing
the "Rogers" next week and visiting
for "good health" in the journey.
It seems a pleasant trip
to take, and get in some good
in the room of losing life in
the end. A quick! I admire
Rodgers + a friend I miss.
Daisy Rodgers was another one
at the reception of my own age. It is too bad.
Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir:—I see by my exchange that you have published a work entitled—Neg Peace Joseph. If you will forward me a copy of it I will notice it, and thus aid in its sale in my bailiwick. Please accept an assurance of my most friendly regards.

[Signature]

P.S. I send you the last number of my paper The "Reveille."
Curtis, A. A.  
New Haven Conn.  
June 25/81.  

201 Orange St.  
New Haven, Conn.  
June 25, 1881.  

Answered June 28/81.  

You, A. A. Howard,  
Dear Sir:  

It is years since  
we met, and I wonder if the old life  
you have lived has not done you any  
good. I am very happy to see you  
again. I have the kindest recollections  
for Mrs. Howard, who was very kind  
the last time I saw her. Truly,  

Very truly,  

Mrs. S. Curtis.
had the true privilege from our family and began early.

And this brings me to the point of this letter.

I, myself, have never written a letter before. I was not brought up in a family where such a thing was done. And I have always felt that a letter to you was a strange, and I am probably wrong.

I have seen many letters written, but I have never written one. And I am not sure what to do with them.

I am glad to hear from you, Mr. Bradley, and your letter is a pleasant surprise.

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Major Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Chief U.S. Military Academy.

Dear Sir:

Some months ago my son John B. Cree received from Colonel Pick the appointment as a Cadet at West Point from this district. We appreciated the honor highly, as it was entirely unsolicited, and the boy has now passed both his physical and mental examinations successfully. When your appointment was announced as Superintendent it was received with gratification by the county at large, as it was believed that it meant radical changes in the treatment of the boys by the older Cadets, and that...
your well known character as a Christian gentleman, second only to your record as a soldier would elevate the moral tone of life at the Academy. My Brother Thos R. Cree (Secretary of the National Y.M.C.A.) wrote me as a personal friend of yours, congratulating me on the fact that John would commence his term under your administration. He has now been at West Point two weeks, he goes with the best wishes of his teachers and superiors here, and their congratulations have been sent to him on his success in the examinations. He now writes me asking for that I will agree to his discharge, and that you may understand the reasons therefor, I enclose with this his letter to me. In another letter y
he says that "it is not what is said or done that hurts but the way it is said". I have no fault to find with the direction and training necessary to secure proper physical and soldierly bearing, except that it may come too strongly with new recruits, but I do object to his being placed under the charge of men who abuse + curse for the smallest unintentional departure from the strict line laid down. He under me three or four have already applied for and received discharge for the same reasons. These complaints cannot be new to you, as the grievances have existed for years, and I do not know that this statement will have any weight with you. I write to you personally, and not in your
official character, not only as a parent, having at heart the best interest of a son, but as a citizen, who has always admired and respected you, to ask if anything cannot be done to add to the comfort of the junior Cadets without in any way interfering in any way with necessary discipline, or adding to your cares and responsibility. I have every confidence in the boy’s integrity and honor and am willing to leave the decision of the matter entirely in his hands. I have sent under cover to him, an official communication to you, asking you to accept his resignation, if he feels that he is physically unable to bear the strain and wishes to be discharged. The letter I enclose is of course entirely
confidential, and I do not desire it to be used either to prejudice against the writer of it, or to bring charges against any other persons. Please return to me when read. Hoping you will pardon my presumption in addressing you personally on this matter, and I venture to do so, only because I believe you have at heart the best interest of the Academy and will do all that you can not only to maintain its present high standing as a training school but that your connection with it will elevate it higher than it has ever been as a school of morals. With my earnest desire for your success in your new position I am respectfully yours,

J. W. Cree.
Cree, J. W.

Meadville, Pa.
June 25, 1881.

Answered by Mr.
General June 28.

Read June 28/81
No. 3 Winthrop Place
New York June 25, 1881

Gentlemen: I enclose the most recent letter received from the Board of the New England Institution, which I am sent to publish in the Society's Proceedings. The Board have made it clear that I am to be considered as their permanent representative. I have been instructed to correspondent with the leading members of the Church and to inform them of the progress of the Institution. I hope they may be able to inform religion and secular men of the importance of the establishment. I enclose a copy of the letter from the Board to the members of the Society.
Emil C. C. Howland
West Point
New York
Strong influences in Washington favoring not in my favor. Could you not see the President when he returns in my son's behalf? I would pay expenses of visit.
Baltimore, Md.

June 27, 1881.

Assessed by W.H.
Cent. June 27, 1881.
BLANK NO. 1.

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A.R. BREWER, Secy.
NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Baltimore Md 6/27 1881

Received at

To Geo. Howard

President, to be in Washin
today 10 a.m. to be lost
today. It is time to be lost
probably if the joint is
to be gained. Another
candidate with
formidable backing

Cropley
Washington
June 27/81

Crawford M.P.

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Washington D.C.
June 27th '81

Major Gen. O.O. Howard, W. S. N.Y.

You stated in your letter that you would let and have a letter of recommendation whenever I found a place that I desired to secure. July 1st there will be some changes made in the Post Office Department and with a letter of recommendation from you I can secure a place as Watchman or Messenger. Will you be kind enough to send me a letter of recommendation as soon as received.

Very Respectfully,

E.H. Jackson

Street
2128 14th St., N.W.
Washington
Suisse
Colmar, le de
27 Juin 1881.

impression ; mais il me fallait,
sans perdre un instant, jeter sur le
papier ce qui m'avait refroidi, comme un
jet de base, les émotions qui
m'embrasent le coeur,

Car, Monsieur le Général, ces
sentiments très reconnaissants et
particulièrement distingués, de
ceste pause décrite, ne je
Suis, Amand Boisset, de
l'usine, Agence de Sainpan

de l'usine près Sénéve. 27 Juin 1881

PS. Le sire changea
aussi l'adresse

Monsieur le Général,

Je vins de
recevoir les deux volumes que vous m'avez fait
l'honneur de m'adresser.

Lire la Biographie, la lire avec
battement de cœur. Je le savais taquin.

et le cœur encore humide, le cœur
toujours battant, je vins à vous, je serre
vos deux mains dans les miennes et je
vous dis : cette œuvre, votre translation
est admirable.

Oh, comme il appartenait bien à
un guerrier de revoir au pays pour
lequel il tire l'épée, la vie de cet
autre homme de guerre : mon unique
dont l'épée, tirée pour la défense de tout,
ne s'en va plus, pour l'attaque de tout ce
qui est bon, pour l'instant où le dernier soupir
s'aplatit des lèvres ! — comme votre style
vigoureux, pur, sobre, précis, avec l'éclair
de la poésie, votre parole de croyant, a
bien rendu la virilité — maintes — la
douceur, l'idéal, l'invisible charme de
mon bien-aimé !

Avec pleine joie rayonnante nous
viendrons au devant de vous, la haut ! Ainsi

la Maison du Pére, où les fidèles armés
changent L'Alchâyba de bienvenue !

Votre translation est une création,
jec la crois appelée à faire un bien
immense dans les deux continents.
Permettez-moi de vous indiquer, sur
une page détachée, quelques corrections
propres à rectifier de légers malentendus.
Mes pourront figurer dans les nombreuses
éditions qu'obtiendra, je ne doute pas,
seul le sujet, volume,
 Suit que j'aurai le Chef Joseph, je
me hâterai de vous transmettre mes
page 26 - note - Pion - pass over his daughter. - Pion signifie la plus petite piece ou jeu des echecs - chess.
page 35 - note - I did not play my part of it - la phrase francaise est: je n'en prends pas mon parti, c'est a dire: je ne m'en considere pas.
page 36 - ligne 19 - then making the gesture of hanging, la phrase francaise est: mettre en joue, c'est a dire: tirer a coup de fusil.
page 53 - ligne 4 - Absolution is not tolerant, because it knows itself to be right, la phrase francaise est: L'absolution n'est tolerant que pour le pêcheur fait, c'est a dire, en d'autres termes: c'est par ce qui il se sent fait, que l'absolution est tolerant.
page 59 - note - Rambert, c'est Rambert.
page 76 - ligne 16 - His faith outweighed his, la phrase francaise est: Sa foi il le conquit, (to conquer) - c'est a dire: qu'il conquit sa foi, c'est il faut d'abord de lutter, de combattre, pour obtenir sa foi, sa foi, a lui, fait une conquête - a conquest, a victory.
page 82 - en note : David Raczy - David Raczy.

page 88 - ligne 14 : Génesi - Génesi.

page 89 - ligne 13 : Descombes - Descombes.

page 89 - en note : Sarasin - Sarasin.

page 94 - ligne 14 : Orb - Orbé.


page 106 - note : Mr. Yann - Yanné.

page 107 - ligne 22 : en note : il n'est pas sûr.

"La phrase française est : premier pays empechant l'armée de résister, c'est-à-dire : première faiblesse ou faiblesse de la nation française qui..."

"C'est-à-dire : première faiblesse ou faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par échec ou faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par faiblesse de caractère, par

"Il faut avoir le caractère fort pour résister aux mauvais entraînements..."

"l'empire avait détruit tous les caractères, et puis le catholicisme étouffe le self-government..."

enfin, Mr. Baud le nomme Théodore et non Thomas.
Jesup, Paton & Co.
Union Building, 52 William St.
New York, June 27, 1881.

Gen. O.O. Howard,
Commander of the Post,
West Point, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

We beg to introduce to you Mr. A.C. W. Guild, a friend of ours from Scotland, who is now on a visit to this country. If you can kindly allow him to visit the buildings at West Point and to see any of the operations there it will confer a favor upon you.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Quincy Hts.
June 27, 1888

Sir,

Will you permit a brother to offer his heart felt thanks for your generous kindness to him in forwarding the letter by C. Blichfeldt. But for your kind interposition in his behalf his name would have been added to the long list of those "enlisted in the balance" and found wanting. It is sad to meet these dear friends in circumstances so much kindness you and your kind are now the happy receipt.
int, the measure of your cup
must include the full. They
the unfortunate would have
been born of much that made
life a blessing, but if it is all
fixed in its infinite stability
and plan it is in my power
to give other assurance than
words of the deep gratitude of
my heart to the “Christian
Soldier” and gentlemen
for his work. And I lay of
Kinsmen to my faithful boy.
I shall indeed, be happy.
With sentiments of the
most profound esteem and
high regard, I remain
yourself,

Very truly yours friend
R. E. Libbie
R.S. I send Gen. H. one of my little books, "Mexican-Infant Education," a book in the public schools of New York. It has been most kind of you to send it. I have now in my possession all of the school. I hope Gen. H. will read it and like it.

Enclosed is a letter of West Point, which was written some years ago. I am so sorry that I did not get a chance to send it to West Point. I have now in my possession a letter from Gen. H. that has been sent to me all my life.

1881

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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assumed. Indeed, he has been for several years an exemplary member of our Presbyterian Church. I have no doubt he would do honor to the town of his birth, the County, the State, and to the Academy itself.

But he is only 16 years old. He was 16 last March. Is your rule inexorable? The cadet must be at least 17 at the time of admission? May not maturity of mind and body supply the deficiency of age? Are there no exceptions? If there are any, is not this a case for the suspension of the rule where the applicant has every requisite physical and mental qualification, and promises to make his country an object of distinguished ability and usefulness? Please advise me.

Send 200 books, as before, to the Academy from the General Assembly.

Dr. C. A. Rushburn, President.

To Judge B. R. [illegible]