Clendenin S.D. Mrs.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
Commander - Dir.

My husband Col Clendenin, has attained the Colonelcy of the 2d Cavl. by regular promotion, and is thereby transferd to your Division of the Pacific - to Fort Walla Walla Washington Ter -

I respectfully request that our son, Dr. Paul Clendenin U. S. A. also be transferd to that Dept.

with permission to delay at Los Angeles to be married —

He has served in this Dept. (Texas) 2 years, and since his commission in the Army —

I commit this request to you, hoping and believing that you can accomplish this object for which I ever pray —

For reference I give you the names of Rev. Jas. R. Warren Dept. Home Mess. on the Pacific Slope & his retired Dept.

My husband served faithfully during the War, and seems upon the frontier, and this transfer would be a great satisfaction to him and would secure our mutual gratitude —

Yours in parental sympathy,
(Mrs.) S. D. Alexander

Fort Ringgold Tex.
Nov. 1st 1888

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Santa Cruz Cal Nov 1/88

Genl O. O. Howard
San Francisco Cal.

My Dear Sir:

Will you kindly write autograph letters for the names appended as so kindly offered by yourself for our building & If you will send them to me I will attend to the individual distribution & collection.

Yours very Sincerely
W. E. Bridgman

Mrs Ada Terrell
Mrs W. C. Parker
Mrs a a Davis
Mrs Chas Fitch
Miss Anna Hedwke
Mrs J. N. Archibald
Henry J. McCoy
J. Spencer Voorhees
Mrs Frank H Parker
Mrs Dr Sye

P.S. = There will undoubtedly be many more to follow in a few weeks, but these I would like now

Bridgman W. E.

Santa Cruz-bal
Y.M.C.A.

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United States Indian Service,

Nez Perce Agency,

November 1, 1888

Genl. O. O. Howard,

San Francisco Cal.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a voucher for claim of "Old Captain John" in the service of the U.S. Will you kindly consider the same. annex thereto such certificate as the circumstances of the case require. and return the same to me with instructions as to my course therein. or transmit it yourself to the proper department for adjustment.

If you need suggest or advise and change in the statement of the claim. I should cheerfully adopt them and thank you for the same.

Capt John though growing old retains still the fire and strength of former years.

Very respectfully your Geo. W. Norris U.S. 2nd Agent

Norris Geo. W.

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Ans Nov. 13th 1888.

Voucher returned to Mr Norris

A. H. HUBBARD. GIVE P. O. ADDRESS IN EVERY LETTER.

ESTABLISHED 1868.

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Hubbard Brothers,

Branches: Chicago. Kansas City

Manufacturers & Publishers,

HOME OFFICE:—723 Chestnut St., Phila.
MANUFACTORY:—402-406 Race St., Phila.

Philadelphia, November 2nd, 1888.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

We write to ask if you have anything ready to offer for publication, either by subscription or in the regular trade. We presume you know our reputation for making large sales of subscription books, and we may add, we are now doing a large business in the line of the regular trade.

We would like to hear from you relative to this matter, if you have anything to offer, or if you have anything in mind you would be disposed to prppare specially for us.

Awaiting reply with much interest, we are,

Yours respectfully,

Hubbard Bros.

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Hubbard Bros.

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Oregon City, Nov. 2, '88.

General:

I hope you will not feel I am intending, for I address you on a matter of considerable interest to me.

I am writing a family history and have traced our ancestry to a point where it is barely possible it connects with yours, and, if so, you may be able to give me information which I should value highly.

My parents were accidentally drowned together a few days after I reached my sixth year (I am now thirty) and my memory of them is very limited. My Howard grandparents are dead and also eight of their ten children. Having often been asked questions

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concerning my people that I was unable to answer I determined two years ago to collect all the information I could from those yet living and place it in the form of a history. I have had better success than I expected; but I want to feel sure I have gotten all there is to get and that is my excuse for troubling you. If it is as I think it may be I shall feel both pleased and honored and if it is not I trust there is no harm done.

I had written my reasons for thinking your family and ours sprang from a common ancestor but it made too long a letter. Others who might know something of it have failed to answer, so I apply to you for

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the coveted information.

Will you please till me if the given name of your Grandfather Howard was John Eager, if he had a brother William and parents named John and Rachel, natives of Maryland and of English descent?

I would be much pleased to hear from you on the subject and will gladly answer any questions you might see fit to ask.

Very respectfully,
(Miss) Eugenie Howard.

Or. City, Oregon.

To Major General O. O. Howard,
Headquarters Division of the Pacific,
San Francisco, Cal.

Howard Eugenie

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San Francisco 2d Nov 1888

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Friend

Referring to my request for you to attend the opening of the Chapel on the Cor. of Pierce and Green streets next Sunday Nov. 4 at 3 o'clock, I will ask you to send me a Postal Card if it is not convenient for you to be present

Very Respectfully Yours

Stephen L. Smith

7 Montgomery Avenue

Smith Shepard S.

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Scott Winfield

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Indianapolis
Nov 8th 1888

My dear General

I just returned from Chicago. I had a very pleasant visit with your brother Gen C.H. Howard. He went over with me the point I wished to obtain on Gettysburg & I was greatly interested. He is to prepare memoranda for me which I feel sure will be of great value. He also put me on track of other information which I desire.

I was much pained to hear through him of grandma's severe illness. He said that she was very bad, but had been a little more comfortable the past few days. The dear good soul, how my heart has always been drawn out towards her-

I have always carried about with me the memory of her sweet face, that always looked beautiful to me. Her Christian life was pure gold. How pretty proud her sons can be of such a mother. You know that she will be there to greet you when you are called to the heavenly home.

My extension came all right. Many thanks for your kindness. I shall leave here the 15th inst. & probably reach home by Dec 1st using only 15 days of the extension.

Give my kindest regards to all the family.

Sincerely Yours

Winfield Scott

File North J.W.

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Oleander - Fresno Co. Cal
Nov 6. 1888.

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

As you are prominent in the work of the "Young mens Christian Association", I venture to write to you for information as to the present limitations, as to membership in that association?

A few years ago, I remember, it was limited so that Unitarians were not permitted to join it, not being what was considered Orthodox in religious belief. Having lived for many years in localities where no Associations existed I am not informed, as to whether the same limitation still exists, or whether a larger liberality prevails.

I would also like to learn whether young men of virtuous character, and pure lives, yet subscribers to no Christian creed, are admitted to membership.

From what I know of the practical work of the Association, I am prepared to appreciate it:

But as the "Evangelical churches" of this state embrace but five percent of the population, I am thinking whether similar work may not benefit the immense majority who do not take the christian name? And incase the "Christian Associations" are too limited to admit those who do not take the the name, whether it might not do good to organize Associations that will do a good work practically, though not technically "christian"?

By giving me the information desired you will confer a favor on

Yours very appreciatively

J. W. North

P.S. I was once introduced to you by General Eaton, at Washington, as Judge North. Of course I do not expect that you could remember me.

J. W. N.

as I see it every thing was working toward the universality of the canteen, and it still is, for Congress will at once be invoked to legislate it into a legal existence. The wisest, most thoroughly enlightend christian consciences of the Army should unite on a policy with respect to the canteen and lead in ejecting it from the Army, or in adopting it with all possible checks as the most practical solution of the drink habit. I often earnestly wish there might be a convention of the christian people of the Army to deliberate upon such questions and mark out the wisest course, as an aggressive and defensive policy relating to all moral questions affecting the Army.

I beg of you to entrust me with your confidence and opinions on these various aspects of the Chaplain's scope of work and indicate such policy as you think should guide all the religious forces in the Army. Such suggestions as you confide I will carefully utilize as you direct, either in the paper or as private views.

Kindly pardon so long a letter.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,

Orrill J. Nave.

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Nave O. E.

File
ans Nov. 19th 1888.

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Ans. in line
Nov 13 1888

Fort Omaha Neb. Nov. 5" 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir;

Permit me to request a copy of your order prohibiting gambling in the Division of the Pacific for publication in the Army Sword and Shield. I rejoice in the courage that beards hoary customs that degrade men, but which for their long possession are too often defended. This advancement of the lines will no doubt encounter severe criticism and opposition, but your action is in accord with the action of all the States of the Union except one, or perhaps two in the South, and will receive the endorsement of legislators, jurists, clergy, and above all the Christian heart of this land. Your order will thrust upon the attention of the public the importance of more general prohibition of this pernicious practice.

There is a matter of great importance relating to the moral condition of the Officers of the Army about which I have for some time thought of soliciting suggestions

from yourself, one which I want to treat in the Sword + Shield. It is the Officer's club rooms. I regard the Officer's club rooms as the most formidable seat of Satan in the Army. I mean those where drink is provided and gambling practiced. They menace the morality of all the young men entering the Army. Here they meet their superiors and must accept or reject the mistaken hospitality of their seniors who invite them to drink. The strain is too great for a large majority. Worldliness is so aggressive. It hesitates at nothing. This spirit rules in the Officer's club room. It is a place slippery for the feet of the unstable and full of danger for the unwary.

I hold that a room set apart by orders, public property, should be guarded against being usurped by the drinkers of a post and made unfit for the moral and religious. Bacchus has no more right to take possession than the Chaplain has to usurp it for all-day prayermeetings. The club room as the social rendezvous of a post should be free from every thing that would be offensive to any. I have said nothing in the Sword & Shield about this matter, for I appreciate how sensitive a subject it is, and with what prudence any steps should be taken looking toward changing their character. I wanted to obtain your views, knowing that you must have deplored their character these many years. But, General, the time is at hand, on account of the mighty temperance revolution now working, when you will not bear to deplore and tolerate such things longer. As a Chaplain in the Army, I feel that this is within my province, and that therefore it is not presumption on my part to communicate with you, privately, on this subject. I do not believe in legal reformation, but I do believe in requiring obtrusive drinkers and gamblers to keep their practices out of public places.

In the Nov. number of the Sword & Shield I have ventured three articles on moral lines, where I am sure I do not stand alone. One on saloons outside military reservations, and how to mitigate their evil influence. One on post traders, under the head of Amusement Rooms Again, and the third on Sunday Observance. I am anxious, not for my own sake, but for the cause sake, to have these propositions widely endorsed, and endorsed by those who are in high places. I have carefully canvassed these subjects and am sure I am not amiss on them as phases, of the moral condition of the Army, of very great importance. The check given to the Canteen by the Secretary of War affords relief from a corrupting institution. As a choice between evils I elect the Canteen except for the scandal to the army of a traffic in intoxicating liquors with the enlisted men, supervised, managed and conducted by officers, and on account of the corrupting bribe that its profits constitute. Like high license it blinds the eyes, and I have not been able to see any mitigation of the drink curse when its profits were turned to company funds. And so far

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Stockton, Nov. 5, '88.

To Gen. O. O. Howard,
San Francisco:—

Dear Uncle:— Please retain all mail for my husband at your office as he will, I think, be in San Francisco Wednesday morning.

With regards to all,
In great haste,
Helen D. Howard.

Howard Helen D.

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File 100.

San Francisco, Cal.
Nov. 5, 1888.

Gen Howard,
My Dear Sir,
I presume to write you a note this morning to get advice in regard to a young son of mine, who has foolishly enlisted in the Marine Service and is now at Mare Island.
He is only 19 and has been overpersuaded by some one, I am unable to say whom to enlist against my desire and advice.
He writes me a very penitent letter and is very anxious

to escape from the life of
idle soldier as he turns
and settle down to something
more compatible with his
inclinations. Any help either
by personal influence or
advice will be most
gratefully accepted.

If I knew your address
in the City, I would be glad
to have a personal interview
with you - and with your
permission will call at a
time convenient to you.

I know you only from
reputation, yet feel as
if I appeal to a friend.

Yours most sincerely
Mrs. J. D. Rodgers.
1336 Valencia St.
San Francisco.

George D. C
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George D. Rodgers is the
name of the young man
referred to in my letter.

L. D. R.

Rogers J. D. Mrs

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File 101

Oakland, Cal.,
Nov. 6, 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir,

If you can, will you be kind enough to give me the address of a Mr. Houghton, paymaster in the regular army?

Sincerely yours,
Mary E. Smith.

Rec'd
Nov. 9th 88.
GHH

No such P.M.

Smith Mary E.

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File 101.

San Francisco
Nov 6/88

Gen. Howard –

Dear sir:–

We should very much like you to come down to the first Ging-Kindergarten next Thursday

morning at half past ten o'clock.

Yours sincerely.

C. F. Williams

Williams C. F.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

BUILDING AND BUSINESS OFFICES, 232 SUTTER ST.

SAN FRANCISCO,

CALIFORNIA.

November 6th., 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Phelan Building, City.

Dear General:-

Next Monday evening, the 12th. we are to give Mr. David Walker, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Sydney, N. S. W., and Mr. Herbert Fairfax, membr of the Board of Directors of the same Association, who have been delegates to the World's Conference at Stockholm, Sweden, a reception at our Building. We are very anxious that you and Mrs. Howard should attend. We expect Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Alexander, and other prominent Association friends will be present. Please dont fail to be present as these gentlemen have received great ovations throughout the country.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Dwight Cox

Wilson Hall
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