

belong to it. By the way have you
seen that the debt is reduced to
\$35.00 against \$110.00 the same
time last October, with an increase
of about 250 members, nearly two
on profession - a confession I like
that word better - of faith. I don't
believe in mere size but a church
which is known as a working church
in others as well as itself and whose
best meetings are its prayer meet-
ings - surely is a living one. Though
some people do say its pastor is
not spiritual enough. I feel it
would be a sad day for the church
if he should be forced to leave by the
few.

Mother sends her kindest regards
to Mrs Howard and yourself.

Sincerely yours

Elizabeth Van Blarcom.

Rev. W. Blarcom, E.

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Fruit Lake, Cal.
November 8th / 88

Gen. O. C. Howard.

Dear General,

It is quite time
I should acknowledge your ~~very~~ wel-
come letter or you will not believe I
mean what I say. Thanks for the letter,
the prospectus, and your trouble about
your speech in Portland. I think it read
better from your copy. I shall put
it in the envelope with this.

Sister is away on the last yacht-
ing trip before the frolic is laid up -
they are to be gone ten days or a fortnight -
Going up the San Joaquin
as far as Stockton as well as to ex-
plore the Bay. It is beautiful day
morn light bright - crisp and cold

even a little frosty and has blown
a North wind most of the time
for nearly a week. We have had
the first rain storm and for their
sakes I hope there will not be another
until they are safely home. I was
up on Sunday; went to dinner
for the second or third time since
I had the honor to dine with you.
You see Millie being away I felt
the table would be lop-sided.

I noticed the road-side was not
green but greenish. The leafless
trees and field of corn stumps
across the way looked Mink-like
but the lawn and rose bushes told
another tale. They may not be so
perfect as to pick but certainly
they make quite a show and a
lovely one, from the window. I
have four as exquisite buds as I
ever saw on my mantel now. I
would so dearly love to transfer
them to your sitting room - etc.

whatever you call the room
where you will do most-gather-
The ladies you saw the most-
of in Fruitvale have been busy
these last months trying to raise
money to build and start "An
Aged Women's Home" on their prop-
erty in Oakland. I do not mean
that Mrs. Perine, Mrs. McNeke and
my mother are alone. There are 30
directors. From a series of lunches,
dinners, & evening entertainments
they have raised over \$200. They
have promised \$10,000 in \$100 sub-
scriptions and about \$800 in those
ranging from one dollar to five hun-
dred. So! I think the Home "will
be a real thing in perhaps a year.
The Oakland public is certainly
always most-generous to its "Ladies
Relief Society". I think it speaks
well for the First Congregational
Church that one third of the Ladies

Mickle, Rev W. H.

New York
Nov 8, 1881.

Answered by the Genl
Nov 9, 1881

Mallet

Recd. Nov 9, 1881.



249 West 43^d St. N. Y. City.

Nov. 8/81 - 15

Genl O. O. Howard.

My Dear General,

Will it be convenient for you to spend the first Sabbath in December in this City and address our Missionary meeting in the evening at our Church? Our Sabbath School will then have its annual Miss. day in connection with the Congregation. The funds go largely toward helping the Freed. men in the South and our new work in the far west.

We will take good care of you and Mrs. Howard and Mr. Sladen if you will come. Capt Richardson wants you to come & me to inform him so he can be present. How we all will appreciate it if

you can be with us -

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience as I desire to finish the programme at an early day -

Dont say no if possible to say yes -

If you will inform me where I can meet you when you come and who will accompany you, I shall be ready for you -

Remember me kindly to Bro. Charles when you write him, also to Mr. Pladen and any of the old comrades -

With pleasant memories of the past and a hope to greet you ere long, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ.
W. H. Mickle.

Pastor 43^d St. M. E. Church, N.Y.

Pore, B. P.

Newburyport
Nov 9. 1881.

Recd. Nov 14, 1881.
answered by the Genl. Nov 14/81
Dear Genl

The General wants you
to look up the points
mentioned therein and
any other of interest
concerning Gen Burnside
that may be found
in the records of the

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Indian Hill Farm, near
Newburyport, Nov. 9, 1881.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Commandant of the Military Academy

My Dear General,

I have been
persuaded into writing the biography
of Gen. Burnside, and I want some
information about his cadet. life, which
I hope some of the records at West Point
will enable you to give me. It is
his military rank.

Senator Maxey says that he was a
Sergeant the first year, a Lieutenant the

second year and a captain the third year.
Gen. Parke says he was color sergeant
the second year and a lieutenant the
third, but never a captain. Gen.
Wilcox says that he was color-sergeant,
lieutenant and captain, but that
soon after he became captain he was
reduced to the ranks in consequence of
his participation in a frolic.

This is a small matter, but I
think that the value of a biography
depends upon its correctness in the small
details as well as in the more important
facts,

Very faithfully Yours

Gen. Aubrey Moore

copy of the book is in the
archive of the War Department

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE

No. 70 Saratoga St.

Informal.

Since the sad accident at the Chester Military Academy, when Cadet Merrick had both arms blown off, the institution has adopted the French mode of artillery practice recommended by Colonel Blondill in his visit to the academy on Friday last, viz: Sponge the gun twice with a dry sponge, and ram twice, before the cartridge is driven home. The Colonel says that since the issuing of such an order by the French government not a single accident caused by the premature explosion of a cannon has occurred.

Baltimore,

Nov 10 1881

My dear Genl.

I hope you won't think it presumptuous in me to enclose this little slip, clipped from one of our Balto papers. There is so much stuff in the paper that this may be nonsense, but the danger referred to is an ever impending & serious one among boys who are apt to be careless & don't realize it.

Saml Howard
N. I. S.

Respect - N. Y.

Very truly yrs
W. P. Craighead

Craig Hill, W. P.
Major Engle

Hdqrs. U. S. Corps Cadets
West Point, N.Y.
November 15, 1881

Respectfully returned to
Headquarters U. S. Military
Academy. Contents noted.

H. M. Luzzell
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Corps Cadets.

Baltimore

Nov 10, 1881.

Respy referred
kindly to Lt. Col
Luzzell.

By direction of Gen. Howard
Fulladen
Nov. 17. H

Recd Nov 11, 1881.

Fish, L. Jr

Garrison, N. Y.
Nov 10. 1881.

Answered by the Earl
Jan 11/1882.



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Garrison
Nov 10/81

Gen Howard
West Point
Maine

I write to ask that
you will do me the
favor to send me a
pass for a deserving
young man Jos. Davis
brynau, living in the
vicinity to peddle
vegetables within Govern-
ment lands at West
Point.

Very respectfully
Hamilton Feb 23

C. A. Richardson.

The Congregationalist,

Congregational House,

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W. L. GREENE & CO.
No. 1 Somerset Street.

Boston,

Nov. 10, 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:-

The young man of whom I spoke to you is Henry C. Keene, Jr. who has just entered West-Point. He is a member of our First Church in Chelsea, and is as straight-morally as he is physically. His father and mother are active members of the church, the former being a retired naval officer. You may be sure that any attentions which you may

show to Master Keene will be
bestowed upon a most worthy
and promising young man.

He has stood high as a scholar
and I expect to see him some
day reflect credit upon West
Point.

Yours respectfully,

C. A. Richardson

Answered by the Genl
Nov 11/81-

R. N. 11-81

Nov.

When I wrote my
Report of A. etc. etc.
for Advance - I
followed the man-
ner of your paper
with these words
in brackets [The

here Gen Ho's MS
I hope to give his
4 columns paper in
full & therefore
do not give them
give his points)
or with to that
effect. The printer
let it out & my
Report seems to
do you want justice.

ms

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Wm. C. ...
Pearl Street
New York

P.B. H.

Chas

Richard M. Harison.

VARNUM & HARISON,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
(Elevator.)
110 BROADWAY,
(OVER METROPOLITAN BANK.)

James M. Varnum.

New York, *November 11th* 1881

Maj. General O. O. Howard,
U. S. Military Academy,
West Point.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 10th enclosing bill of John Denton & Son for carriage hire at West Point. I have no power to act in relation to this bill until it is submitted to the whole Committee and they shall have an opportunity of acting thereon. I would state however that I had no idea that such bill would be presented, as Mr. Drew of Ganston's Hotel was employed to supply all the carriages for our own party and we have already paid him a large bill for the same. I must say that it would hardly seem that the expense of the officers of the Point and their ladies in attending the reception

Dear Genl
Nov 10/81

Enclosed \$14/81
by the bank.

Will send the balance \$23

Amount of bill sent to Mack
\$15.75. This bill was
for taking goods from the
dock to the Point and from
the Point to the dock and
from the dock to the Point.

at Stanton's Hotel were properly chargeable to the State
Commission inasmuch as they must have been engaged
by the officers themselves for their own pleasure and
that of their families, and certainly no one on the
State Committee authorized or had power to authorize
Mr. Dutton to charge the bill to our account.

As to the four carriages to "honorary guests", I do
not know what that can refer to, inasmuch as
Mr. Drew's carriages remained at the Point to take
all of the guests of the nation to Stanton's after
the review was over.

It may perhaps not be improper for me
to call your attention to the fact that not one dollar
was appropriated by the State for the entertainment
or necessary expenses of the foreign guests and that
all the expenses had been borne by the members of
the Commission individually, out of their own
pockets. I think you will admit that the Commission
should hardly be expected under the circumstances
therefore to be responsible for a bill which they were
authorized. I will however refer the bill to the Com-
mittee and will request the Treasurer to communicate
with you in relation to the subject.

Yours truly
James M. Barman
1885

No. 1196.

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NICHOLAS F. PALMER, President.
WILLIAM H. MACY, Vice President.
D. L. HOLDEN, Cashier.

Leather Manufacturers National Bank

29 WALL STREET.

NEW YORK

Nov 11 1881

To the
O. C. Howard Esq. U.S.A.
Cashier

Sir.

I have received
your letter of the _____ with enclosures as stated
I enclose statement of a/c to 10th inst. with
114 vouchers, which please examine & report
upon

I am very respectfully
Your obedt Servt.

D. L. Holden Cashier.
Per Emmery

Dr. The Ministry
Leather & Binding
Nat. Bank

Mass. Bank
Nov 11, 1881.

Quarrel Nov 16/81
by the bank

Feed. Nov 15, 1881.

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Yonkers
Nov 11. 1887.

I am under very great obligations to you General for your kindness in permitting Sack to go to the Clerk's - I had seen Dr Knapp the day before, and found that I had not time to write to you so that Sack could see him on Saturday Morning - and since I have been ill & unable to write

Accept my warmest thanks
& believe me

Sincerely

Your Friend
Cornelia Hayes
General Howard.

Whitacey, E.

Washington, D.C.
Nov 12. 1881.

Extract of the letter enclosed
endorsed by the Genl & returned
to Genl. W. Nov 14/81—

Nov 14. 1881—

A. C. BARSTOW, CHAIRMAN,
Providence, R. I.

W. H. STURGEON, SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C.

Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D. C.,

Nov. 12 1881

Dear General Howard

I Enclose a
letter from Col. D. E. Clapp
asking your endorsement
of John A. Scarlett's Appli-
cation for a pension.

I remember Scarlett very
well as an excellent Clerk
and remember that his
sight began to fail while
he was serving under my
Command in Raleigh.

Clapp's letter is not
in a suitable form for
your endorsement on
account of the closing
paragraph. But if

you see fit to write a note
to the Commissioner of Penins
Gen. Dudley I will take
it to him in person &
perhaps we may be able
to render poor Scarlett a
service.

All well at our house.
We often talk of our happy
day at West Point.

Mr. Stickney as you
probably know died last
month very suddenly.
Poor Mrs. S. is quite alone,
but she bears the sorrow
with Christian fortitude.

My love to all your
family - When is Mrs. Pl-
coming to make us that
short visit of six or eight
weeks?

Yours Truly
A. Whitney

Scott. L

Nov. 12, 1881

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West Point
Nov 12/81.

File

18/21 - sent
- put in - post

Dear Gen. Howard
My friend
Mrs Senator Mackin
who is at the hotel
has through ignorance
of the regulations in-
volved herself in con-
siderable trouble.
She has invited a
party of young people,

Cadets + civilians, to
spend this evening
with her + the divi-
sions have all been
accepted. Now at the
last moment - Mr Cra-
my informs her that
without your permis-
sion no refreshments
can be offered the
Cadets. Naturally she
is very much mortifi-
ed but not having

the pleasure of your acquaintance
hesitate to ask the same service.
I now beg in due shame. or that
you will deignly grant the de-
sired permission.

Very Truly
Yrs. O. B. K.

Clark, J.

Portland, O.
Nov 13/81.

Answered by the Genl Nov
25/81.

Reed. Nov 25/81.

D.H.

Portland Or

Nov 12-1881

Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Brother

I greatly de-
siring to hear from you
I take the liberty to thus
address you I am still holding on
and rejoicing in the Lord
Daily, and I have never for
a Day forgotten the prayer
Covenant, I am exceeding
grateful to the Dear Saviour
for his constant kindness and
present salvation, and as
your way to greater use-
fulness I suppose it is
the same with you, we
miss you greatly here in all
Christian work.

Still the cause goes on though
rather slowly. we are about
to commence a protracted
meeting in the Taylor St Church.
We want the prayers of all
Excuse my writing with pencil
my hand trembles so that
I cannot use a pen God Bless
and guide you my dear Brother
in Christ

I would be very grateful
if you can to receive a
letter from you

Ever yours

John Clark

Address P O Advocate
Office

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F. W. AGNEL,
COFFEES, SUGARS AND TEAS,

No. 88 WALL STREET,

GROUND FLOOR, FRONT,

New York, Nov 12th 1881

Brig Genl. C. O. Norrand U.S.A.
New Point N.Y.

General

Alvan Rutherford of
Washington (Pension Agent) Genl. of the Army refers to you by
publication in Army & Navy Journal.

In view of the same and having in
contemplation like committal to his care
of some Pension Business I desire to
ask your opinion of his qualifications
for such an undertaking.

Very Respectfully Yours
F. W. Agnel

Agnes F. W.

COFFEES, SUGARS AND TEAS,

No. 88 WALL STREET,

GROUND FLOOR FRONT.

1881

New York

New York
Nov 12/81.

Answered by the Recd
Nov 14. 1881~

Recd Nov 14/81.

Mount Morris Bank

NEW YORK CITY.

A. P. Ketchum, President.

J. W. Robinson, Cashier.

New York Nov. 12. 1881

My dear General,

I am not able yet to answer you fully regarding the Peruvian Co. but there are circumstances respecting the laws of Georgia which lead me to look upon the Co. with doubt.

The incorporation of a Co. in Ga. after obtaining a charter, may sell it to anybody for what they can get, and saddle the purchaser with all the liabilities.

Why should a Co. operating principally in N. Y. and Wash. go to Ga. for a charter? We know not what liabilities the Co. has incurred. The General Law of Ga. makes the stockholders liable to the full amt. of his stock whether the same is

paid up or not. The special law incorporating the P. Co. I am not yet to see, but, probably, it is not less exacting than the general law regarding liability of stockholders. After making a big show in the newspapers, and getting in a few stockholders like yourself, and a few others who would come in because such as you have, the original owners of the charter might sell what a handsome price and leave yourself and friends in possession of a somewhat bothersome elephant. I am taking measures to warn you and our best commercial agents a full report of the standing of the P. Co. and will acquaint you with what I may hear.

If Gordon has any spare copies of my Wat Point address left I should be very much

Genl D. H. H. H. H.

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New York, N. Y.
Nov 12. 1881

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Recd. Nov 14/87.

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Personal

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Military Justice,

Washington, D. C. Nov^r 12th 1881.

Dear General:

Yours of the 11th
inst. is just to hand.

I hasten to reply in order
to set you right on the facts.

If there is any theory
in regard to education which has
impressed me more than another,
it is the necessity of educating
from without, as well as from
within. My criticism of
West Point has ever been that
they have adopted the policy,

largely, of educating from within. A graduate is made an instructor, and finally a professor, and this on ad. infinitum, which theory of education must eventually establish, simply, stagnation.

I think a much higher degree of educational development would be accomplished by changes in the personnel of instructors and professors.

This would bring new ideas, fresh and vigorous thought, untrammelled by groove routine.

So you see it would

have been impossible for me to have made such recommendations as you refer to.

In order to show you just what I have recommended in that regard, I enclose you an extract from my report on that subject, which refers simply to the question of having that kind of instruction continued at the Academy, without any reference whatever, or thought of the personnel other than that the instructor or professor should belong to the Corps of Judge Advocates, a selection from which would presumably furnish a

Verain, D. G.
Nov 12, 1881

competent and efficient pro-
fessor. I will send you a copy
of my report when printed
with pleasant remem-
brances of my service with you.
I am,

Very truly yours,

D. G. Verain
Answered by the Genl
Nov 14/81 -

Genl. O. O. Howard. U.S.A.
Supt. Military Academy,
West Point, N.Y.

"The importance of having a competent instructor of law at the Military Academy cannot be overestimated. It certainly requires no argument to make it clear to all that it is indispensable to a proper and intelligent discharge of the varied duties which devolve upon the Army officer that he should be as fully instructed in the general principles of law as possible.

In the exercise of military command under this government, which is peculiarly one of laws, and where the increasing population surrounds military stations, and military commanders, and where as a consequence questions of jurisdiction, and of personal and property rights are necessarily constantly arising, it would seem proper that increased facilities should be furnished the young officer for acquiring such knowledge, as an essential part of his Military education."

Extract from report of the Judge Advocate General to the Secretary of War, Oct. 1st 1881.

Judge Woodruff
General, W. D. C.

Bartholomew
Reback to the
Rocky of War

Spent Nov 14/81.