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Endorsement on proceedings of a Board of Officers held at Camp McDowell, A.T., to investigate the circumstances attending the absence of Chaplain C.M. Blake, U.S. Army from May 26th, to July 10th, 1868.

Headqrs. Dept. of California.
San Francisco, Oct 3rd, '68.

Respectfully forwarded approved. There are Chaplains in this Department who do no service, but are making trouble wherever they go. Not being needed and being in the way, they are passed around from post to post at the expense of the Government. Chaplain Blake is one of them and should be discharged. As they can plead good intentions for what they do, or do not do, Courts Martial are of no use in attempting to deal with them.

I presume the Secretary of

Blake, C.M.
Chaplain, U.S.A.

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This was delivered to me by Lt. Blake with request to forward to you, that you might know the facts in the work, and difficulties therein. Any of these men who have to fight in the dark against their enemies not knowing who they are.

This has recently been unmanlikely, and for the first time made known to me faithful Brother Lt. Chaplain Blake, and which I do forward to you at his request.

Chas. A. Atherton

[March, 1885]

War has the power to discharge them.

(Signed), E. O. C. Ord

Brt Maj General

Official:

(Signed) J. C. Kelton

Asst Adjt General.

A True Copy

Charles W. Blake,

Post Chaplain, U. S. N., retired.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF THE WORK

—OF—

THE AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION

—IN—

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

We close this year with gratitude to God for the prosperity granted us during it.

While we have had to contend with an exceptionally long, severe winter, which prohibited our missionaries from calling many meetings and hindered the people from attending many of those called, yet we have been enabled to plant 45 more schools this year than last.

Our missionaries in Kansas have organized, on an average, 38 new Sunday-Schools apiece, besides doing a large amount of kindred work, some of which may be seen by reference to summary below.

Preaching and church organizations have followed a number of our schools; in one case a school organized with 34 members, which was soon increased to 70, was blessed with a revival resulting in 20 conversions and $1,800.00 raised for a church building.

The immense immigration to Kansas last year will probably be exceeded during these twelve months; there are at present 3,000 of our country school houses needing Sunday-schools started in them. These points indicate the pressing need for an increased force of Sunday-school missionaries in this State.

In Colorado we have done about twice as much work as during any previous year.

In a mining town of 1,000 inhabitants our missionary found regular preaching on every alternate Sunday evening, but no Sunday school, although they had 200 children in the town. He found six ladies, but not one man, willing to teach in a Sunday-school, but no one could be had to superintend it. During the second week a man was found in an adjoining town, who was willing to take charge of the work, and on the following Sunday a good school was started.

Another missionary organized 7 new schools in a single county, increasing the number of Sunday schools in it 38 per cent, for which the county convention gave him hearty thanks.

Some of the leading business men in New Mexico have promised assistance in maintaining a missionary in that territory, who will be placed there as soon as sufficient outside help is secured.

Utah has 56,000 children outside of non-Mormon schools, who are destined, without Christianity, to grow up in bondage to the faith of their parents; for while Mormonism is treason and a crime to be punished and suppressed by law, it is in its essence a soul slavery to be thoroughly abolished only by Him who died to redeem us, and who was "sent to proclaim liberty to the captives." A missionary is greatly needed in Utah.

THE AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION is without a peer as an economical and efficient agency for placing centers of Gospel light in the outlying districts; its unsectarian character assures it a welcome everywhere; and, considering that its work is chiefly for the children, its power for good in promoting the welfare of the individual, the nation, and the church, can scarcely be over-estimated.

No more promising way for making benevolent investments, in our own land, exists; no more worthy home cause appeals to you for help.

To the increasing number of friends and contributors in Kansas we return our sincere thanks, also to the press and to the managers of railroads for favors of much value.

Contributions, small or large, are ever in order, and are respectfully solicited. "He who gives quickly gives twice," is pre-eminently true in this work. "God loveth a cheerful giver." $600 to $800 supports a missionary; $30 secures a life membership; $25 will found a school in the donor's name.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

The missionaries of THE AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION in the *Rocky Mountain District* have during the year ending Mar. 1st, 1885, labored 2,236 days, organized 190 new schools containing 731 teachers and 5,802 scholars; they have for the first time visited and aided 124 schools with 806 teachers and 7,525 scholars; they have aided 160 schools previously reported with 1,096 teachers and 10,915 scholars. They have visited 4,414 families, distributed 1,453 Bibles and testaments, delivered 662 addresses, and traveled 41,293 miles. Literature distributed by sale, $992.75; by gift, $599.35.

C. HUMBLE,
Sup't Rocky Mountain District,
EMPORIA, KANSAS.

MARCH, 1885.

American Sunday School Union
March 1885

Willcox, Gen. O. B.

Madison Bks.
Mch 1. 1885.

Madison Bks. N.Y.
March 1/85.

My dear General

Your kind letter was duly rec'd. & just what I hoped it would be. from such a staunch old friend.

The whole state officers & legislature of Michigan having signed & sent on Memorials in behalf of my claims, they will be presented by my

Mich. senators & others, in behalf of the whole delega from that state in Congress. Now if you will kindly forward your letter addressed to the President or A.G. either to Senator Conger. or to Senator T. W. Palmer it may be in time to go in with above mentioned papers. which they will hand in as soon as Mr Cleveland is fairly seated.

May I trouble you also to send me a copy of the letter. as all letters from my military superiors will be of weight among influential citizens.

With kind regards to Mrs Howard & to the young folks

Yours truly

O. O. Howard

Genl O. O. Howard
Omaha Bks
Neb.

The Ebbitt:

C. C. WILLARD, PROP.

Washington, D. C., [Mar, 1885?]

Gen. Howard.
U.S. Army.
Wash.—

Mr. Round's dinner hour is at six o'clock. If you can see him, or write a letter in my behalf you will be doing a great favor both to me & mine. At present I am an employé as compositor, on the Congressional Record & desire a transfer to some permanent day place.

I remain, sir, with great respect.
Your obdt. servant
C. S. Stinson.

Stevenson, C. S.

Washington
Feb 1885.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
Commd'g Div.
Miss. Div.

Binghamton N.Y.
Mch. 1885

If convenient please favor me with your autograph on the enclosed card and greatly oblige

Respy Yours
F. F. Williams

Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Williams, P. F.

Binghamton, N.Y.
Feb 1885.

Answd

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Fort Canby, W. T.
March 1, 1885.

Dear General:

I have been so busy with my report and other work that I have forgotten whether I answered your report or not. I am thankful for your kindness in sending it to me, and also for the photographs and maps from "Mon Capitaine" Du Paty de Clam. I did not finish my report until about two weeks ago. I spent a great deal of labor on it, and went much more into detail than you did, especially

aside in the War Office to accumulate dust. In the facts we agree, — mine is only a little more voluminous.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Howard and the family, and congratulate Guy for me. He must be very proud now.

Very Respectfully,
John P. Wisser
1st Lt. 1st Arty.

in the preliminary part. I wrote it just as I found it necessary to study the subject in order to comprehend it, beginning with a sketch of the Army organization, and taking up the study of details in the following order, as near as I can recollect:

Strength and Composition of the Army.
Organization.
Instruction and Tactics.
Marches, Outposts, Bivouacs and Cantonments.
Material, Arms and Equipment.
Telegraphy.
Train.
Grand Manoeuvres of the 17th Corps.

With your experience, of course, such preliminary studies were entirely unnecessy, but I wrote mine for the younger officers (though I suppose they will never see it), and they must receive a few general ideas on organization, tactics etc. before they can follow a description of manoeuvres intelligently.

The report consisted of 176 pages of manuscript and a map. I fear rather long, but still not entirely without interest, I hope. I cannot send you a copy, as it was not printed, and I suppose it will be laid

Sherman, Gen. W. T.

St Louis, Mo.

Mch 2. 1885.

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912 GARRISON AVENUE,

St. Louis, Mo., Mch 2, 1885

Genl - O. O. Howard

Comd Dept - Omaha -

Dear General,

At the request of the mother I give this letter of introduction to Charles. F. Gaughly now in Omaha but who has been employed in some capacity at Fort McKinney - I knew his father and mother both intimately at my native place Lancaster Ohio - as also both his Grandfather & Mother. They are, or were all persons of the

highest respectability — If you
can do this young gentleman a
kindness I by you will do so
for my sake, as well as his —

Your Friend,

W. T. Sherman

Mar. 2/83
1885

Hon O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir

You would confer a great favor on the undersigned by sending him you autho graph written on the inclosed cards.

Respectfully Yours

D. C. O'Reilly

Please send two

to Genl. Wheaton's Command, without any further fighting.

Dec 1878 I was in Command of my Troop A. and in response to a telegram marched from Lapwai to Walla Walla in 40 hours, and then pushed on to Pilot rock, reaching there just half an hour after the Generals arrival with the Cavalry.

The next day July 8th we had the affair at Birch Creek in which fight I made the first Charge supported by my present Troop F, and I sustained the advance until recalled at the close of the days work, again at the North fork of John Day I was also engaged, but it was of minor importance.

The Circumstances Connected with the accident at the Snake river are these. Maj. Sanford ordered me down in advance of the Command, to Cross and scout the other side while the other troops were Crossing, I got all my Troop across. and

Fort Maginnis, Montana
March 3rd 1885.

My dear Colonel

I sincerely thank you and Genl. Howard for offering me an opportunity of submitting a brief outline of my field service in the Dept. of the Columbia during the Generals Command of that Dept.

I will be as explicit as I can without if possible appearing under the disadvantage of blowing my own horn.

The expedition to the Wallawa Valley January 1876 was of short duration and therefore unimportant. but in June 1877. I went with my Troop to the relief of Citizens at Mount Idaho. and the Salmon river, when the Nez Perce Indians Commenced their depredations.

On the 17th of June at daylight we Commenced the fight at "White Bird"

which resulted as you are aware in our defeat and heavy loss, but I claim for myself the Credit of saving the remnant of what men ~~xxx~~ fought their way back, on that occasion: After the retreat was ordered I found myself alone (that is as a Cmd.d Officer) with a small handful of men probably about 16 or 17. all the others - who were not killed - having followed Col. Perry up on the high stable land; with those men I fought every inch of the way up that long Canon of 4 or 5 miles until near Johnsons Ranch were I met Col. Perry, but he preceeded me to the house, & left me to continue the fight until I reached the ranch, after leaving the ranch, Col Perry requested me organize the Command, (we had then about 30 men) I took then men of my own Troop - 14 or 15 - and informed Col. Perry that I would throw out a skirmish line, and for him to support me, and I would fight the rest of it falling back, which I did for four miles, when the Indians seeing a Squad of Citizens Marching to our assistance, left us; during my retreat I remained on the line and many times was quite hard way between my own men and the Indians. in order to give my men Confidence, we repelled several obstinate and I may say reckless Charges by Squads of young warriors, when I reached Mt. Idaho several of my horses had two men to Carry; Soon after this I went with my Troop to the relief of State Creek, subsequently joining Genl. Howard South of the Salmon river. at "The Clearwater" I was with the Troop on the right flank, and participated in both days fighting. When General Howard Commenced the pursuit over the Lo. Lo. trail we were assigned

Parnell, Col. 7th R.

Fort Maginnis, Mont.
March 3. 1885.

then with my Trumpeter, two men of "A" Troop & a boat load of Rations &c, started across, but when about Midway - the boat filled and sank, a strong Current and undertow prevailed and after my clothing became saturated together with heavy riding Boots, pistol, Cartridges &c, my strength failed and I was drowning until Mr. Robbins - Scout, dragged me out. I was unconscious for a long time. and then in such a Condition as to be irresponsible.

The action of the sun on my head and the water on my body caused Nervous debility, and brain fever,

(I had been wounded in two or three places in the head during the War) I had a relapse in Walla Walla, which nearly proved fatal: the drowning accident occurred Aug. 16th 1878.

I thank the General sincerely for his desire to aid me in my desire. The Post Surgeons

state that my disability is permanent, owing to wounds aggravated by exposure and hard service,

I have severe winter work under Genl Crook in 1867. 68 which now, at my age is telling on me severely.

Very respectfully
Yours
M. R. Parrell
Ngt.

South Bend Ind
Mch 3, 1885

Dear Sir

Mrs Colfax has asked me to write a life of her deceased husband. I desire to secure as many of his personal letters as I can in the hope of being able to make them tell the story mainly. May I ask you to look up his letters to you, if preserved, & to fwd to me here such as you deem will be of use to me, to be returned if desired. And anything in the way of reminiscence, no matter how fragmentary, will be gratefully rec'd

Yrs very truly
O. J. Hollister

Gen O O Howard
Omaha

Hollister, O. J.

South Bend, Ind.
Mch 2 1885

Answered by L. F. H.

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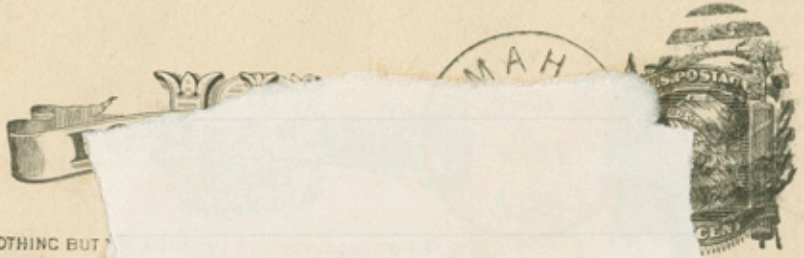
Thurston & Hall Rooms 13-14-15 Omaha Nat. Bk. Bld.

Omaha Neb. 4" 1885

Gen. O. O. Howard! —

Dear Sir: we have been trying to find out where J. P. Stewart lives or is at present. but to no avail can you inform us? we want to get that Note (30.00) fixed up and get your money for you if possible. Give us all the information you can as in regards to Stewart.

Adress "C" Thurston & Hall



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City

Pearson, Col. E. P.

Ft. Sidney, Neb.

March 4. 1885.

Fort Sidney, Nebraska.
March 4th. 1885

Dear General Howard

I sincerely thank you for the honor you have done me in thinking of me for the probable vacancy on your staff. I assure you I appreciate it very much. It would please me to accept were it not, that at this time I am trying to save something to pay off a debt I contracted for the comfort of others in whom I am interested. In the last

three and a half years I have had three expensive moves and a leave of absence and I am now anxious to accumulate a little which another change would sadly interfere with.

I am thus explicit because you kindly invited me to be so; of course you understand I am always at your service without reference to my own convenience.

Very truly and sincerely yours. E. P. Pearson

322 Bush St,
San Francisco, Mar 14
85.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:- For some time past I have been desirous of adding your autograph to my already large collection. Hoping you will send it to an ardent admirer, I remain,

Yours truly
Felix Deutsch

Amd

Deutsch, J.

San Francisco
Feb 4. 1885.

A. H. Bowen,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

Hastings, Neb., March 4th 1885

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Gen. O. O. Howard

Omaha Neb.

My dear General-

In behalf of Shiedlan Post G.A.R. of this city I write you to ascertain if we can prevail upon you to come here in the near future & address the Post & citizens generally on Sherman's march to the sea.

I do not know that you have made any preparation upon this particular subject & do not think it would be necessary, from the active part that you took in that our memorable achievement, an audience like you would meet here would highly appreciate an ordinary "talk" based upon that march.

Hoping that I may hear from you soon

I am General

Very Respectfully

A. H. Bowen

Bowen, H. H.

Hastings, Neb.
Mch 14. 1885.

Answered by the A.G.

Mande to the Gen. #50

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Received at Omaha Neb Mch 5 1885 1884

Dated

To Gen Howard Commanding Dept Winter Ind

The following just received Chicago March fifth. Brig General Howard Commanding Department Platte. The Major General Commanding the Division directs you to retain Command of Department until otherwise instructed signed Ard. H. C. Corbin asst Adj General.

J.W. Taylor a.a. General

Paxton, Col. J. A.
Omaha
Feb 5 1885

Hd Quarts John Brown
Post Nr 76 GAR
Exeter Neb Mch 5/80.

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Genl O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb
Dear Sir

Your letter of acceptance to lecture to us is at hand and in reply we have decided to have you lecture on Gettysburg. We are advertising you to speak on the night of April the 9th & we hope nothing will prevent you from being on hand

Yours Very Respectfull
N. S. Babcock
Post Commander
J. P. Flory
adjt.

Exeter, Neb.
Mch 5. 1885

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Omaha, Neb. Mar 5 188[illegible]

Having purchased the latest improvements for my HORSE POWER CLIPPING MACHINE and secured the services of Mr. E. Conley, the well-known professional horse-man, who has had several years experience with machine clippers, I am now prepared to clip horses on the shortest notice and guarantee good work.

The Machine can be seen in full operation at the Omaha Veterinary Infirmary, 1413 and 1415 Harney street, where orders can be left.

Respectfully soliciting your patronage, I am,

Yours truly,

P. J. GORMAN.

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