May 27 th, 1890.

My Dear Sir:-
We are preparing our plans for next season, and the commie
tee desires me to request you to speak at our Sunday afternoon meeting for railroad men, on october 26th, at 4.15. I very mandy hope you may be able to come. If you will consent and will notify me at once I shall be greatly obliged.
Yours very truly,

Maj. Gen' I 0. O. Howard, Governor's Island.


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## Heavenly Pilgrimage.

A picture painted for the chancel of the Central. Church, Worcester, Mass., by Sarah W. Whitman, of Boston, and unveiled in the church, Sunday, May 5 th, 1889 .
"Now they desire a better country, that is an heavenly." Нев. ii : 16

This picture is intended to set forth and emphasize the great fact that the real life of the spirit is one life-continuous and eternal ; that it is not broken, but more completely revealed by the shock of death; that beyond the grave it is the same life of truth and love and righteousness that we try to make it here,
only more radiant, more beautiful, more real. This truth can be only imperfectly expressed in any language, by any forms or terms with which we are now familiar. Hence one must not seek to read the picture as he would a guide book - looking for precise definition and exact description. Like a prophecy or poem, the picture suggests far more than it defines ; and yet its real meaning, the main story which it tells, is unmistakable.

Through the centre, along banks, brown on one side and green on the other, flows a silent river, the river of death. On this side -the left as one faces the picture-are three figures of women whose faces and whole bearing are calm with serious confidence. Carrying a laurel wreath, a harp and a cross, they may be called Beauty, Truth and Goodness; or, if one likes better, they may stand for all those high and divine virtues, after which we here strive, and which shine most as one nears death.

These figures lead a long procession which winds slowly down to the banks of the river -the procession in which we are now walking, the prccession of life as we see it here in its better, its more ideal aspects, moving steadily on towards the future inheritance.

On the further side there is a child, smiling, with flowers, over whom bends with a certain firm, yet gentle touch, an angel, clad in dark violet robes - the Angel of Death mysterious, awful, yet in reality perhaps the tenderest of all God's ministers ; figured often in poetry and common speech as grim and frightful, as crowned with terrors, and having a hand of ice, yet more truly here imagined as womarly, as maternal, as the one through whose offices the spirit, freed from the burden of the flesh, is like a little child, new-born into the realms of blessed life. Back of this figure stands the Angel of Life, whose attitude is that of the calmness of energy, and from whom power seems to go forth; and beyond him a throng of glad figures, touched with gleams of light and vital color, move on and upwards in long and shining ranks through the luminous air.

The whole picture is full of motion, of vitality, of light. It gathers up and fixes in beautiful forms and colors, and by them speaks to us again and afresh, our best and truest faiths and hopes, as they are inspired by Him who hath made us in His own image " after the power of an endless life."

Major General 0.0. Howard, Governor's Island, N.Y.

My dear General Howard:
The First Brigade of the New York National Guard intend to have a field day on Saturday next May 31st, the day after Decoration day, at Van Corland t Park with 7 regiments of infantry, 2 batteries of artillery and a troop of cavairy. I think the manoeuvres will be very interesting to you. Every effort has been made to keep the project from being made public, so that the regiments will have no notice until the previous day, and for this reason no official invitations have been sent to any one to be present; but I am authorized by Gen. Fitzgerald, commanding the Brigade, to invite anyone I may wish unofficially, and I should be very glad if you and your son Lieut. Howard should find it convenient to be present. In case you desire to do so, you can reach the field ry taking the 6 th Avenue elevated road at South Perry at 10 minutes before 8 on Saturday morning and go to 155 th St- there take the New York \& Northern train at $90^{\prime}$ clock, and this will land you at Van Corland station at 9.15; there you will find an orderly and a carriage which will take to Gen. Fitzgerald's headquarters. The manoeuvres will occupy the greater part
the day, and we should expect you to $l$ inch with us of the staff about 1 o'clock, and you can start back about 4 by the same route, arriving at South Ferry about half past five. Kindly let me know if we can expect you, aud if foreside io not let the con the known until Salctidey Yours truly,


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