

Dec 13, 1881

Dear Sir. Since I saw
you I have met with
the luck of losing my
situation as assistant
supton in the Warbourn
Baptist Church which leave
me and family in a
very deplorable condition
at present. Is there any
chance of me obtaining any
thing to do at Welsh Point or West



Gen. W. Howard
West Point
New York

Personal



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Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
Dec 13th 1881

Most honored General!

Allow me to wish you
most respectfully a merry
Christmas and a most
happy New-Year!

My applications to
General Grant and Hon Sheppard
were forwarded Oct 25th but
I have no answers yet -
may one of these gentlemen
make me a Christmas present
in the shape of a good po-
sition. With greatest respect
Your
humble servant
F. Owen Fritsch

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Washington D. C.
Dec 19th 1881.

General Hemmels.

Dear Sir

At the request
of my husband, Capt T. F. Riley, I
address you. He had concluded
to ask you for some employment.
But your recent meeting in Washington
was so sudden and unexpected
that he was surprised into
forgetting.

General. From your former kind-
ness to us may I not indulge in
the hope that you can either
give or find him some employ-
ment. That would bring us a
little income, in our present
embarrassment and ^{for} the relief

of our little ones, as you know
our situation can realize our
condition. a man with a family
without work or means,

Of course he cannot expect a
high office or ask an
impossibility, but dear General
as a favor if it lies in your
power will you help us in
this hour of need.

Warmest regards to Mrs Howard
and yourself

I am sincerely
Yours

Lillie H. Biley

BOARD OF INDIAN COMMISSIONERS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 13 1881

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Dear Genl

The Enclored
letter has just come from
the P. O. too late to find
you here. It seems rather
lonely without you this
morning; but you are
glad to be near home
and your own loved
family. My regards
to them all.

Yours Truly
E. Whittelsey

Whitney, Paul E.

BOARD OF INDIAN COMMISSIONERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dec 13 1881

Dear Sir

The enclosed

Letter regarding the
Washington
Dec 13, 1881.

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Very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
Paul E. Whitney

Recd Dec 14/81.

New York Dec 13th 1881.

Genl. O. O. Howard

West Point

Dear Sir:

As requested I have deposited in Leather Mumps Nat. Bank \$500- at your credit, and the Bookkeeper says he will keep your Pap Book until the end of the year, according to your request, in meanwhile he will be obliged if you will return a statement he sent you, supposing the Book had been lost -

The ck \$500- on Seamen's Bank for Savings & the Pap Book I will retain until after January 1st, as by drawing out the amount now, you lost some back interest, which you may as well have -

Yours truly

Dwight James

Barney, D.

Dear Son
Dec. 13. 1881.

Answered by the Mail
Dec 14. 1881-

Paul. Dec 14/81.

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December 13 1881

Gen Howard

Sir

Will you be kind enough to let me know whether you are the same gentleman that had charge of the three or four Companies of recruits, on the Fair grounds near Carthage Ohio, in the early part of the summer of 1861, and who were assigned to the 4th Regiment of Artillery. If you are sir can you please tell me the name of the Doctor who was with these Companies at that time, and where ^{he} can be found. An answer would greatly oblige.

Yours Respectfully

E Halford

115 Norfolk

Litchfield Co Conn

Waggon, E.

Waggon, E.
Dec 13, 1881.

Answered by the Head
Dec 16, 1881.

Dec 16, 1881.

Washⁿ Dec 14/87

Dear General

Since writing
you this a m I
noticed in the paper
that Rev W^m Porter
waite has been
appointed Chaplain
&c and I suppose
it may be your
business about. I
am glad to learn
you have so good &
able a man you
can trust with no
mistake. - Calver?
not be fitted for that
position Truly As Shatt



WRITE THE ADDRESS



Gen. J. M. ...
West Point
N.Y.

Gen. O. O. Howard
West Point

MEMORANDUM FROM

A. S. PRATT & SON,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEAR SIR:

P. O. Box 52.

See 14

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Friend

I much regretted not seeing you while here
I should have liked to shake hands with you

I have not been able to learn anything of
the Minister you spoke of - Mr Goldthraute
I understood you to say - I don't know him
but Rev Mr Postlewaite of Balt. a very
popular Ref. Ep. Minister can undoubtedly
give you all information - Are you in want
of a Chaplain at West Point - Have you ever
thought of our boy Calcut Pratt - He would be
a first class man with young men - he is

Pratt A. S.

Washington, D.C.

Dec. 14. 1881

With kindest regards to your
family Very truly Yours
A. S. Pratt

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laboring in Seaver Col. now - I do not
know that he would leave - but if he
would you could not get a better help
if I do say it

WASHINGTON, D.C.
A. S. PRATT & SON
MEMORANDUM FROM

Mr. C. S. Pratt
Washington

J. B. M. POTTER,
Paymaster U. S. Army.
Army Building, cor. Houston & Greene Sts.

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Pay Department, New York City.

Dec. 14th 1887

Dear Gen,

Have deposited \$458.33 in Bank
to day,

Yours truly
J. B. M. Potter
P. M. a/c

Received, J. M. M.
Pay, Master, U.S.A.

New York
Dec. 14. 1881-

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Recd. Dec 15/81-

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Rockport Dec. 14/81

Dear Bro

Is he your man?
Did you recommend
him? Is this just?
I want to speak on
the advance - all
well -

as ever

R. W. Land

Points -

Age

denomination

Birth place

College (Prof)

Evangelizing Spirit

History -

Can't go to N.Y. now till
after the New Year -

Howard, Dec. 17/81.

Rockport, Mass.
Dec 14, 1881.

Answered by the Genl
Dec 15/81.

Recd Dec 15/81.

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GOVERNOR'S ISLAND,

New York Harbor.

Dec. 15 1881

My dear General

If consistent with the interests of the Academy and the rules governing the granting of indulgences it would afford us great pleasure if Cadet Whipple, my son, could be permitted to spend Christmas with us. If he feels as I did for the first six months of my cadetship he must be pretty homesick, and a short visit among his friends would do him good. Beside as a reward for good conduct it would

tend to stimulate discipline.

But you know best about
that and whatever your action
it will be right.

Very truly + respectfully Yours

Wm D Whipple

a. a. e.,
, , ,

Gen^l O. O. Howard

^{+ Commandant}
Supt. U. S. Mil. Acad.,

West-Point.

N. Y.

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 Dec 15 1881

To
Genl O. O. Howard Esq. M. S. A
Canton

Sir.

I have received
your letter of the 14th inst with enclosures as stated
viz 4c returned. we credit your 4c with
Four hundred & fifty eight ³³/₁₀₀ (\$458³³.)
Dollars, recd from Major J. B. M. Potter, N. Y.

I am very respectfully
Your obedt Servt.

D. L. Holden Cashier.

Dear Sir
National Bank.

New York City
Dec 15. 1881.

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Recd. Dec 16/81.

my object in writing to you,
Dear General, at this time,
is to ask, that, if agreeable to
you the books may be presented
in the Chapel after morning
service on Christmas-day -
as Christmas this year falls
on Sunday. The books are
a Christmas gift from the
Ladies Union Mission School
Association - and are given in
memory of Mrs. Upton.

If all the young gentlemen should
not be present on Christmas at
Chapel - I suppose - the books in-
tended for them may be given to them
on their return to the Academy.

With high regard

I am, Dear General

Very sincerely yours

Samuel W. Martin

Martin Mrs C. W.

Answered by the Genl
Dec 23/81.

Willowbrook

Auburn N. H.

December 16th 1881

N. H.

To the Hon

The Superintendent

of the N. H. Military Academy
West - Point

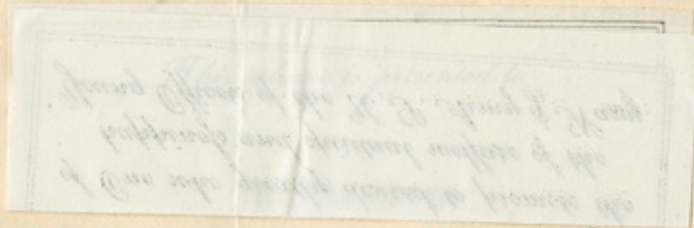
General Howard

I state the object of
sending you a letter received from
my friend Dr. Haulty of which
shows interest in the Cadets at West
Point has led me to propose
his name, in the place of that
of our lamented son-in-law
General Emory Upton, - as one
of the Committee appointed
by our Association as Albany.
To select the gift books for
distribution to the Graduating
Class at Christmas -

You may not be aware - that
after the death of Mrs Upton -
a Memorial fund was
placed in trust - in the care of
the Am. Book society - the intent
of which amounting to several
dollars per annum, was to be
appropriated to the purchase of
valuable & useful Christian books
to be presented every year to the
graduates of the U. S. Military
Academy at West Point.

When this Memorial fund was
thus appropriated - Gen Upton
held the position of Commandant
of Cadets at West Point - and
he, from term to term, invited
members of the Graduating
class to dine with him and
before they took their leave he
presented to each a book and with
the name of the Cadet and a list

of scriptures on the fly leaf -
affirmed he had the following
engraved and placed in each
volume presented



Gen Upton's favorite publications of
the Am. Book society - were "Pilgrim's
Progress" "Endimes of Christianity"
and "Hanna's Life of Christ" -
these are standard works and must
always be read with interest & profit -
I send to your address the reports
of our society - which give some
account of the publication of
Gift books presented by our asso-
ciation to the graduating classes
both of the Naval and Military
Academies - It is now more
than ten years since this presenta-
tion was first made -

This volume is presented to

In Memory

*of One who greatly desired to promote the
happiness and spiritual welfare of the
Young Officers of the U. S. Army & Navy.*

he leave the selection to
me. The letter also of Rev
Mr. Stevenson & others - I also
return to you - as they are
of value to your Society &
should be kept for future re-
view in case of any mis-
understanding.

I met in N. Y. the Sec-
etary of your Association - &
found her a most agreeable
& cultured lady.

If I have not done my
work well - please attribute
it to ignorance - & not to any
want of purpose or interest.

Very much

Yours Truly
Geo. J. Hartley

1847
No. J. J. Hartley.
Worcester Dec-12-81

My Dear Mrs. Martin -

While in New York
last week - I tried to ful-
fil the trust laid upon
me by the Soc. Union M.
J. Association. After giving
many of the Tract Soc.
publications quite a close
examination - I thought the
volumes best suited to the
purpose in hand were -
"Blending Lights" & "Worthies
of Science" - Others to whom
I have made known my

selection - approve my choice.

The cost of the first is -
\$2.⁰⁰ - the second \$1.⁵⁰, &

They are to be given to me
not at the wholesale price
but at the Catalogue price.

Mr Pratt the Agent in the
Society's room told me I could
draw against the Tract
Society to the amount of -

\$70.⁰⁰ I, therefore in ordering
the volumes, shall keep within
that amount. Dr Forsyth

has given me the names of
37 - which I shall write
upon the labels you sent
me - & I have arranged to

have them pasted on the
inside cover - by a party -
in the Tract House - when,
at my order, they will be
forwarded directly to West
Point. - then saving our
"expenses."

I have not
been able to say or name
the date for their presenta-
tion. Dr Forsyth writes me
that "at Christmas time some
of the class will be away
on "Christmas leave" - a better
time therefore would be between
Christmas & New Year".

From the enclosed letter of
Mr Auck - you will observe

And so over my love — through
the miles to go — it —
has a source as never ending
— for I hope we will keep
our friends and our love for
them in that — world above
the blue sky —

My little sister — looks just
as she did when you left — and
if you could step in you would
find us all the same — and
with the warmest — kind of a
welcome for you — Papa may
go east — again in Jan. of February.
How much I shall like to go too!
Kind remembrances to the family
especially Mrs. Howard.

Very lovingly
Milla Van B.

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Mrs M. Van B. Parsons

At Home

Dec 16th 1881

My dear friend,

Sherry Merry
Christmases to you! I wonder
if you will hang up your
stocking this year as you
did last — and if you do
what — you will find in it?
You must — let — our kind
old — Santa Claus — dear kind
old fellow! — bring down
your chimney this time.

How these days bring back
the memory of those a year
ago — and what a happy
journey that was — excepting the
delay at the last — for that
was trying to my temper I
am sure. Mr and Mrs Colton
too and Mr & Mrs Perine have
just gone to the Palace again
for the winter. We shall miss
them sadly, as they are our
neighbors truly, and we see
almost nothing of the others.

Mrs Kirkham is well
I believe — Mother sends her

to you — Miss Francis I have
not seen for a very long time.

At home we are as well
as usual, and just at-
tending — full of Xmas activity.

I should like to take a
slight ride with you over
the hills to the merry time
of the trees — provided of
course there was snow enough!

I shall think Christmas
morning how good I should
like to repeat — my little service
for your land as I did a
year ago — How the time flies!

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War Department

Washington City.

December 16th 1881.

Sir:

Colonel Robert Bingham, of North Carolina, being about to visit West Point for the purpose of informing himself concerning the methods of instruction, &c., I embrace the opportunity of recommending him to your polite attentions, and request that you will afford him facilities for accomplishing his object.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

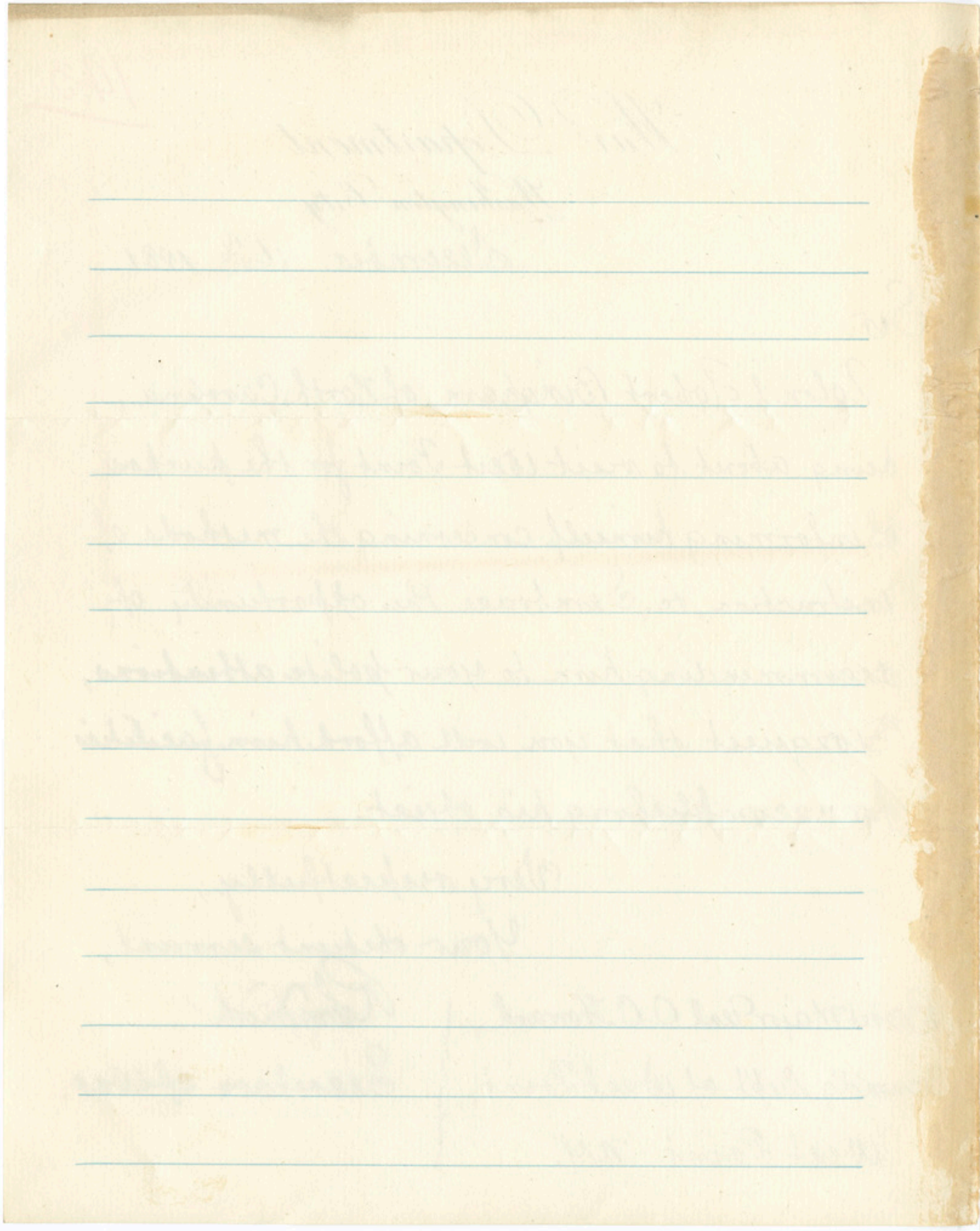
Brevet Major Genl. O. O. Howard,

Comm'dg, Dept. of West Point,

West Point, N.Y.

R. W. Smith

Secretary of War.



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
Freedman's Savings and Trust Company.

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Washington, D.C. December 16th 1881.

O. O. Howard,
Capt. Maj. Gen. U.S.A.
West Point, N.Y.

Sir,

Yours of the 15th inst.
with check for one thousand (\$1000.) dollars in full
payment of balance due from you to the P. S. and T. Co.
as per settlement with the late commissioners of the
P. S. and T. Co. is at hand.

Very respectfully.

Thos. Daykin
Commissioner.

Wm. J. J.

Washington

Dec 16. 1881.

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Recd Dec 19. 1881.

DONNELL, LAWSON & SIMPSON.
BANKERS.

102 Broadway,
New York
Dec. 16th

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Gen. O. O. Howard,
West Point, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

There is a society in this City called The Baptist Social Union of Manhattan Island, whose annual pamphlet for 1881 I hand you herein. It is composed of prominent gentlemen of the various Baptist Churches in this City. It meets once a month, at Delmonico's, corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty sixth Street for a dinner, and the discussion of some topic of general interest. Several times in the year ladies are invited, and then it is the custom to invite distinguished gentlemen of various denominations, and from different parts of the country to make short addresses after the Dinner. The meeting on Thursday evening, the 9th of February 1882 is a Ladies Meeting,

102 Broadway,
New York

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and I have been requested by the Union to ask you to join us on that occasion and make a short address of say 20 or 30 minutes. At the Ladies Meetings no topic is assigned, but speakers are left free to chose for themselves. Your eminent position as a christian soldier has inspired our people with an ardent desire to hear you, and I sincerely hope you will favor us with your consent.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant,

L. M. Lawson.

President of the Baptist
Social Union of
Manhattan Island.

Jessie, D. M.

New York
Dec 16. 1881.

Answered by the Rev L
Dec 17. 1881 -

Recd Dec 17. 1881.