Bowdoin Alumni Association
Of New-York.

Dear Sir:
You are invited to attend the Twentieth Annual Dinner of the

Bowdoin Alumni Association of New-York,
at Hoffman House, Madison Square, Wednesday Evening, December 13th, 1889, at 6:30 o'clock.

Very respectfully,
F. H. Dillingham, Secy.
344 Lexington Avenue.
Borough Alumni Association

Of New York

Dear Sir:

You are invited to attend the Twelfth Annual Dinner of the

Borough Alumni Association of New York

at Hoppin House, West 164th Street, New York,

on December 15th, 1932, at 6:30 o'clock.

L. A. Diligent, M.D.

Chairman, Invitation Committee
Major General Howard:

Dear General:

Your favor of the 4th was duly received. I have seen James Steel, and he and I will trespass the ways to the extent of our power, for Mrs. Nora Grant Rice and her husband.

Your familiar signature is always a welcome sight, but it calls up memories of grateful companionship that has made most of my life so pleasant, and upon which I so confidently leaned that it brings a sick of homesickness.

I saw Chief Joseph's statement, but I made allowances, and so must you, for the circumstances under which it was given, for that is a very important factor and must be taken into account. Joseph was Gen. Gibbon's guest, and was treated with the courtesy and consideration; he was feasted and flattered by having distinguished people brought to meet him and to dine with him.

The questions which are put in his statement were put by Gen. Gibbon himself, and as Joseph speaks no English, they were communicated to him and his answers translated by Chapman, who is employed by Gibbon, and devoted to him. Now I don't doubt Joseph, nor Gen. Gibbon, nor even Chapman's honesty, but it was not like Gen. Gibbon to conceal what he expected the answers to be, and we know how easy it is to accommodate our views somewhat to those of the distinguished and powerful host who has treated us so kindly, and, indeed, how difficult it would be to do otherwise. Then must be taken into account the difficulties of a nice interpretation of the Indian tongue, of which you have yourself had many examples, as well as the poverty of expression of the language itself, and you have some very important factors in the means taken to get at this expression of Joseph's opinion.

That is the way it looks to me, and it will require evidence to convince me to the contrary.

Gen. Gibbon made a great deal of Joseph, treating him with the utmost distinction, lionizing him, and introducing him about until Joseph's head would have been turned if it had not been an Indian. The greater the warrior—Joseph; the greater the victory for Gibbon. The newspapers were full of the Chief, and his picture occupied all the shop windows.

It is difficult to understand Gibbon's attitude in respect to the Big Hole fight. In his lecture, which was very long, he demonstrates, in order to show the valor and fighting abil-
ities of his command, that the Indians repelled the attack upon
their camp, drove him into a position of defence, held him there
completely surrounded, covered his entire position with their
fire, harassed them by burning the grass, and had him so com-
pletely in their power, apparently, that hope was almost gone
when, suddenly, the Indians, finding themselves beaten, stole away
under the cover of darkness, and the command were left with
delight at finding themselves saved. A singular coincidence,
but lightly touched upon in the lecture, was the presence of
your own command as the Indians drew away. There was not an
officer, unfamiliar with that story, present at that lecture,
so far as I could learn, who did not go away with the thorough
belief that Gen. Gibbon's command was saved by the presence of
your troops, notwithstanding his laborious attempt to prove the
contrary. It is really a good deal like Terry's story of
the man who beat his adversary, by inserting his nose between
his teeth, and in this manner pulling him down to the ground
on top of himself, and firmly holding him there until others
came and pulled him off.

He is a queer character, always on the wrong side of every
popular question; always at loggerheads with his superiors'dom-
natic, intolerant, he has but one friend among his equals in
rank and ability, and that is—Gibbon. He is gracious and
kind to his inferiors, and this has a considerable following.
But it stops at his inferiors, for he does not seem to desire
to be on good terms with his superiors. He always reminds me
of the Irishman who had just arrived in this country, and who,
on being asked which political party he belonged to, replied,
"I'm for the party that's a'gin the government". That is about
where he stands. He was on no better terms with his own party
when in power, than he always has been with Republican admi-
istrations.

The world will not agree with him in reference to the
selection of Cemetery Ridge. He belongs to the Double-day class.
He is too free with his opinions to have them carry much
weight with thinking people. He has a certain kind of popu-
laritv out here, but he does not command any weight or respect.

I saw Capt. Gray the other day. He has secured the unan-
imous endorsement of the Washington Legislature, and they have
called upon Senator Squires to take the case to the President
and request his immediate action. It is a strong document, and
I believe it will win the day, I do not get over to Vancouver
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often, so I have not seen Grace and the children for a long
time. Give my congratulations to Jamie upon the accession to
his family. I expect you and Mrs. Howard are happy at having
so many of your children near you again. Give our love to
them all.

Now a word as to Chambreaux. I have just received your
letter about him. Chambreaux comes to see me when he comes to
town, but he was very feeble when I last saw him, and I expect
he is not able to get into the city, on account of his condi-
tion and the winter weather. It is not work he wants, for he
is not able to do anything, except some light thing like his
duties while with you. His son, Joe, has a very fine position
with the Union Pac. R. R., and it seems to me, ought to help him
pecuniarily, if he is in need. But I am inclined to think that
he does not. Joe is on the point of going to Omaha, if he has
not already gone, as the O.R.N.O. is merged into the Union
Pacific, and all the railroad offices are combined at Omaha.

What would help Mr. Chambreaux more than anything else,
would be to have his pension granted. I have helped him, from
time to time, with the proofs, and they seemed to me to be suf-
cicient, but he can hear nothing from it, and "hope deferred"
you know the rest. There is, in my opinion, no position in Portland,
outside the government service, that Joe and I could push him
for, that he could fill. It is a pity, but it is true. I re-
turn your letter as requested.

Thank you for what you say of Fred. He will not gradu-
ate dangerously near the top, but he is too fond of what young
people call a "good time" to stand where he ought to stand.
I think he rather committed himself when he told you once when
he was a little fellow, that he did not want to be a better
man than his father.

With sincere regards to yourself and

Mrs. Howard,

I am Yours truly

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INSURANCE COMPANY
HARTFORD, CONN.

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Dec 18, 1889

Dear General Howard,

Yesterday, late in the day, by accident I came across your note of acceptance, which through the carelessness of our affieboy had been stuck under the frame of a large picture done up, in our outer office.

I regret exceedingly to have for a moment given you any trouble on this matter any suspicion of unfaithfulness on your messenger. I apologized to
him this morning.

day to you. I trust
account of the Union Legion
affair has not slighted or over
looked any of the Army. Especially
those of our friends, who are
in that service. The affair was
a very grand one indeed, and
gold lace, handsome, men and
beautiful women were in the
large majority. No wonder in
all this show, that our reporters
should have become bewildered.
The affair was worthy a European
launch.

I trust you will pardon
our carelessness about the letter.
I'd believe me that I hardly think such a thing will ever occur again in this office.

With kind regards to yourself and family.

Very truly yours,

Wm. R. Farrell
The Young Men's Christian Association of the City of New York,

TWENTY-THIRD STREET BRANCH.

James McConaughy,
Secretary.

52 East 23d Street, New York.
Dec. 18th, 1869.

Major General O.O. Howard, U.S.A.
Governor's Island,

My Dear General Howard:

Our Sunday afternoon meeting has largely increased in attendance this winter and the spiritual results are very encouraging. We have desired for some time to have you give an address to the young men at this meeting, and Mr. Smith, our gymnasmium instructor, who is chairman of the committee in charge of it, has been to Governor's Island two or three times to see you and ask you to come, but has always been unfortunate enough to find you absent. Will you not give us a Sunday afternoon at your convenience early in the year? If it would suit you we would specially desire to have you come on the first Sunday of the year and give an address to young men that would be specially appropriate to that day. If Mr. Smith is fortunate enough to find you at home he will be glad to give as full information as possible in regard to the meeting. If not, he will leave this letter for your consideration and reply, and we will be very glad if you can promise to be with us on Sunday, Jan. 5th; or if that date is not convenient, any Sunday in February. The hour of the meeting is 3:15.

Sincerely Yours,

[Signature]

James McConaughy.
Dec 18-87

Dear Sir:

Having received a description of your lecture on Gastric Cancer, I am very much obliged. I will hear from it from a very respectable writer in a good cause.

Yours respectfully yours,

E. T. South

Genl. S. Howard

N.Y. N.Y.
New York, Oct. 29th

My dear sir,

I received today a letter from Mr. Charles B. Dana, the inquest for some one connected as a soldier. He has been severely criticized, etc., in his behalf. I feel professed to him as far as to tell him he is a clerk. I am of him. His father,

The Rev. Charles B. Dana,

was the doctor of my church.
for many years - He had much affection - married late last autumn. Of whom Charles is one. First, not Charles here. He came down from Washington & my church quite often - I was confirmed in it by Bishop from
Philadelphia in 1858. He often expressed to me his hope of rising from the ranks, and reiterated his purpose to accomplish this by study & hard work & the constant place of being first back into the ranks. Known to need the need of discipline & discipline in the army & do more than ask for
Mr Dana, all the forbearance that is consistent with your patriotic duty. This official wrong both
must fully, but lastly a degradation should actully usheter him & lead to his own. I perfectly ask the best - you can do for him. Very truly yours,
Yours etc. Henderson Siler
Indian Rights Association,

1305 ARCH STREET.

Philadelphia, December 18th, 1889.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N. Y.

My dear Gen. Howard:

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter just received from Chaplain Pierson concerning whom I have already had some correspondence with you. I have written Mr. Pierson that I would send his letter to you. I have answered his other questions. I do not see that I can do anything more in the matter.

Believe me, with kind regards,

Truly yours,

Herbert Welsh
December 1887

Governor's Island, N.Y.

My dear Governor:

I have the honor of enclosing a letter that I received from Captain Pearson concerning whom I have already had some correspondence with you. I have written to Pearson that I would send him the letter to which I have answered in the enclosed.

I do not see that I can add anything more in the matter.

I remain, my dear Governor,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Meeting Island, Cal., Dec. 8th, 1855

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Dear Sir,

I notice that the free of New Orleans visiting the Apache prison now before the will decide upon their removal elsewhere. What do you think will be the outcome? I think they should be permanently located where they can have better opportunities, especially for an industrial education, than at Inferno, and there I think an asylum born with them, as a truly Christian would be better for them. However, my judgment is nothing firm, compared with those who have been giving this matter their attention for years.

The more I think of it the more I am impressed that somebody should go to them with the Gospel of Christ. If I can
be of use to them. I shall be glad to spend any time among them, and bring them to the saving of possible.

If you have had large experience in Indian matters I wish you would kindly give me your views as to what plan would best be adapted to teach them with the Gospel.

If I am sent to them to look after their moral, how do you think would be the best way to reach them.

What do you think would be the whole number employed in their care by the Government. Would some Army Officers be put in charge of them, and would they have an industrious teacher, and watch for their children in the schools. Of course as Chaplain I wish to be placed in charge of those among them as I am an old hand having had an experience of 36 yrs. among Indians, however, of course I will suggest that as a possibility. I am only anxious of their welfare and not willing to do what I
Washington D.C.
Dec. 19, 1889

Dear General,

I returned from Dakota last night, having seen Gen. Ransom this A.M. who said that he had furnished the data asked in your letter of Nov. 12th.

I saw Cho. in Chicago.

Yours truly,

C. Huttlesy
Dec. 19th 1889

Major General O.O. Howard
Governor's Island, New York

My Dear Sir and Friend,

I have just seen the Rev. Dr. William M. Taylor. He spoke freely but stated frankly that as President of the American Missionary Association, the organization preferred that he should not recommend or aid anything that was not under their immediate control. He therefore could not do it. But bid me God's blessings and success. I shall therefore have to ask you, again, to endeavor to find some friend or friend, who can render more efficient service to aid the Ranison Richards Institute. I am General

Most Truly Yours, Rhodod Mitchell
Principal 2nd Superintendent.
Major Cole, P.M. Normal

My dear Sir,

Your favor 17th reached me safely.

I will confer with Past. Foster and think without
question that he will be glad to have you present the
Flag from this Post to this school and you can easily
lead up to it when making your address to the children.

The other Flgs will be presented Sunday afternoon
3rd Dec 29th—Sunday evening Jan 5th and Sunday
evening Jan 12th—would be more than proud if you
could to arrange to present any me or all as every one
recognizes you as a great man of the Sunday schools,
in addition to being a prominent figure in our late war.
If you can, probably will you will you honor us at one of
not more presentation aside from the church that Past. Foster provides us? 3rd

Yours & Command

David W. Wilson

Sec'y of Committee.
Wilson David H.

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Dear Sir and Companion:—

At a Banquet of this Commandery at Delmonico’s on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, 1889, the following resolution offered by Colonel Henry M. Porter, U. S. V., was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Commandery be tendered to Major General Oliver O. Howard, U. S. Army for the valuable and interesting paper, “General Grant at Chattanooga,” read by him this evening.

Very Respy,

Your Obly. Sert.,

Geo. H. Porter,
Recorder

To: Major General Oliver O. Howard
U. S. Army
Governors Island
City