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Indian Fund; but on the contrary, its resources have gradually failed - its wide fields of 800 acres - shrunk to barely 200 acres and all its past progress & splendid achievement frittered away to a merely nominal figure.

There is a reason for this; incompetent local agents were selected - more for political services rendered some powerful patron, than for any fitness for the duties of this onerous position. Men, who did not care all they knew of an Indian, by a craft Contemplation of a painted impossible savage - before the door of a Tobacco-mill; their intelligence & sagacity no sharper than the wooden tomahawk the effigy held in its neverless grasp. With such agents, it was not long before the discipline of the Indian gave way - as well as the deterioration of the material farming interests. The Indian Dept: disgusted with the conduct of the incompetent agents appointed a military supervision; & what hitherto had been lacking to complete the collapse of the wise scheme of the founders - was wonderfully hastened by this step. The reason is obvious: the military perform this duty without extra compensation & in a perfunctory manner - and as a consequence neglect the important & essential features of the Reservation namely: discipline of the Indians - & development of the farming in track. This could hardly be otherwise, as the education & training of the soldier - all conduce to fit him specially for his profession & the conduct of a farm or the technical training of an Indian, must

To Maj: Genl: O O Howard

Commanding Division of Pacific.

Sir: Permit me in connection with this communication to present to your notice a memorial which was presented to the people of Humboldt and strongly endorsed - and subsequently forwarded to Congressmen How: Barclay & Henley:

The enquiry has been frequently made: why is Hoopa Valley Reservation not self-sustaining? Though the interrogatory appears to be simple and easily answered - it has continued for 20 years to be frequently asked, no solution to the perplexing query has been reached up to the present time.

The process by which Hoopa Valley has been changed from a fruitful, prosperous, wealthy and self-sustaining hive of industry, to an Indian Reservation in part depending upon the Fed: Govt: for support, reveal not only a dense ignorance of all its possibilities, and gross stupidity; but a wanton exhibition and total lack of all business methods. It is a grave question with many, if the Reservation had been turned over entirely to the Indians at the outset, its usefulness could have been more thoroughly impaired, or its broad acres shrunk to their present meagre compass. Why the mere fact of the transfer of the valley from its industrious and energetic settlers, could have wrought such a change, involves many questions of interest - that a brief review of the settlement and subsequent development of the valley, may not be out of place.

Hoopa Valley, on the lower Trinity is completely isolated from nearly all routes of travel. When the whites developed it under the able management of Capt: Snyder, between 700 and 800 acres were placed under cultivation. This includes the erection of houses, the building of fences, Barns, and the planting of orchards. Surrounded by its russet coronal of Pine & Oak - and hills which lift their heads amidst the clouds - with the crimson glow of Trinity, like a bar sinister across its emerald field - Hoopa Valley was not only a Paradise in name but nature had made it so in fact. The average of wheat per acre was between 55th 30 bushels and oats from 60 to 80 bushels - & both of super excellent quality. Trails were opened, by the settlers, to the Klamath, Salmon & New River mines. A coast communication was made with Arcata - then Unintoon. The productions of the valley were Flour, Oats, and Beef pastured upon the adjoining hills - together with immense numbers of Hogs, fattened upon the annual mast - unusually prolific - which being converted into Bacon, found a limitless market - with the other products in the adjacent camps. The settlers all grew wealthy; & probably no valley in the state of its extent & acreage contained so many contented, happy & healthy settlers as this small valley on the Trinity river.

In 1864 - the Govt: having in view, the permanent location of the various tribes of Indians - & proper security of the white settler - purchased Hoopa Valley from its sturdy and industrious occupants.

According to the report of the Appraisers - John Peet Carey, P.B. McConaugh & John A Whaley, the ^{valley} contained upwards of 800 acres of land under cultivation - all securely fenced - a limitless amount of hill pasture - both for winter & summer range - a Saw & Grist Mill. With these accessories the output of production was prodigious. Under the management of W. H. Pratt the productiveness of the Reservation was developed to its utmost capacity. A. Wiley - then Indian Sup't of the State - lent all his energies to develope this fruitful field of industry - not only as a governmental measure, but with an eye single to better the condition of the Indians - and afford the utmost security to the whites. He caught at a glance, the opportunity to domesticate the Indians - wean them from their predatory & savage habits - & from what they had formerly experienced & done with the settlers - complete their technical training in the cultivation of the soil - & open to them sources of labor, in which which they might profit by their diligence - affording them comfortable homes & an independence from genl: Govt: in the near future. Nor can the wisdom of his views be questioned. Subsequent developments show that the Indians were naturally thrifty & industrious, laboring skillfully in the largest fields - clearing land - cutting firewood - & engaging in every business by which they can earn a moderate wage. Under these flattering auspices one would suppose Hoopa Valley would soon become self sustaining - with an annual surplus for the

Farming tools to work 800 acres-	\$5.000
100 Stock & Hogs	500,
Total -	\$ 7.500

There are from 25 to 30 good work animals on the Reservation at present. The above, carefully husbanded - would not only produce enough for the wants of the Indians - but the Rest could be supplied with every article which a well conducted farm could produce. By skilful management & care the Indians can be taught to till the soil & herd the cattle. The hope of a trifling reward goes far to stimulate their activity. The mistake of our Reservation system, & the main factor to sodden the character of an Indian & make him hopeless & indolent is to deprive him of the honest earnings of his toil. This has done more than anything else to weaken the results of the Reservation system - & render all its subsequent efforts nugatory. Indians, with skill enough to place in position a Pitts' Presher - & run it all day, would receive as compensation a quart of flour. They would hold it up & say with sneering & jeering contempt "this is my wages for a hard days work" The flour cost four cents! Is not this a commentary upon the system? This is all wrong & the sooner it is remedied the better it will be for all parties concerned. A system of rewards and punishments, equitably enforced - a desire to adjust & reconcile difficulties & differences between tribes & individuals - a system of Indians police - with a complete coercive power, would enable

not only be repugnant but abhorrent to nature & education. The desire of the people of the Northern Counties is to make the Reservation selfsustaining, by the appointment of a local agent, who will not only possess an influence over the Indians by an intimate knowledge of their nature & habits - with a complete mastery of their dialects - and tact & discrimination in their management & control. He must also command the respect of the Whites - & also be able to develope the entire resources of the valley - so that in the end the Reservation may be selfsupporting and promote the mental & material progress of the Indian.

Such a man lives here R. J. Walker - familiarly called "Bob Walker" Coming into the County in 1851 with the energetic Durkee - who first projected a ferry across the Klamath River. Young as he was he lost no time in mastering the Indian dialects - & having an acutely retentive memory - his efforts were crowned with success. Mr. Walker is well calculated by nature & training for the conduct of the Reservation. Familiar with the vernacular of the upper & lower Klamath, with a close intimacy of their habits, rites, & observances - & a humane sympathy for their wants. He could bring all his knowledge to bear upon this position. Modest & retiring as he is by nature, he commands the respect of all classes in the 3 counties of Humboldt, Del Norte, & Trinity, & a Petition circulated in his favor would receive the endorsement of fully 9/10s of the tax payers. All the Indians now go to Mr. W for counsel & advice.

from the confluence of South Fork with Trinity to the mouth of Klamath River. Mr Walker's wife is a lady of most exemplary character - God fearing & religious - well calculated to assist her husband in the education & development of the Indians. She has great influence with the female branch of the family; & by her residence in the valley for years - has taught them many useful lessons in house keeping & dressmaking - fitting them for the active duties of our modern civilisation.

The peculiarly loose manner in which Indians affairs have been conducted for the past 24 years must be a grievous source of annoyance to the administration. The leasing of the land to stockmen required a Proclamation from the Executive to remove; & a commission also reported upon the Round Valley Reservation in Mendocino Co: in this State, to the same effect. Fortunately these lapses do not occur in Hoopa Valley. The pasture is still there for the Indian; but void of all live stock - save the Elk & Deer which still tread - almost unmolested - its sylvan wilds. Beef has now to be bought to supply the Garrison Indians - & should the shrinkage of acreages still continue - as in the past, a calculation can easily be made when flour too would have to be shipped for the sustenance of the Indians.

All these statements point to one object: the selection of a competent person for local agent. The reasons are these: it would bring about a selfsustaining Reservation, thereby saving thousands

of dollars to the Govt: Besides this it would place a competent painstaking man, in a position where the management of the Indian would be satisfactory; their keeping secure, & the public safety assured. Mr Walker is not only a thoroughly practical farmer but an excellent mechanic - Blacksmith - of first class order. Once placed upon a selfsustaining basis, the Indians would be stimulated to greater & more continued effort, under the same like influence of Mr W. At present it can hardly be said that the Indians receive anything from the Govt: as the rations doled out to them are but a paltry pittance, which, if compelled to subsist upon this alone he would starve to death but with scimp fare & his skill as a fisher & hunter he manages to keept out the necessities of a precarious existence; with nothing to stimulate him save his needs, no future to elevate his desire or accelerate his efforts. This is the very mockery of that paternal design of the Govt: towards the Indians - which while wresting from them their lands - accepted them "as wards of the Nation".

It can only be too evident from the foregoing, that a radical change is necessary in the management of the Hoopa Valley Resv: all the aid that is necessary from the Govt: to bring about this beneficial change is:

50 Cows \$2,000

50 good work animals harness and
over

the local agent to realize his responsibilities & carry out, intelligently, the beneficent aims of the government.

These views I submit to your favorable consideration. Your known philanthropy is my warrant for presenting them to your inspection. The following deductions are obvious: It would relieve the military of an irksome & unthankful duty. It would be a fair test of Indian capacity - and whether a Reservation could be made selfsustaining - it would fit the Indians for an independant life - there are many now in the country who pay taxes & hold real estate -) the costs would be trifling in comparison to the results. On the second year the Reservation would have a surplus under favorable conditions.

Praying you will pardon my presumption for this trespass on your valuable time

I remain most respectfully
Your obedient servant

James Beitz

P.S. For reference - I present you with Jacob S. Caderay
former Chairman of the Board of Trade

J.S.

James Deeth.

In regards to Indians
Upper Klamath Valley
Klamath.

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The Oregonian in San Francisco.

Northwest people, residents of or visiting San Francisco and California, will find late copies of the

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G. W. PITTOCK,
SOLICITOR.

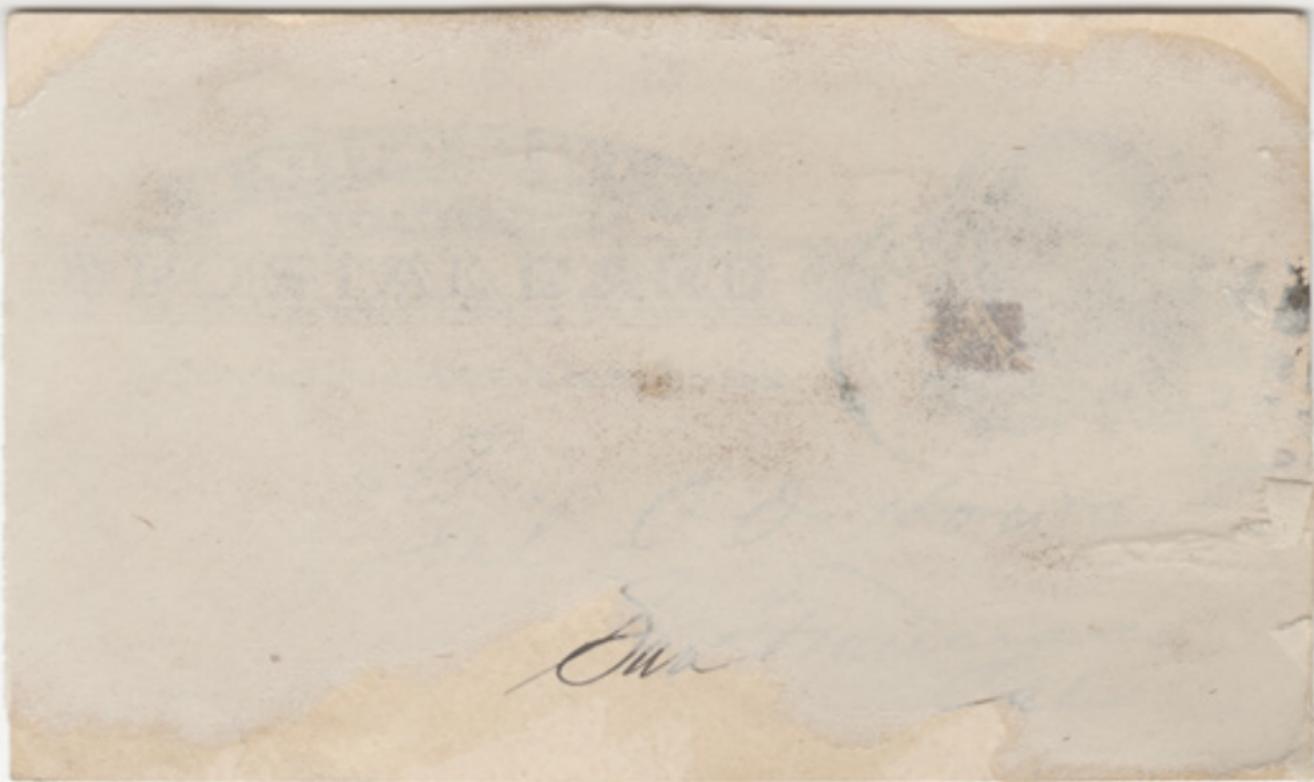
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Respectfully,

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Iles Maines Iowa
Aug 1889

Gen Q.C. Howard

My Dear Sir:

On behalf of my wife - long an
invalid - I write to ask the honor and kind
favor of a few lines from your hand. She has for some
years taken much pleasure in gathering a large collection
of autograph letters of the soldiers of our country.
She is now completing the column with the intention
of presenting it to our State Library. If at your
convenience you will supply a sentiment or favorite
quotation above your signature I shall with Mrs
Strickland feel extremely obliged.

Please accept the accompanying lines which though
of no merit perhaps in themselves may indicate
that the favor requested will not fall into idle
or unappreciative hands, they were written as a
preface for the column toward the completion of
which your kind contribution is solicited. I am
General With the highest respect and esteem

Cordially yours

Pastor High St Bapt Church

E. J. Strickland

M.W. Library

P.S.

Mrs Stuckland is very anxious to secure
some memento from the hand of Gen Custer,
Can you supply the deficit. She will be very
gratefully obliged!

8/16/75.

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also W.M. Morris 1832*

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To Mr C Howard
Compliments of
The Author.



33 Hoyne Ave. S.
Chicago.

Aug 86.

Autographs.

Names are

Echoes of great events—challenge notes
Of retiring armies, glorified by victory.
The roll-call of soldiers who sought,
And died to crown the world
With immortal triumph.

And here are those who fell
Storming the grim dark holds of evil
In their awful power.

And others that glitter as the
Central jewel in a royal diadem,
Priceless—peerless.

Anon we pause o'er
The cramped cypher of a hand
Whose deeds and words glisten
In the record of the age,
Like a solitary star in a rift cloud
Of night's deep blackness.
And the fierce rage of human cruelty
Paled before their rising glory!

And here are words, that like
Whispered cadence breathed in mortal ears
'Midst the soul's thrall—a celestial
Lullaby!—Like distant thunder, that
Doth proclaim the coming tempest;
The upheaval from castellated cells
And made enthroned tyrants tremble.

And here, too, are names of vast renown,
The martyrs fallen in ensanguined fields,
Dying in the struggle for Truth and Right.
Brave warriors! whose blood—
Consecrates the torch borne aloft to-day
By liberty's fair hand, whose flame
Enlightens the nations of the world.
Hallowed names, that shine in human
History, cherished in all hearts with
Love's tender reverence and pity—the
Saviour-Heroes of the race.

Aye! great names, and good
As great. And we halt in the world's march,
Not sorrowing, as before their tombs, and
Buried ashes; but honoring their
Deathless memories. Grand heroes!
Who, while the race shall live, will
Reign immortal and supreme, till
The last page of the world's
History is written.

—REV. EDWARD F. STRICKLAND.

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Odile, Illinois.

File. Ans. Aug 7/16.

Aug. 2nd 1886.

To the General in Charge of the new Post place, I want to speak for

the moral and spiritual advancement of our dear

Chaplains. The soldiers and if I can secure a position among them as a

Chaplain, I will do my best satisfying my own mind

in accomplishing the object for which I have long sought and I think

I am a young married man twenty-five years of age

and by profession a Minister of the Gospel in the Christian Church.

I write to ascertain if there is any possibility of my securing a

position as Chaplain for any Post in the Department of the Potow

M.S.C. I enlisted as a private in St. Louis in 1883 and was

sent to Fort Douglas, Mich. where I served as Librarian and clerk

in the A.C.S. Department for one year where I was discharged upon

Surgeon's Certificate of disability. While in Fort Douglas I assisted the

Chaplain Dr. J.W. Jackson, in many ways, and to him I would refer

for Testimonials in regard to my being competent of taking charge of

the schools and religious services of a Post. I was educated at the

State University of Lexington, Ky; have been preaching since I was 17

years of age and have always been anxious of acting as Chaplain in

the Army. I can give abundant Testimonials from Preachers and

members of my own church throughout this state and other places

where I have labored. My wife is now in Lott-Lake City and I am

in 1921 made to turn to account off the following Performance

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the young self-sown and some business grows so much as
would indicate all the people who remain in residence of their
opinions yet of following year in which it indicates a time of
such apprehension that in fact few of us expect to witness
or even see the 1922 in existence in either a condition to allow
the same consideration as was to make full payment with the
same expectation now to make many more of themselves. And all the
old timers hereabouts have in their full judgment imagined
that there will be some open year in 1922. If the present
year's growth of vegetables and fruit crops in comparison of
the old situation can be said to exceed anything done before all
the new & various varieties used and yet anticipated to place them fully
in market is quite a venture and requires some courage to work
the various new transmitted materials out and to furnish
them with their full value and to reduce
this why not in view of the full growth and the result

G. C. Shomaker

for the present at least of some Post in
the Department of the Potowmack near that place. I want to work for
the material, moral and spiritual advancement, growth and devel-
opment of the soldiers, and if I can secure a position among them so &
con tract and preach, I am sure of at least satisfying my own mind
in accomplishing the object for which I have long sought, and I think
I could do good. There are many honest, sincere and truthful boys
who are going on the downward course, but can be reclaimed if some
good, jealous Christian minister was only located with them to
instruct them in the principles of right and truth. I write to you
on this subject because I am informed that you are interested in
the cause of locating Chaplains in the Department of the Potowmack.

Please give the matter consideration and write me at an early date,
hoping that arrangement can be made by which I can enter upon the
duties of Chaplain in some of the western Posts.

I remain

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servt.

G. C. Shomaker,
Odin, Marion Co., Ill.

Mr. Aug. 9, 1886

and said to have the money with him
and some of the men & family had been with
him and others of the men who had been
with him were with him & he was going
home after his wife and children and
would be home soon.

A bullet had passed through his arm and he
was afraid he would die, so he was going
to make his will, when one of his men said
he would be fine if he would go to the hospital
in Fredericksburg, and he did so, and was
well all of the time, though he was not good
for a day or two, then he got well and was
able to go home.

He died on the 20th of August, 1886.

He left his wife

and son - his wife now

remained here

the winter past

All they had is what the doctor said he wanted.

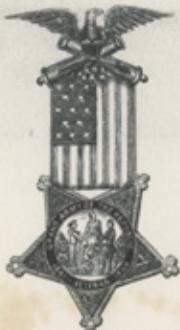
Shoemaker first.

Wisher appointment
as Chaplain U.S.A.

Aug 9

S.C.A - Aug 2, 1884

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The General Committee of Management
in behalf of the
Department of California, G.A.R.
request the presence of yourself and Ladies
at the
Twentieth National Encampment
of the
Grand Army of the Republic.
at San Francisco, California, August 2^d to 7th, 1886.

S.W. Backus, Chairman.

H. Bartling, Secretary.

Invitation Committee:

W.H. Smedberg, Chairman.

D.M. Cashin, W.L. Elliott.

A.G. Hawes, E. Carlson, J.C. Innes

Kindly reply to Chairman Invitation Committee

Chamber of commerce, S.F. Cal.

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232, Sutter Street,
San Francisco.
August 2nd/88.

Dear Brother,

Next Sabbath

afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a
special service at the Young Men's
Hall, 232 Sutter Street. General
O. O. Howard will preside and
there will be short addresses by
Major Joseph Hardie of Selma,
Ala. and Rev: Robert Mackenzie.

Will you please meet
Gen: Howard in the Library
at 2^o 45 p.m. and with other
gentlemen occupy a seat on
the platform during the services.

The meeting will be
for gentlemen only.

Hoping to have the
pleasure of your company,

I remain

Very cordially yours

Say: J. McCoy
Gen: Sec:

Aug 2, 1866

Mr. A.

H. W. Coy.
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Circular for selecting wool to mounting
work.

Several days ago I received a circular from Mr. C. O. G. Gandy of Worcester, Mass., asking if I would be pleased to inspect some of his
fine merino wools and give him a report
thereon. I have done so, and am sending
you a copy of my report, which you will
see is a general one, and applies to
the several kinds of wools he has sent me.

I have also sent you a sample of
the fine merino wools I have
selected for you, and hope you will
be pleased with them.

*file: Dorothy signed
act. Aug 17/1886.*

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OFFICE OF THE
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,
No. 17 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK.

AUGUST 2d, 1886.

SIR :

The Board of Directors, at their Meeting held the 17th of June, unanimously adopted the following resolution :—

"Resolved, That Robert Harris, Frederick Billings, August Belmont, Benjamin P. Cheney and Charles B. Wright, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to issue to the stockholders a circular requesting the designation by them of the said Committee, or a majority of them, as proxies, to vote at the next Annual Meeting of the stockholders on the 16th day of September next, and at any adjournment thereof, for the election of Directors of this Company to serve during the ensuing year, and on all questions and business lawfully coming before the meeting."

In compliance with the resolution we send you the enclosed proxy and request you to date and sign the same and return it by mail, in the enclosed envelope, without delay.

ROBERT HARRIS,
FREDERICK BILLINGS,
AUGUST BELMONT,
BENJAMIN P. CHENEY,
CHARLES B. WRIGHT.

Saturday Aug 17th

Northern Pac. R. Co.
Committee, Board of Directors

No 12 Second Street Men's Room

In regard to proposals for
Genl Howard's stock.

The Board of Directors in their meeting held on Aug

announced adopting the following resolution: —

"Resolved, That Robert Harris, George Pittigree, William Beaman,
" Benjamin F. Clegg and Charles H. Mifflin be and shall be a permanent
" Committee to receive to the stockholders a circular letter
" and the general plan of the new Committee or a majority of
" the stockholders to advise them of the scope
" of the new Annual Meeting of the stock-
holders, as proposed to take place at the next Annual Meeting of the stock-
holders on the 1st day of October of this year
" to present for the election of Directors of this Corporation to serve during
" the ensuing year on the premises, jointly com-
" mittee, without delay.

In compliance with the resolution we send you the enclosed letter and
desire you to give and sign the same and return it by mail to the secretary

as soon as possible.

HOBERT HARRIS

FREDERICK BIRKING

WILLIAM BIRKING

CHARLES R. MORIOTT

EDWARD R. CHENEY

CHRISTOPHER MURRAY

Am. Aug 17. 1886.

Mrs W^m Clayton

President—Mrs. Frances M. Casement.
1st Vice President—Mrs. Eliza Chesney.
2^d Vice President—Mrs. Lydia Wilcox.
3^d Vice President—Mrs. Cornie C. Swezey.
Treasurer—Mrs. Adelia M. Darrow.

Secretary—Mrs. Martha M. Paine.
Corresponding Secretary—~~Miss Louisa J. Bates.~~
Mrs. Clementine C. Beardslee.
Trustees—~~Mrs. Eva C. Burrows.~~
(Mrs. Alma Smith.)

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Equal Rights Association,

Painesville, O. Aug 2. 1886

Gen. Howard.

Res'ld Sir.

Will it be practical
able, and agreeable to yourself,
to give a lecture under the
auspices of our "Association",
any time before Jan. 1. 1887?
If so, please give terms and
date, at your earliest conveni-
ence and greatly oblige

Yours respy

We want a "Popular Lecture"
on any theme you choose,
not on "Woman Suffrage" tho if you like O.
of argument leads straight up to that,
please don't lodge it!!

Mrs W^m Clayton

Painesville

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Portland, Oregon, Aug. 3rd 1886.

Dear General,
San Francisco, Cal.:
My dear General:

Your very kind and welcome letter is dated July 12, 1886, and has in an already gliding into the warm, bright August sunshine. Your kindness in writing would have been sooner acknowledged, had I supposed that your journey would end before this time.

We hope that this will find you at home, and well, and in the midst of those you love.

Mrs. Gray, John and the children must last Thursday, and are now, we hope, safely at your house. Mrs. Gray was not looking well, and we were somewhat anxious to know how she stood the voyage. Have not seen Capt. Gray since them.

Our life here is so quiet and uneventful, in the ordinary sense, that there is little of news to write you. Not at all without much anxiety and doubt, we are happy in our own house, and look

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with much faith and hope to the future. Bus-
iness is rather quiet now; but it always is so
in the law at this season of the year.

Millie is well and send with me the pleasure
of your letter. She has what she calls a "va-
cation" now, her little pupil not attending school
now; and Mr. is making the most of her liberty.
But she has so many plans that I really think
she is busier than ever. I wanted her to go to Cal-
ifornia this summer, but she will not hear of
such a thing. She never cared much for Cal-
ifornia, and says that the climate does not
agree with her.

I see Wood occasionally; he is well and al-
ways busy, apparently.

Millie was to write at the same time, but is en-
gaged with friends this afternoon, and will write you
very soon, with more fullness and interest than I
can.

Will you not write us again soon, and as often
as your busy life will permit? Of all our friends
there is not one whom we think more of than
you. With warmest love from Millie and
myself, I remain

Very sincerely yours
P. B. Howland

Fort Meade, D. C.
Augt. 1886

Sturgis J. D.
Col. of Cav. Cavalry

Solicits immediate
for his son Second Sturgis
of Artillery.

for him on some convenient occasion, as if
on ~~busines~~ business, you could then judge by your
own observation whether or not you thought a
change absolutely necessary -

I am General
My sincere friend
J. D. Sturgis

File. Ans by Gen.

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Fort Meade, Dakota
Aug^t 4 1886
Genl. O. O. Howard
Command: Depart. of California
San Francisco Cal.

My dear General,

My son, Sust. Sturgis,
is stationed at Alcatraz Island and I desire
to invite your attention to his peculiar case
in the hope that you may have it in your
power to relieve the anxiety, in some degree, of
Mrs. Sturgis and myself regarding his health.

He seemed to be suffering during the latter
period of his stay at the Academy, with nervous
prostration - and in a few days after graduating
seemed to fall to pieces, so to speak - and
for a long time we despaired of his life.

Surgeon D. will attended him whilst he
remained at The Soldiers Home - and pro-
nounced his case one of ~~a~~ severe nervous -
prostration - When in the course of time
it became necessary to join his station - he

was compelled to return home twice and undergo medical treatment - and it was not until the third attempt, that he succeeded in reaching his station. Surgeon Dr. Witt was of opinion that it might require several years to restore him to his original vigor - and when he started gave him a letter to be handed to the surgeon of his post, advising him of my son's peculiar ailment, and the nature of the treatment he thought advisable to pursue. One thing Surgeon Dr. Witt especially advised was that he should not over fatigue himself and should be as little as possible on his feet. Now the nature of his duties at his present station is such as to not only require him to be a great deal on his feet - but are calculated to allow him little time for rest or recuperation - Since his arrival at San Francisco, we have had letters from time to time from our relatives there, and they would refer to my son's condition as "he seems to be improving" - or "he was not looking quite so well the last time I saw him, but I think on the whole that I can see an improvement" &c &c. Still, whilst he

never uttered a complaint, we could perceive from the tone of his letters that he ~~had~~ had not his old time buoyancy of spirit - When he reached home, in June last, we noticed that he had a run-down look, and had little inclination to take part in anything going on about him; but after a rest of two weeks, he became thoroughly changed for the better, and at last started on his return trip to California in good spirits & vigorous condition. Now my dear General, if there is anything you can do for him without his suspecting that I have written you - any change or temporary transfer that you can accomplish for him consistent with the interest of the service - where the duties would be less rigorous and exacting - until his health can be completely restored, Mrs. Sturgis & myself will appreciate your kindness to the fullest extent. It is possible that even now, he may be getting stronger - I do not know as I have had no letter from him since his return - but his mother has, and I notice in her letters to me, great anxiety still in regard to him - If you could be kind enough to send



DEP'T COMMANDER,
CHARLES S. WARREN.
SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER,
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Fort Custer, Montana, Augt 4th

Major General O. O. Howard.

Commanding Division of the Pacific

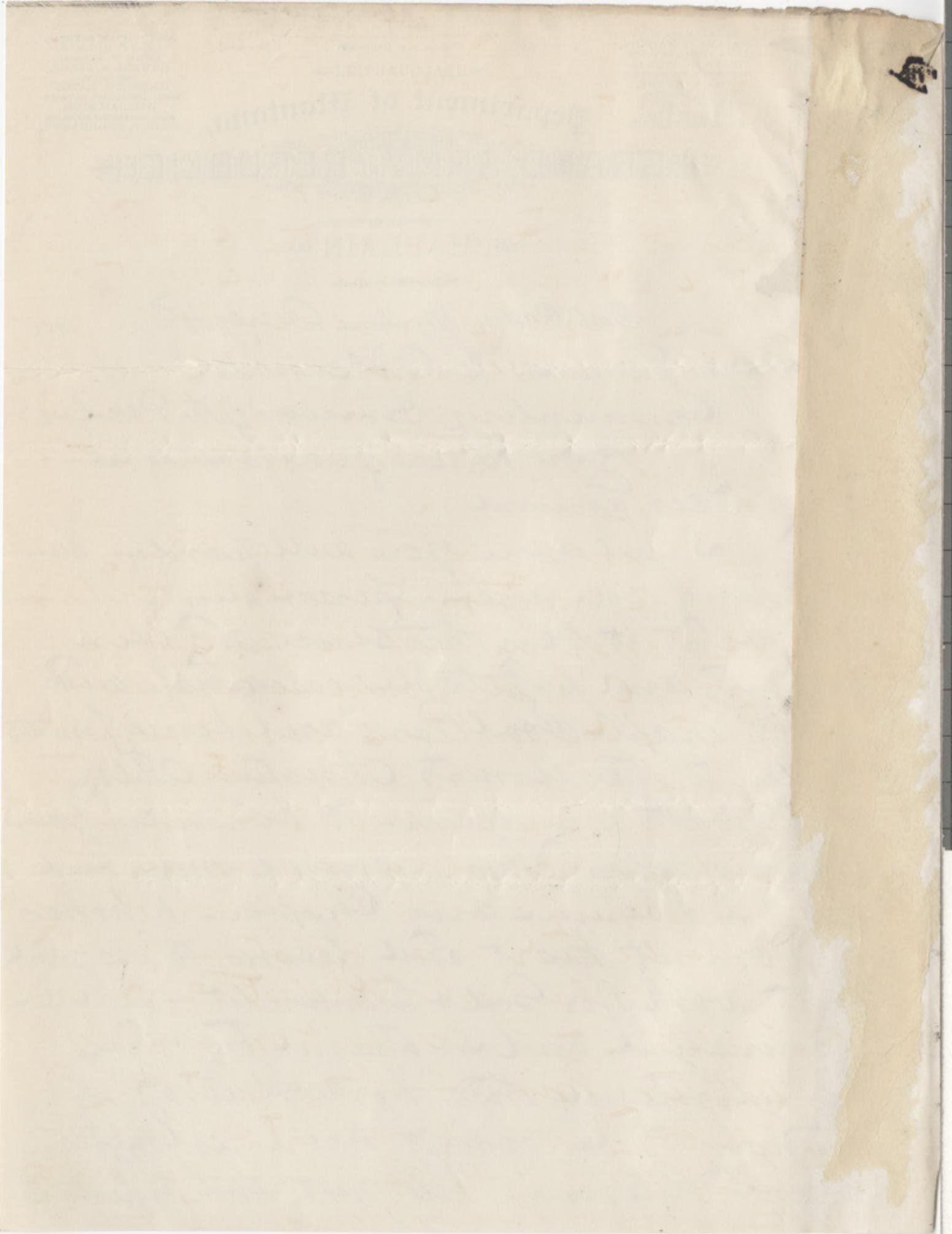
Hdgs Presidio of San Francisco etc

My Dear General

I feel sure you will pardon me
for writing you again personally.

I went to say that since my very
pleasant and profitable association with
you at "Maplewood Park" and being permitted
to listen to the earnest Christian duty
on Sabbath my desire to be under your
administration has increased more and
more and I believe any Chaplain who has
his work at heart and desires to do good
honest work for God & humanity will be
encouraged and sustained by you.

I understand that "First Alcatraz" is
virtually to be vacant soon as Chaplain
Reynor Retires in Feb next and expects to



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I am a Leave of Absence for the winter to go
in September. Now General if you can
feel at liberty to open the way for my
Transfer to the Department of California to
be Stationed at the above named Post I should
blesss it a great favor. And should you do
so. I think I could demonstrate to you my
interest in the work. I will have served
six years in Nov - at this Isolated Post I have
tried to be faithful. I never have tried to
secure a change of station until I late.
My General Health is good with the exception
of some Catarach in head am Our Surgeon think
a change of climate would be beneficial.

I have a Daughter 12 years of age who
must have better educational advantages than
we can have here and unless I can secure a
station where school can be reached It will
create the necessity for the separation of my family
which would be to us an affliction.

In regard to the work at Alcatraz I understand
this in addition to the regular Garrison work there
is a Military Prison - Allow me to say that I
was Pastor of our Church at Stillwater Min.
for three years and had in addition to my
Pastoral work the Chaplaincy of the State Penitentiary
located at that place and enjoyed the work much

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trees are tall and
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ground is covered
with fallen leaves
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water is clear and
sparkling. The
sun is bright and
shining. The
birds are singing
and chirping. The
whole scene is
beautiful and
peaceful.

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If General you should desire to know of
me & my work in Minnesota I would
respectfully refer you to Dr J. F. Cheffer
whom you met at "Maplewood Park"
who has known me intimately since before the
war. Should you come to know of my Prison
work would refer you to "Warden" A. Reed who
still presides there at Stillwater Min - Should
you come to know of me here Surgeons -
E E Price, J. E Pitcher Captain F. K. Apham
Troop "G" 1st Cavalry all stations here at
present know me & my work pretty well.
Should you not favor my going to Alcatraz
I would be much pleased to go to C^{on}vⁿ Valeⁿ
As there is a school of our denomination at
Chaplain Tols 28 miles from the Post where
my family could be located & I could sustain
occasionally - Trusting General that you will not
be displeased ticks me for writing you again personally
on this subject and that you will be induced to send me
the assistance I am one saying that our God may
long honor your valuable life and enable you to set
the noble example you are now doing to your fellow officers
in the Army - I am General very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

J H Macomber.

Post Chaplain U.S. Army

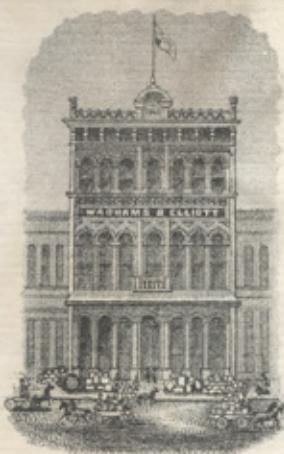
For A. H. M.,
Aug 15, 1886.

Mason & F.
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Wishes transferred to Genl
Howard Command.

✓ New Mex 1886. -

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Portland.

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208 Front Street San Francisco.



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Gen. O. O. Howard,
San Francisco.

Dear Sir;

Last evening on the "State of California" went our old friend, C.W. Price, to S. Francisco. I need not take time to tell you the particulars about the old man; you know so well of him when he first started out for the Master in the years agone when you were living here. Since then he has been down and up, and up and down--the "downs" predominating, until he has worn the patience all out in the case of most of his friends.

Last Monday I met him on the street and he was about half full of beer, as usual. The result of a considerable conversation with him was to the effect that he desired very much to get to S. Francisco, where he was not known at all, with the avowed purpose of getting away from his evil associations here and commence anew for the Master again. Therefore, yesterday I interviewed quite a number of my friends, and got him a cabin ticket, suit of clothes, and gave him \$11 50 in money with which to make a start in S. Francisco and try to get something to do.

While I was raising the money, it occurred to me that my brother, who is City Tax Collector at the new city hall in S.F., is, or was Secretary of the old Soldiers' Home in California. Charlie Price says that he is a Mexican veteran, having gone to Mexico and was a Texas Ranger under Sam. Houston when it was the Lone Star; afterwards enlisted in the Mexican war, and located at Vera Cruze, or somewhere, I do not remember the full particulars.

It has since occurred to me that you would know all the ways and steps necessary to take to verify his statement that he is a Mexican veteran. I do not know that the old man is eligible to admission into the Soldiers' Home, but I may surely count on your sympathy for him, and also any assistance you can render towards getting him into the Home. I have written my brother fully relative to him and told him you would do what you could to substantiate the statement made in regard to his being a veteran, and help--if any help was needed--to secure his admission into the Home.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
San Francisco

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The old man was 68 years old. He had written his will. Now, my brother set up a trust fund for me.

Gen. O. O. H., No. 2.

The old man was 68 years old last February, and is incapacitated for any hard work. I gave him your address, and told him not to go near you or my brother until he should receive a letter from me that I had written you, telling you of his coming and so on.

Now, my brother, I leave the case in your hands, praying your assistance in behalf of the dear old man, who has been picked up, set up, and held up by me so many times, and so continuously for the past ten years.

I regret exceedingly that I was confined to my bed when you was in Portland, so I could not see you; I was suffering severely at the time, and not able to leave my house. I hope it will be your pleasure to come this way again ere long, that I may see you. Should I at any time ^{ever} come to S. Francisco, I shall cheerfully accept your invitation extended me some months ago to call and see you. With great respect, I remain,

Respect'y Yours,

W. W. Williams

✓ Mr. Aug. 1. 1896.

Gen. M. & H. Co. Gen.

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ask consideration for
M. Price, a citizen of the
Mexican Republic.

Mr. S. C. Davis, Esq.

and I have been in touch with Mr. Price, a citizen of the Mexican Republic, who has been here for some time now, and I am advised that he is in great need of money, and that he has no means of support, and that he is in great danger of being arrested by the Mexican authorities, and that he is in great danger of being deported from the country.

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CONSULADO GENERAL de MEXICO,
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SAN FRANCISCO.
581 California St.

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Sir:

San Francisco, Cal. August 5th 1886.

I have the honor to inform you, that having been appointed by the Government of the U. S. of Mexico, Consul General at this port, and having received my Exequaturs from his Excellency the President of the United States, I have already entered upon the discharge of my official duties.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest regards.

A. K. Coney

To the Hon.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Commanding Division of the
Pacific side of Cal.

