General,

I have respectfully to inclose a discharge received by me on the 15th instant, which, in consideration of the fact of my 22 years honorable service and that I have never been tried by court-martial, to say the least, a decidedly peculiar document, and such an one as, in my experience, has been given to men convicted by military courts of specific crime, only.

I was informed, when the paper was handed me, that it was General Gibbons express order that I should be discharged in this form.

I cannot think that he has acted in accordance with regulations or custom of the service in this matter; and knowing, by experience, his contempt for any law or authority which may happen to conflict with the exercise of his own views of propriety in the premises, notwithstanding his assertion that "The law is supreme," I respectfully appeal to you for simple justice in the matter, and ask that, if entitled to an
unmitigated discharge, with character good
bad, or indifferent, I receive it.
As regards his estimate of my moral quali-
ties, that is a matter upon which I am entirely
indifferent, but I do earnestly protest against
his assumption of authority to direct my dishon-
orable discharge, as such a discharge, I contend,
can only be ordered by a court-martial.

Submitting the question as to whether justice
has been done me in this matter, and, if not,
whether the wrong can still be rectified,

I am, General,
Your obedient servant

James A. Gordon.

Major-General G. A. Howard,
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San Francisco, Oct 24th 1888

General Howard

Commodore of G.A.R.

Sir,

I take the liberty of writing these few lines to you not knowing the Rules of the Establishment as I am a Civil War Veteran and a 3rd Army Corps Civil War Veteran. I wish to seek your assistance and hope you will give me this opportunity of doing so. I am a Commodore of the Francis Bartlett Post-6 of Los Angeles and a Civil War Veteran of the War 99th Penn. Vol. 1st Brigade 2nd Division 3 Corps. I fought on your left at Gettysburg with your corps. Bartlett and came home the plant. I need some help to you and tell your what thoughts and more fortunate in a Veteran organization than I can in this note. I hope as a Commodore Loyalty, Charity and Americanism and a Christian to give me this chance.

 yours as a Commodore

Mike Traeger

G. 6. 99th P.V.R.
Francis Bartlett Post-6 Los Angeles Cal
Indianapolis, Ind.
Sept 24, 1888

My dear Gen. C. D. Howard,

My dear General,

Your most welcome letter was duly read, & I enjoyed every word of it--I have a letter from Adj. Gen. Shelby on interest which corroborates your statement about the disposition of your Corps, especially the location of the Division in Cemetery Ridge. He was on the ground & was the best-informed person I found at Gettysburg. I am gathering all facts on the first day at Gettysburg, the disposition of troops, the credit of establishing the line which determined this point on the battlefield. I want to get it straight on unanswerable & where I believe I hope that you will give me access to some history you have that will help me. There has been a disposition to claim what I believe belongs to you.
that great injustice is being done by working up a current of popular opinion that will take you quant to what the truth will not warrant. I believe that God chose you as his instrument in the selection of this great battle field where the high water mark of the rebellion was reached, and where the tide of that rebellion began to recede. When history shall decide and determine the moral issues that were fought over and settled by the war it will be found that God had his own designs, whom He loved, as He loved Nine, at the crises, jointly choose wisely and well, the sacrifice that did so much towards determining the issue of that battle.

I am spending a few weeks here. The solicitude for evils increasing, have thousands come here, with an earnestness that is unbounded. I say this with respect to General Harris. I have called on him - I told him that held a service at your first, he enquired after you and said “Give my loving remembrance to the General.” He has a great kind loving Christian heart. O is proving lovely.
Be a well balanced and most a
First in leading in this Contest.
Both parties claim this State. The Republicans are jubilant to declare
They will carry the State by 65 to 35.
Their friends have taken every bet against
It has offered many their guard in watches.
The Democrats talk confidently of a
working hand, but they have quieted with
I am not familiar with The State. The doctor's
devices ways of the leader to be able to decide.
The Greenbackers are falling into line, the laboring men by thousands
come to pay their tribute, the ubiquitous
and effervescent insinuations come by hundred
to "arise for Harrison," but whether
all will vote as they now humiliated
yet to be settled. If any wishing or praying
For his success, would sound true in
The White House he would go in with
a boom. I am only a lover of
but—my remembrance of past trials
by my sympathy with what I believe
to be a righteous cause, the
pride of The Nation makes my heart
that write interest for the Triumph
of Harrison—I am not as good
as you are, I am not fain to
to the principle of forgiving forgetting.
I can forgive mine, I abominate a
 Rebel, & detest especially a Copperhead.
I know that it is God's promise to
declare "Vengeance is mine I will
refrain", but it is awfully hard work
for me not to say "Amen" while
He is administering his justice.
I have through you be knew that
Col. Shofner's enforcement was not
as pleasant & some cubique as last
year. I am sorry for that
Well God bless you my dear
General - I often think of your
your good home, & while I keep you
all in kind remembrance in my
heart, I often pray for you,
Remember me kindly to your family
& the friends at the Post.

Your sincere friend

Wingfield Scott

To you & Co
Sentinel Building
Indianapolis.
State University of Nevada.

Reno, Nevada, Sept. 24, 1885,

Dear Sir:

You will remember that when you visited our town some months ago, I spoke to you regarding a Military Instructor for our institution.

Under the new law—Senate Bill 186—we understand that sixty officers may be detailed from the Army and the Navy as instructors in colleges and universities, and I am requested by our Board of Regents to ask you to name a suitable officer.
for us. We need a gentleman of good habits and one who possesses teaching power in the direction of mathematics and mechanical drawing. Personally, I desire an officer who neither uses tobacco nor drinks alcoholic stimulants. Although not authorized to make the statement, I am satisfied that our Board will pay the right man what it reasonable for his services here for all that he does for us.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
A Special meeting of the Committee, of which you are a member, at 701 E. 78th St. 7-30 this Evening. Important business. Must not detain you long.

Yours Truly,

C.W. Barlow.

July 27th 1881.
my Sunday Morning Dress Par.

had been the subject of con-

versation. I should make

mention of it for the

sake of being a needless
discomfort of Lord's Day?

On these and any other

points that may occur

to you, I should like much

to hear from you in the near

future. I had the pleasure of meeting

you when here - our talk

was about years ago - of doing

some work in the town.

I send this for troubling

you - which I may realize

in terms of your high

interest in religious truth &

living. Very respectfully,

O. O. Kelly.

Rector St. James Church.
believe, require target
practice occasions.
That as we all know
there is little enough domestic observance in Cal? at
the best - But I have
been greatly annoyed &
indignant that this pub-
lic, official act of pro-
fanation of the Lord's Day
should have been per-
mitted - as its influence
must go strongly to lighten
the moral standard already
too light reposing for the day.
These meditations incend
many of our best citizens
among them at least
first. I am correspond
ments in the parish of
which I am in charge
and two of those were at
the target practice last Sunday.
But hundreds of citizens are
allured to the periods of
feasting was one of the accaba-
ations I am thinking strongly
of raising my voice in protest
of-banning from the public
against such events - And
as I do so I wonder how to
rally up considerable oppo-
sition. I do not, that it might
be well to justify my position
by such support as I can
get from a few men in
military authority
especially, ask yourself on
these points:
As it is in accordance with
the general sentiment and
custom of the U.S., & to
make such a use of theinds
was not the old rule rega...
J. M. BUFFINGTON, PRESIDENT.
C. W. KINSEY, TREASURER.
ISAIAH BRAY, GEN'L SECRETARY.

DEPT. 25-1858

Genl O. O. Howard
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir,

I want to ask a favor which I hope you will feel perfectly to decline if it is not best in every way to grant, and I shall understand the reasons, and not feel at all disappointed.

Saturday, October 6th is the beginning of a vacation week in our schools, and I have thought I would like to take my wife and daughter, and a few of our friends (say twelve or fifteen) on a closing picnic of the season.

My own inclinations of course always lead me to the water and I find the majority of
others like it as well for a day. If we could get a pass to Angel Do it would be thankfully received and abundantly enjoyed. If however the numberless requests you must have for these pleasures are a burden and it would cause the least unpleasantness to the officers and families I know you will do me the favor to say so.

Cordially Respectfully
Isaiah Bray
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Sept 25, 1888

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to forward me your autograph? I greatly oblige.

Yours respectfully,

O.O. Scott

And O.O. Howard,

Washington D.C.
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
BUILDING AND BUSINESS OFFICES, 232 SUTTER ST.
SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA.

Sept. 26th., 1888.

Gen. G. O. Howard,
Phelan Building, City.

Dear General:-

The following will be the speakers for the mass meeting next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Odd Fellows Hall.


"How shall the great mass of unchurched young men be brought under religious influences?" Rev. A. C. Hirst, D.D., President University of the Pacific.

"Are our religious efforts adapted to the young men of the day? If not, how may they be improved?" Rev. C. D. Barrows, D.D.

Will you please be there promptly at 2:45, so we can start right off at three o'clock. Briefest possible preliminaries. The speakers are invited to talk ten minutes apiece. Mr. Barrows may talk a little longer as he is to present the financial claim for the work throughout the State. Will you please allow me to make this suggestion that you insist upon the men talking ten minutes, only. When the time is up give them a signal; have it understood beforehand you are to do this and they won't run over the time; but if the meeting is spun out it will ruin it; it ought
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MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

BUILDING AND BUSINESS OFFICE, 2014 ZION ST.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent events at the school. As a member of the Men's Christian Association, I feel compelled to address the issues that have arisen.

Firstly, I would like to bring to your attention the lack of discipline among some of the students. The recent incidents of vandalism and insubordination have been alarming. I believe that these behaviors are not only detrimental to the school's reputation but also to the well-being of the students themselves.

Secondly, there seems to be a lack of communication between the faculty and the students. Students often feel unheard and Undervalued. It is crucial that we establish a platform where students can voice their concerns and where faculty members can listen and provide guidance.

In conclusion, I urge you to take immediate action to address these issues. The welfare of the students and the reputation of the school are at stake. I would be happy to discuss these matters further with you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Position]
not to last over an hour; be sharp, quick, red hot. I will do my best to work up an audience; if the weather is fine I am afraid it will interfere, but we will trust to the Lord and do the best we can.

Very cordially yours,

[Signature]
Boston Sept 25 1885

My dear General: I shall have to ask you how the Munro report of the Gordon battle is coming. I cannot get it in our present plan at its present length and it will our best discretion. I am very simple.

Yours sincerely

Ella Farnam Pratt
"Wide Awake."

Ella F. Pratt.

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Charles Maginnis
W. Hopwson, \( \text{W. H. City, 30 Sept. 1888} \)

My dear Mr. Flas.

I saw your letter of the 15th inst. last week and have sent a note to my man as directed so that I have finished for the day. This is generally 7 or 8 o'clock P.M. The weather is very fine now and the oil stone work is progressing rapidly. The pavement is becoming very popular. It is indeed a good pavement from the stand point of Economy, Health, Compact but each city interest must be reckoned with for itself - because the city officials very seldom are men who study the experience of other cities. But the project is not slow - it will be completed within two months - perhaps six months - for Berlin.
I have indeed reason to say each word to live pleasing but compatible wisdom. I cannot but fear it will be contrary. I cannot trust all my will. As long as I live I shall never doubt that the least my purpose is also going against another. Then are commendable minds... that now this became you once spoke to me about many of these expenses of it, that I wrote to ask help — it is simply the journey but for myself of the journey back for another myself that is the heaviest expense. I cannot pay for the rest, if I cannot by strict economy growing more — then will you know about Chancery’s returns to you? But remember that what you may give me must not embarrass you in the slightest.

I hope I understand this better. I do not helm from here. But I want him just the coming.

Adeline is preparing her scores for a certified statement of my life. But I cannot be sure that this please help another yet it will have to all of tomorrow.
Gloucester, Sept 30, 1886

Dear Uncle Otis:

This is the Sabbath afternoon, just a week since your letter which came yesterday afternoon, as usual, Grandma asked me to read it to her, again this morning after church, although both you and Bessie of the same date had already been read to her several times. She greatly enjoyed them both, especially your letter where you spoke of the death of Moses. I read the scripture passage to her and then read your letter as a commentary on it. Papa and I enjoyed that lesson very much too. It shows that Moses had a closer communion with God than any man has had since. We found a new meaning for positive meaning in one verse, the Bishop did you know that the Hebrew of that part which is translated according to
to the word of the Lord, to the mouth of God" and the
rabbi say that it means that a
kissed thrice as he died? -
it not seem a beautiful thing.
Grandma does not show any
symptoms of disease but still
continues very weak though she
has had some gain of appetite.
Papa has gone to the Mohonk
Conference of Indian Workers at
Mohonk Lake, New York. He is to
read a paper on the Indian
service. Will Collier went with him
and will also address the meeting.
She spoke to us last Sabbath
evening, telling of a few of the true
Christian life and triumph of Christ
in the deaths of some of the Indians
who were in abject heathenism ten
years ago when Papa Cunham and
I were living in Dakota. She also
showed that the teaching of the
President as to teaching the Indians
all the more eager to be taught and so
had done more good than the
Closing of school had done harm. They reasoned, that insufficient as the government had never let them keep anything which was good, therefore the teaching must be good. so it would not have been taken away — so God's providence over time meant miserable places, even those of the Jesuits.

Our school has been open over 50 years now. I saw a senior, and can begin to see the end of my foundation studies. There are four of us who go down to Evanston, from our house every Monday morning. But Nina, Libbie Rust, and myself, hardly see the other three till the next Friday night, and then we have a good chance to talk it over. I am glad to see John and talk with him. He spoke of going to Europe next year, and I hope that I may be able to go with him, though I do not care that Jim...
You cannot wish for General Hurricane elections much more than we all do here. Grandma is almost afraid to say too much she likes you could she be pacified, for fear she may seem wanton against heaven but it is her heart (she makes it very much). Thank you for the little parable of reward kindness and outward blessings, in your letter to me. I will try to remember it. For my love to Aunt Lizzie and Rebekah. We hope you are all well and happy always.

Your loving nephew,

O. W. F. Howard