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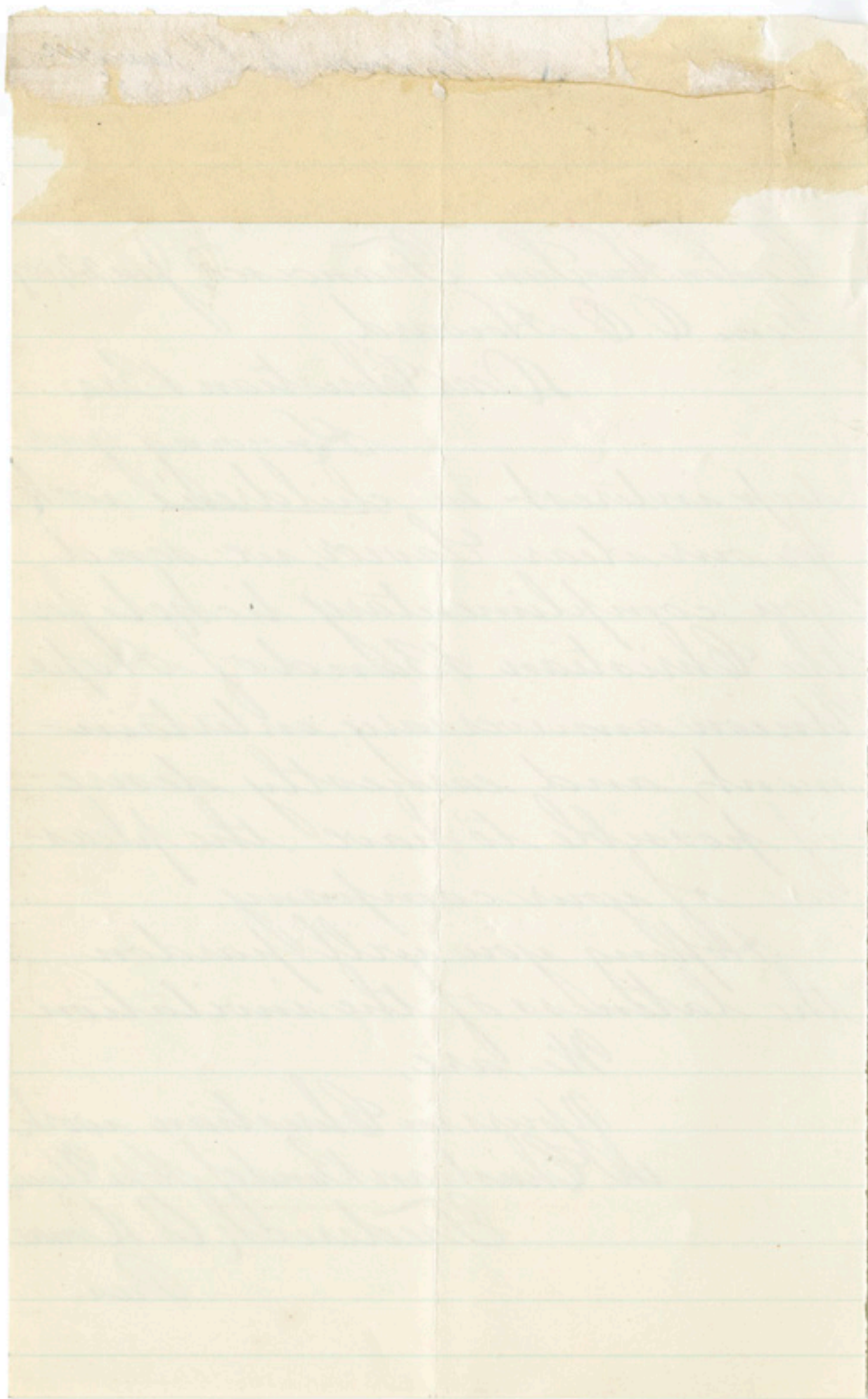
Custom House, San Francisco, Jan 23, 1887  
Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Christian Bra:

Knowing your  
deep interest in children's work  
for our dear Savior, we send  
you complimentary tickets for  
the Christian Band of Hope  
Union anniversary entertain-  
ment, and earnestly desire  
if possible to have the pleas-  
ure of your company.

Hoping you will pardon  
the lateness of the invitation  
We are,

Yours in Christian work  
the Christian Band of Hope Union  
Frederick A. Doane  
Pres.



Auger,  
Rodez, 1887

Fille  
Aug<sup>er</sup> Jan<sup>31</sup>  
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[Jan 22, 1887]

Mon cher Monsieur le Général,

C'est samedi matin, et je n'ai  
pas des leçons jusqu'à midi,  
ainsi je ne puis employer le temps  
pour vous écrire.

J'étais bien content de recevoir  
votre lettre du premier décembre  
et d'entendre que vous fussiez  
bien portants.

J'ai passé des vacances très  
agréables à Albany et j'ai  
vu beaucoup de personnes  
bien aimables.

Maintenant notre école va  
sa course d'ordinaire et

et je suis bien contente d'être  
ici; quoique quelque fois j'ai  
le mal de gorge terriblement;  
mais s'en va, et puis je suis  
heureuse de nouveau.

Tout le monde à Göttingen se  
portent bien et ont eu une  
bonne fête de Noël.

Hedwig va rester à Leipzig jus-  
qu'au quinze avril. Elle est  
extrêmement heureuse et elle  
a beaucoup de plaisir en enten-  
dant des opéras et de bons concerts.  
Maintenant une dame alle-  
mande est ici à Anstover  
chez une des Miss Dove, et elle  
venait me voir l'autre jour.  
J'en étais très heureuse, comme

vous pouvez bien savoir.  
La semaine prochaine Lammie  
viendra ici, après avoir fini ses  
examens. Alors nous irons à  
Medford, je n'y ai pas été  
depuis l'automne.

Est-ce que vous viendrez peut-  
être dans l'été ce printemps?  
Nous avons eu un hiver terrible,  
mais hier il a commencé à  
dégeler et aujourd'hui il  
continue. Maintenant  
il me faut vous quitter pour  
remplir mes devoirs.

J'envie mon amour à Mrs Upham,  
Mrs Howard, Jessie, John et Harry,  
et beaucoup à vous même de  
l'être affectionnée  
Adelheid.

I am sure that time and history will  
vindicate the wisdom of my action at the time.

My family continues in the enjoyment of good  
health and a reasonable share of the  
world's blessings - Minnie & Elly are both  
married and each has four children. Two  
boys and two girls ~~each~~ - Ann is in the  
Catholic Church at Detroit. Cheever and  
Catharine - My youngest son is in Yale -  
Mrs Sherman, Lizzie, Rachel & I are at  
the 5th Avenue Hotel with every possible comfort  
and with men freely passing their hospitality  
on us, there is great for our health - yet we  
stand it, and I anticipate the summer & fall  
with the weather which I am sure has been  
a potent factor in my health & cheerfulness.

I think I have my affairs so arranged that  
if suddenly called I will leave behind a moderate  
yet sufficient maintenance for the family.

Hoping to meet you again in life & strength  
either here in San Francisco, and with best  
love to Mrs Howard & family, I am

As always your friend,

W. S. Sherman

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5th Ave Hotel, New York,  
January 24, 1887.

Dear General Howard.

It is a beautiful habit you  
have to write me a friendly letter of kind  
wishes about New Year Day. That of Jan  
13 is now before me, and I assure you  
that I appreciate all you say. Reciprocating  
every expression of friendship to you and yours.

The season has been most fatal to our  
Army Commanders. President Arthur, Gen Logan -  
Waller, McAlister and at this very minute  
a California friend (Fisher) calls to report  
that General Charles P. Stone is dying at  
his Rooms in Thirty-first Street of Pneumonia -  
He was with me only a few days ago, getting  
ready to take his wife and daughter to  
Louisiana, which he went on to Texas as  
a scheme which he said would be most  
lucrative. His son wife & daughter are  
with him, and at Fisher's request I  
have telegraphed the news to Gen Schepied  
at Governors Island with a request that

he and Cliff arrived at the funeral —

Meantime I am also advised of the death of two of my St Louis neighbors and best friends — Rev. W. G. Elish and Susan Rock, both known to you as eminent Divines and members of the Western Sanitary Commission during the war —

Meantime I am pulled & hauled about by many societies and by social calls, which will surely afford me a good chance to invite friends to my own funeral.

Still as one minute grows less & less each day, I am thankful that my life has thus far been spared, and that I still retain a hold on the love & affection of comrades. I will see General Sherman tonight in Brooklyn when I have agreed to be present at the installation of the Office of U. S. Grant Rock, & you and Sherman were nearest to me at the close of the war, and all I ask of you in the language of Hamlet is to report me aright when I too am gone — for in the crisis of action you

will survive me.

As you say Logan never forgave you for succumbing to Pherson, or for bringing the cause — for years in Congress he made this feeling manifest — but of late years with study, reflection and experience he became much more affable, and at last was impressively friendly to me — I recall a little scene at a dinner table in Washington some ten years ago at which Logan, Matt Carpenter & I were seated close to each other — he was in a lively conversation when Logan turned to me and said — "Give me your memoirs you called me a Political Animal"

I was preparing to answer when Carpenter spoke quickly, "and you Logan have been proving the truth of it ever since" — we all laughed, and Logan joined in. — You know I never used the words "Political Animal" <sup>in the memoirs</sup> but <sup>was</sup> explained that one reason why I prepared you to him <sup>was</sup> that you were always present for duty whereas he and Blair after every success had to go back to Illinois & Missouri to make speeches —

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San Francisco, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1887

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to write you a few lines. and I beg pardon of my intrusion. General. is there any possible chance to get work out at the presidio. I am willing to do any thing. I am a stranger in the city. and I have bin looking for employment but failed on every hand and being a Soldier of the late war I thought perhaps I might get work out at the post. I have a family to support but they are in Colorado. Please General give this your immediate attention. as I am a poor stranger. and with out money. If possible get me employment.

Yours very Respectfully

International Hotel Geo. H. Wiseman

July 17th  
M. W. W. W.

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Washington, D.C. Aug 27 1887.

Wm. D. Howard  
Int. Mass. Black Point  
San Francisco Cal.

My dear Sir.

Your letter is at hand. Mr. Lincoln has so failed in his repeated expectations of being able to close the matter of the Bonds that I no longer count upon his doing so at all. I will speak to him again however, when I see him and inform you if there is any prospect of any outcome from it.

Yours very truly  
James E. Fitch

Jan 21st  
Fitch J. C.

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In Re.

vs.

PLAINTIFF.

DEFENDANT.

LAW OFFICES OF

JOHN H. DICKINSON, 69.

NO. 402 MONTGOMERY STREET,

Rooms 16 and 17.

N. E. COR. CALIFORNIA ST.

San Francisco, Cal. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1887

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Comdg Dist of the Pacific

San Francisco,

General.

In the recent trial of Lieut Weaver at the Presidio, the Court Examined ~~Lieut~~ Major Bennett and Dr Tilton, at their request. This I think was fatal error, and unless you so understand it, I should be pleased to submit some authorities to you for your consideration. I presume the record has reached you by this time.

Should you permit me to send you the authorities please notify me and I will at once do so. Having elucidated the Lieut I am of course interested.

Very respectfully, your obt Servt  
John H. Dickinson



OFFICE OF THE  
YOUNG MEN'S  
Christian Association,  
232 SUTTER STREET.

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San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1887.

Dear Brother,

The regular monthly  
business meeting of the Board of  
Directors of the San Francisco  
Young Men's Christian Association,  
will be held at the Building, near  
Thursday afternoon, January  
27<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 o'clock.

A full attendance  
is desired.

Yours cordially  
Henry J. McCoy,  
Gen. Sec.:-

Yours cordially  
Henry H. H. Corp.

A full attendance

at 3:30 o'clock.

Thursday afternoon, January

will be held at the building, and

bring their children to the

lecture of the American

business meeting of the Board of

the regular meeting

Dear Sir,

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>  
Com. Belknap.

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COMMANDANT'S OFFICE,  
NAVY YARD, MARE ISLAND, CAL.

JAN. 25. 87

My dear Gen,

I propose to re-  
turn your call on Thurs-  
day, the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. and  
will probably arrive  
at your Wharf at Black  
Point about noon &  
then stay -

As we will have  
lunch on board the

charters & say that  
you will make no pre-  
servation of the sort.

With compliments  
to Mrs. Howard from  
your mother, believe  
me

Sincerely yours  
Geo. S. Jackson

Major Gen. A. A. Howard, U.S.A.  
Commanding Division of the Pacific,  
San Francisco  
Calif.

no, an ail, was as for  
line of battle, change of  
on shot or running, was  
with 8<sup>th</sup> Me until bored  
Hartou, then was transferred  
to 17<sup>th</sup> Me, was with  
then until after the  
surrender of, Gen Bee  
baptized a flag of the 24  
North Carolina Regt.  
At Amelia Springs three  
days before Lee surrendered.  
In fact went through the  
whole front campaign  
before Richmond, with  
being away from my  
Regt except 7 weeks in  
Hospital at City Pt from  
a shell wound received  
at Petersburg. Left 30/11/64  
was a private then 8 Me, also in  
17<sup>th</sup> until winter of 64+65  
was promoted to 7<sup>th</sup> Colored

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Answered  
J. A. H.

Redding California Jan 25/87  
Gen O. O. Howard  
San Francisco Cal  
Dear Sir

I have not the  
honor of your personal  
acquaintance, yet I feel  
that I know you very well  
having seen you several  
times during the war;  
the first time I think was  
on view at Washington  
in the fall of 1861 when  
I was a young man of  
18 years, member of Co E  
7<sup>th</sup> Me Regt, also know  
your military history.

I always looked upon  
you as the Haverlock  
of the American Army  
and wished in my heart  
that the army & country  
had more such men.  
I am a native of Maine  
born in the town of Ellipton  
my Birthplace,  
was in vol 7<sup>th</sup> Me from Aug  
1861 to Jan or Feb 1863  
went through the rebellion  
campaign, was discharged  
for disability, but re-joined  
the Army Aug 1863  
and joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Me  
your Regt was with them  
in the advance on  
Maine run in fall of 1863,  
went into the wilderness  
fight, and had 6 men

killed, that struck short-  
and 15 - ~~downed in groups of 40~~  
me, and was knocked  
down myself, and  
poisoned dead, but was  
on my feet in a moment  
and fighting as before, and  
can say truly that  
I was the last man  
to leave the field in  
the Regt - and Brigade  
and I think Division  
that as far as I could  
see on either side of me  
and tried to help hold  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of battle  
after the first had taken  
by going the entire length  
of the left wing of a  
Brigade encouraging  
them to hold their  
ground, but it was of

January 25  
Haynes 1840  
opportunity present itself.

My health is poor and  
I feel that I have not  
very long to live but  
I would like to see my  
boy in position that  
might some day be to his  
everlasting good, and to the  
welfare of people.

Please excuse bad writing  
as I feel so unwell. It is  
with difficulty that I write.

Yours Very Respectfully

Asbury F. Haynes  
Bedding Cal

after transfer of the land  
transferred from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> we  
left a 1<sup>st</sup> Method City, and  
7<sup>th</sup> moved from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> to  
1<sup>st</sup> Street - 18<sup>th</sup>.

The reason of my writing  
to you is that I have a  
son that will be 15 years  
old the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May.  
I desire that he may be  
of some use in the world  
and to attain to that end, that  
he may be educated. If I  
could have my way I  
should rather he would be  
a minister of the Gospel, but  
I am not able to give  
him an Education, being poor  
having lost my property  
and my health broke down.  
An Education in the direction  
of the Ministry would be  
of no earthly use unless  
he had a godly spirit and

love forth work, and I  
have been thinking of  
trying to get him into  
West Pt that he may be  
educated, then he will be  
qualified for most  
any usefull occupation.  
I wish you would give  
me some light upon it  
How far advanced has  
he got to be <sup>in his studies</sup> to get into  
West Pt

Hubert Grant  
Haynes - that is his name  
is my only boy (I have  
two girls,) weighs now  
142 lbs is 7 5 feet - 7 inches  
high in his shoes well  
built, and good health,  
fair brain power, I think  
could excel in mathematics

if he should try he was  
a lot No 7 1/2.

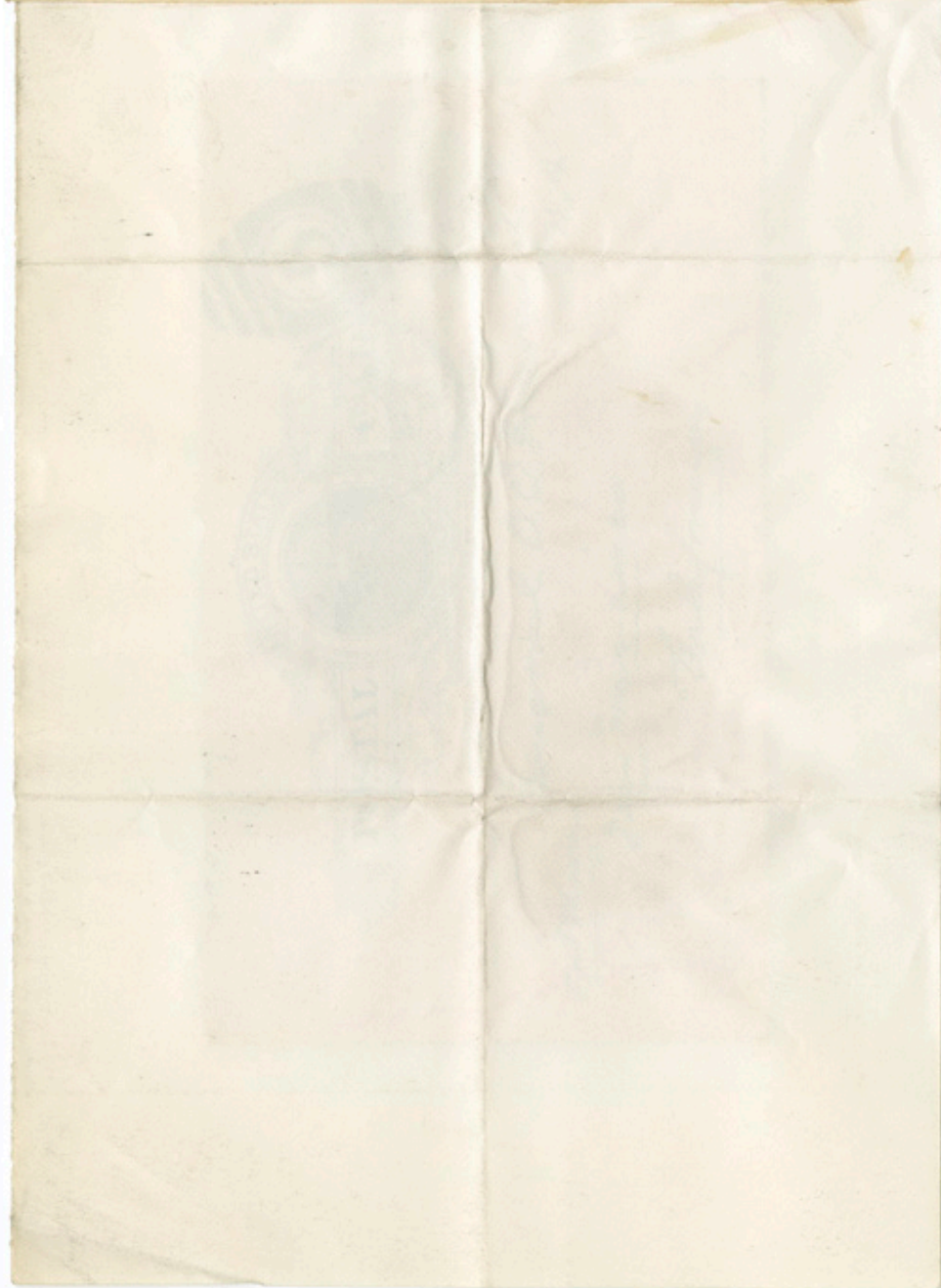
I have suffered for the  
lack of an education  
my father putting me  
in the logging swamp  
when I was 13 years old  
I remained there until

the war broke out I was  
in the war 3 years 7 mos.  
I gave you a little  
of my war history, to  
show you that if my  
boy had the same love  
of country that I have  
and would display the same  
courage upon the field of battle  
with a military education  
he might distinguish himself  
and thereby honor his  
Country and his God, should

JH

Troy, le 25 Jan. '87  
Mon cher père; Je viens  
de bien finir mon ex-  
amen dans l'électricité et  
le magnétisme. J'en  
suis content. Demain  
je vais essayer passer  
l'examen dans le  
calcul différentiel.  
Je me porte bien, et  
je crois bien finir  
mes examens. Voudre-  
si j'aurais la carte  
qui me montrera le  
résultat dans chaque  
étude. Il fait froid  
ici, mais nous avons  
du soleil, heureusement,  
presque tous les jours.  
Il me faut étudier mainte-  
nant. Avec de l'amour de  
J.W.H.

*Handwritten in red ink:*  
1/10/50  
1/10/50



Rev. JOSIAH STRONG, D.D.,  
General Secretary.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE  
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

42 BIBLE HOUSE,

New York, Jan. 25 1887.

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Ans  
July 3  
Major Genl O. O. Howard M. S. A.

Dear Sir:

We enclose you a circular letter, copies of which we have sent confidentially to a few thoughtful Christian men in various sections of the country whose advice and counsel we value.

We feel deeply the responsibility of venturing to make any suggestions in regard to a work so great and so absolutely needed at the present time.

The action of the Alliance has grown out of long and prayerful study of the conditions dangers and opportunities which are common to all who love Christ and their country.

Our duty as representing individual membership of all denominations seemed clear and positive.

Assured of the sympathy of able and thoughtful men all over the land, we have determined to do all in our power to bring about a hearty cooperation of all the Christian churches.

We believe the spiritual life and usefulness of each denomination will be intensified and developed by taking wise and kindly counsel with those of other communions.

The Alliance has been most fortunate in securing the valuable services of Rev. Dr. Josiah Strong late of Cincinnati, who has accepted the position of General Secretary and will devote his entire time to its work.

His book "Our Country" has been more widely circulated and more productive of good than any book of like nature which has appeared for many years.

It has roused public attention and done much to prepare the way for the work open to the churches.

We ask for him your confidence and regard.

Few men have more carefully studied  
the conditions under which we are living  
and we are sure you will learn to respect his  
ability and consecration when he has the  
pleasure of meeting you personally.

We propose to take no public action  
until we receive replies from you and other  
friends, and trust no published reference  
will be made to the circular.

We hope and believe you will cordially  
approve of the proposed action and shall  
greatly value any suggestions as to the best  
method of carrying out these plans.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very Respectfully and Faithfully Yours

W E Dodge  
Pres

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# STATEMENT OF WORK.

PROPOSED BY THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Thoughtful Christians in all parts of the land recognize the duty and necessity of greater and more intelligent co-operation, and more vigorous action, in view of the many and great perils which menace our Christian civilization. Skepticism, by destroying in the popular mind the sanctions of divine law, is loosening the foundations of human law as well. The growing spirit of lawlessness finds fresh illustration in every issue of the secular press. Mormonism, defiant and aggressive, is intent on giving shape to the formative character of the new West. Jesuitism, feared and detested by every great civilized power except our own, greatly strengthened and emboldened by the recent restoration of the order to its ancient rights and privileges within the Roman Catholic Church, looks upon a Democratic form of government as the most favorable to its schemes, and is grasping after power in the New World. The ravages of intemperance, more fearful than those of war, famine and pestilence combined, continue, while the liquor power grows in wealth, influence and impudence,—more unscrupulous it could not be. Socialism is making rapid strides, and convicted Anarchists have many sympathizers. A large proportion of illiterates among our voters warns us of the danger of ignorant power. The Christian Sabbath, that great bulwark of civil liberty, is being rapidly secularized. The wonderful development of our great natural resources and the unequalled increase of wealth, have created a widespread practical materialism; while immigration aggravates each of the above evils. We are being, to a great and lamentable degree, foreignized by the influx of peoples of alien ideas and alien civilizations.

The conjunction of these evils and the fact that, with the single exception of illiteracy, they are all increasing more rapidly than the population, together with the further pregnant fact that the closing years of this century will fix the character of the great West for generations to come, constitute a tremendous crisis in our national history which ought to arouse every Christian patriot in the land.

There is no occasion for panic or discouragement. There is always occasion for a sober recognition of facts; and the hope which recognizes dangers and appreciates discouragements is the most enduring. The forces of good are more than equal to all the forces of evil in the land; the only real danger lies in the possible failure adequately to arouse and organize them.

The gospel is the great remedy for the evils which afflict us. Wise legislation and education can do much to mitigate them, but cannot eradicate them. Sin is the root evil of society. God's remedy for sin, therefore, is the radical remedy for these evils. But it is said they exist and increase in spite of the fact that the gospel is preached. True, and that points to the fact that there is unmeasured power in the Christian church which has not been utilized. Its mighty forces do not move along parallel lines. They often neutralize instead of supplementing one another. Much power is thus wasted. That power utilized is fully equal to all demands on it.

We know that public opinion on any moral question is controlled by Christian men. We know that if the 10,000,000 members of evangelical churches in the United States were aroused and united they could accomplish any needed moral reform. They could restore the American Sabbath. They could settle the conflict between capital and labor on Christian principles. They could procure effective legislation to smite the Mormon monster. They could frown down abuses. They could live down skepticism, and they could grind to powder the gigantic and threatening liquor power. All this if only aroused and united.

*Organic* unity is not the present need. There may be jealousies and strifes within the same communion, and there

may be the utmost confidence and the most harmonious coöperation between brethren of different denominations.

The oneness which is needed is not identity of name or of form, but a oneness of spirit and sympathy, of purpose and plan. We recognize both the existing necessity and value of sanctified denominationalism, which has its roots in historic values, and in differences of taste, temperament, adaptation and methods. We seek not a union of denominations, but the organization of individuals for the coöperation of denominations.

It is of boundless importance to establish some means of educating, consolidating and expressing Christian public opinion, and of affording some channel for concerted action and organized effort. Organization is one of the most marked characteristics of nine-teenth century civilization. It is necessary to great results, whether in commercial, business, political or religious enterprise. Most of the great perils which threaten our civilization, are such by virtue of their effective organization. This is the strength of Mormonism, of the liquor power and of Jesuitism. It is organization which gives significance and strength to the labor movement of to-day; and it is lack of organization which is the weakness of the churches. Intelligent coöperation would strengthen every denomination, and greatly increase the effectiveness of each. It is confidently believed that by such coöperation as is proposed, the spiritual temperature of the churches would be raised, and every form of denominational life quickened.

The Evangelical Alliance for the United States is composed of individual Christians who are members of the various churches. Is it not a medium through which the desired coöperation would be naturally sought and easily effected? The Alliance, therefore, feels providentially called to broaden its work. How is this to be done?

1. Through the organization of branch Alliances. These must be multiplied as rapidly as possible at all the great centres of population, and later in the smaller towns. From these will doubtless grow county and State Alliances, which will aid in pushing the work of local organization, hold county and State

conventions, assist in the work of the National Alliance, and develop other useful functions. In small communities where branch alliances cannot at first be formed, a reliable man should be found who will act as correspondent of the National Alliance. Thus in any crisis we should have thousands of men distributed through all parts of the country, with whom we could correspond, and through whom we could both gain and distribute information.

The clergymen and laymen whom we want to form local alliances are the kind of men who are wanted elsewhere. They are very busy men, with their time fully occupied, so that any time given to a new organization must needs be taken from something else. We can not, therefore, expect them to respond to new demands on their time unless we can lay before them very urgent need, and suggest very definite work; in short present a specific and adequate reason for a new organization. This we are prepared to do. We can suggest the careful study of their own local problems. In some cases it will be the great problems of a great city, varying in different localities with differences of population; in other cases it will be the problems of a lumber region or mining camp, or a factory town. Each community has its local needs and peculiarities which demand local study and local treatment. We can show the value of a thorough canvass to obtain facts with reference to setting the churches to work. The very first step toward a *better* condition of things is an accurate knowledge of the *existing* condition of things. Classes are ignorant of each other. A thousand evils exist because they are hidden, or being imperfectly known are not properly appreciated. It can be shown from experience that for Christian men of the various communions of a town to come together, talk over the spiritual and social needs of the place and organize a systematic visitation for the purpose of learning the exact facts in regard to the religious condition of the people, and invite them to the several churches, greatly quickens the spiritual life of the community and is the surest way to strengthen the churches of all denominations.

Such a canvass is much needed in the cities, and no less in the country. There is a semi-heathenish condition in many country

districts, removed from centres of population, which ought to be explored and evangelized by county alliances. Such work can be done by coöperation which otherwise would not be done at all. It is easy to show the necessity of organization and coöperation in order to evangelize the large neglected population of our great cities. We are prepared to lay before branch alliances in the cities definite plans for reaching the entire population with the gospel, the work to be superintended by the local alliance and carried out on denominational lines with the intelligent and fraternal coöperation of the various churches.

We can further suggest to city, county and State alliances the preparation and circulation of popular tracts of an educational character for laboring men, and thus insure the application of Christian principles to the solution of the great labor problems and social questions of the day.

2. Again, secondly, we can broaden our work and educate public sentiment by holding annually great conventions. The Alliance can command the services of the wisest men and ablest speakers in the land. Let men be placed on the programme who can throw light on the problems whose solution we seek, also men who have been successful in the application of new and more effective methods of Christian and reformatory work. Let their discussions be put in print with the least possible delay, and then scattered throughout the land. Thus, in a dozen years, the Alliance would create a literature of practical Christian work, of such value that it alone would justify all our labor and expense.

When a number of branch alliances have been established in the great centres of population, when the scope of our work is better understood, and, by some experience of the work, we gain a clearer understanding of its needs and responsibilities, then begin the series by holding a great conference in Washington. Make it, as it can be made, the most notable religious gathering of the year, and it will give a tremendous impetus to the work of organization throughout the country. This increased organization will make possible a still greater and more effective conference the following year.

3. Again, thirdly, we can educate public sentiment by making the National Alliance a great bureau of information touching the various lines of work and study which we take up. There can be no question as to the need of such a source of information. On the part of many there is a gross ignorance and indifference concerning the condition of the country. Nevertheless there has been during the past year a great awakening. A foolish optimism which deemed this nation superior to all the laws of national well-being is giving place to a vague sense of danger. Men are open to instruction. There is no literature more in demand to-day than that which treats of the condition and needs of our country. Any one who is supposed to be an authority on such subjects, or on new methods of Christian work, receives constant inquiries from all directions.

The Alliance can easily be made such a bureau of information. Let it gather what will become in time the best library in the land on moral reforms, city evangelization, church statistics, and the like. When this feature of its work is known, it will become the recipient of many valuable books and documents. Let the secretaries of local alliances, and correspondents where there are no branch alliances, send to us papers, facts and clippings bearing on any of our several lines of work or study. Those which we find to be of real value, we can multiply and distribute to our constituency, and have all this matter thoroughly classified and preserved for reference.

The Alliance should, of course, continue the work in which it has already made an honorable record, and doubtless many opportunities will be offered and many lines of work suggested, of which, at present, we have no conception. With a view to perfecting the plans which have been presented, and taking the first step toward their execution, the Board of Managers voted,

1. That a circular letter, presenting an outline of the plans adopted by the Alliance, and asking suggestions concerning the best methods of carrying them into execution, be prepared and sent to prominent men of the various denominations, and that this circular ask for the names of reliable men likely to be interested in the work of the Alliance.

2. That on an early day an announcement be made to the public, through the press, of our proposed work.

3. That we enlarge the membership of the National Alliance, and, as fast as practicable, make it thoroughly representative of all evangelical Christians, and of all parts of the United States.

4. That the Alliance publish, at short intervals, carefully prepared papers, in tract form, which shall give to the public thoroughly sifted facts of practical value, bearing on some department of our proposed work. When the Alliance becomes a great bureau of information, there will be a mass of papers and facts sent in from all parts of the land, which, when carefully sifted and verified, will afford abundant material for a valuable monthly publication.

An eminent citizen of New York once said that one of the benefits of the late war was that it accustomed the people to great ideas. Our own times demand men of great ideas and great hearts. To meet great emergencies and grasp great opportunities, we need great plans. The needed resources to carry them into effect will not be lacking. It is often easier to do a great thing than a small one, easier to raise a great deal of money than to raise a little. The stewards of God's substance will furnish all the means evidently necessary to do that which is evidently God's work. We believe that the proposed work will be recognized as such.

It is eminently timely. Not only do the perils which threaten our Christian civilization demand of us intelligent coöperation that we may meet them successfully, but there is a strong and growing desire on the part of the various branches of the Church of Christ to draw together in closer relations; which desire has been expressed in recent ecclesiastical assemblies.

The Christian churches of our country are called of God to a sublime opportunity. To save our American civilization and thoroughly season it with the salt of Christianity is to give a Christian civilization to the world. To purify the fountains of our life is to purify the streams which are to flow hence into the deserts of heathenism under the most distant sky. If this be true—and who can doubt it—no generation ever had a higher mission or dealt with further reaching possibilities.

If we go forward in the patience of hope, in the largeness of Christ's love, in the strength of a mighty faith, in the inspiration of a profound consciousness of divine calling, in the courage of a deep conviction of divine guidance, and in the Master's spirit of utter self-giving to the work to which we are summoned, the grandest success is sure.

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