The Military Service Institution,
OF THE UNITED STATES.

Governor's Island, N. Y., Dec. 20th, 1890.

General O. O. Howard
Chief Engineer M. S. I.

Sir:

I am directed by the Executive Council of this Institution to invite your attention to the subjoined list of subjects, submitted for the Prize Essay of 1891, and to request that you note on the margin the order of your preference, and return the same, with any additional suggestions you may wish to make, to this office, on or before Jan. 10, 1891.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Secretary.

LIST OF SUBJECTS FOR THE PRIZE ESSAY OF 1891.

Horses and Horsemanship in the United States with relation to a Cavalry Reserve.
Schools for Enlisted Men. How they should be organized and conducted.
Physical Geography in its relations to Military Operations.

1. The study of ground.
2. The training of officers and soldiers as explorers, reconnoiters and observers—their employment in the production of maps.
3. Descriptive topography, field sketching and photography.

The Army organization best adapted to a republican form of government, which will ensure an effective force.

Suggestions for a system of tactics for Nocturnal Manœuvres and Offensive Operations.

The influence of Smokeless Powder, small-caliber Rifles, and Magazine Guns, on tactical movements in action.

Electricity, in its application to the Military Service.

The development of Individuality in modern armies.

* Additional subjects may be inserted here.
† Signature of person receiving this Circular.
Boston, Dec 20th, 1890.

Gen. O.C.O. Howard
Governor's Island
New York, N.Y.

My dear Gen. Howard,

your brother, Gen. N.B. Howard, said some last evening that he thought you would be willing to write us an article for Education, we send you a copy of the Dec. number. Education is a monthly of high standing; goes to hundreds of libraries and leading educators. In our Jan. number will be articles of commanding interest by Dr. of College on "The Children Opportunity in the West."
Hasson Frank H.
20nd R.S. Coen & L Education
I Harris L.P.O., in "The Proper Love
2 the Y.C.C. in the Edu-
cational Field."

Could you not furnish us
an article say of 3000 to
your words on "How I
was Educated," or some simi-
lar theme?

We can not pay large
prices. We will pay for
same article $10. Cash x
1 yr. sub. to Education.

Please let us hear
from you soon. Very respt.

Yrs.,

[Signature]
New York: Dec. 20, 1890

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governors Island, N. Y. Harbor,

Dear Sir:—

Kindly bring to the office at your earliest convenience, your pass-book, so that it can be adjusted to date, to facilitate the Assignee in making his report.

In behalf of the Assignee,

Yours truly,

Dictated H R H

Henry R. Wardell
My dear General:

Since have your commission been in mind since arrived, and until this morning have not been able to devote sufficient time to properly attend to it. However, today, after quite an interview with Mr. Griggs and while I am anything but satisfied with the result, he has at least promised to make an effort to settle the matter. He began by stating how unfortunate he had been in all his land speculations during the past year, but how hopeful he was for the near future. I told him this would not do, that he must give me some definite assurance that I could communicate to yours. He said I will endeavor toward it at once make every effort to dispose of the property, and while may not be able to save him from some loss, there certainly get a reasonable sum for him. These suggestions giving a deed for the fire lot and closing your account, but this he said he could not do. He also said you need not have the least apprehension of being sued for the remaining sum or interest after making an engagement for something before the middle of January, when something definite will be decided. Left him, hopeful to send some good news. A letter came yesterday from Mr. James Howard telling us of Jerry's continued improvement.
good kindly ask mine in regard to the present
landing of his branch still have over three hundred
dollars deposited there and the draft they gave me
for it is now on its way for collection. I trust it is
not involved with the Chicago branch.

Mrs Hopkins joins me in most affectionate
wishes to all.

With great respect,

Mr. E. Hopkins.

Major General
J. Q. Howard, U.S.A.
Governor's Island.
N. Y. C.
San Francisco, Cal. Jan 20th 1890

O. O. Torrance

Dear General:

Your note of introduction given to Dr. M. E. Hopkins
was delivered personally today. I have explained to the doctor
that three of our distributors' stocks have decayed during
the year, which has delayed one in getting your
matter settled up. I can assure you that
you need not fear being called upon
for the balance due on the ten
lots. All I have been waiting for
was to sell the lots to get you your
$175 back. As Dr. Hopkins explained
at one point, that you want the
matter closed out to get what you
can out of it. I will use my
utmost endeavors to get some
one to take the contract
pay the amount I can get. I assure
you General I have neglected your

Invoices turn out to be poorly, but I am in the same buy & in proper.
I learned as high as $100 for but / I made other mistakes which tried myself up for some time. I came, unless there is a change in the market. It has been absolutely impossible to sell anything out of San Francisco. I can only assure you I will do the best I can for you the next ten or fifteen days to help you off of this business. With my kindest regards I remain

Your truly yours,

[Signature]
My Dear Gen. Howard,

I do not feel I have a right to interfere in the matter of which you were kind enough to speak to me yesterday but it seems to me you ought to consult a good lawyer in regard to the position of your deposit with Mr. Kean.

I notice by the statement of the affairs of their Chicago house in last night's "Post"
that their whole deposits in New York were only $2,000, and it seems certain they must have known for weeks that they were insolvent.

Even if the intention was good it was not honest for them to take deposits from you and you ought to insist upon security.

Forgive my speaking of this. Very Sincerely Yours,

[Signature]

Major Gen. O.O. Howard.
To The Camp Memorial Church

The 141 Baptist Church hereby leases to you the premises
141 Church Street, New York City
for the term of one month from
December 22, 1890 at the agreed
rental of Sixty Dollars being the
interest on $12,000 at 6% for one
month. This lease to terminate
on January 22, 1891.

You are to have the right to
make any alterations or improve-
ment in said property provided
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New York City.
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[Signature]

Richard Williams
Dear General,

Enclosed please find Lubbert Bros' check for $15.00 payable to your order for our Church Fund.

John & Henry Lubbert were both in our school about 20 years ago. Henry promised to get one another subscription.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dear Mr. [Name],

I am much in favor of your kind office and application.

I would like to be notified as soon as practicable of action taken.

In January I shall go to Boston to attend an address I gave the 4th. I wish to trace all call upon you, if you can let me know to-day what may suit your taste or convenience. My love and esteem and best wishes, I am truly yours.

[Signature]

[Address]

Washington, D.C.
Dec. 22, 1890

General,

I have today sent an application for my son's contract through my company commander, Capt. [Name]. I wish to state that the purpose of this letter is to express the desire of the same to continue to enable him to continue his work as he was engaged in this city. The Secretary of War has approved the application and the
To Mr. Hand, of Harvard, Permanent Island, Wharton.
Office of the City Chamberlain

New York, Dec. 22nd, 1890.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

U. S. A.

Governor's Island.

My dear General:

Some time ago an Association was formed for the purpose of carrying on religious work among the letter carriers and clerks in the New York Post Office. Mr. Moody is a member of the Advisory Board having the work in charge. This Association proposes to hold in addition to weekly prayer meetings, five monthly meetings on the following dates namely:

Jan, 23rd.
Feb. 23rd.
Mar. 23rd.
Apr. 20th.
May 18th.

These meetings are to be held in the Hall known as the Small Hall in the Cooper Institute Building in this City. At each of these meetings it is proposed to secure if possible an address by some gentleman of prominence, upon some subject to be selected by him, and calculated to interest an Association of the Character mentioned. Several gentlemen connected with the work have expressed an earnest desire to secure your services as a
Dear Sir,

We are pleased to report that we have heard from several members who have recently joined the Association and who have expressed interest in becoming active in its affairs.

We are confident that the Association will continue to grow and that its activities will become increasingly important to our members. As you know, the Association's primary goal is to promote the interests of our members and to foster a sense of community among our subscribers.

I hope that you will join us in our efforts to make the Association a more effective voice for our members.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Date]

Lecturer for the meeting to be held on Feb. 23rd, the subject of your talk to be chosen by yourself. I venture to write to you to ask you, if your engagements will permit of your favoring the Association with an address upon that evening as I know the interest which you have taken in various forms of Christian work. I should be pleased to give you at any time, any further information that you may desire in relation to the work of the Association and the names of those connected with it. If you feel that you can deliver an address upon the evening of Feb. 23rd. I wish you would have the kindness to write me to that effect at your earliest convenience, mentioning the subject of your talk in order that I may have the lecture properly announced on the printed cards to be issued by the Association.

You may possibly recollect that I had the pleasure of meeting you a little over a year ago at the St. Nicholas Dinner.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature: C. T. Alice]
I am pleased to be given the opportunity to have you at the A.I.M.I. meeting on Thursday, May 27th. I know that you have been spending a great deal of time on various forms of Chemical work. I am sure that you have found it a pleasure to give to the Association new and interesting information on the work of the Association and that you now see the need of those connected with it. If you feel that you can help in any way toward making the evening of the evening as efficient as your experience would have the kindness to write me so that I may have the pleasure of being at the meeting.

You may be interested to know that I had the pleasure of meeting you a number of years ago at the St. Nicholas Dinner.

Very sincerely yours,
MAJOR GENERAL OLIVER O. HOWARD, U. S. A.,
Governor’s Island, N. Y.

Dear sir:—

You are most cordially invited to be one of the guests of
the New York Board of Trade and Transportation at their Annual Banquet
which will take place Thursday Evening, January 29th, 1891, at Delmonico’s, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-Sixth Street, in this city.

We take the liberty of sending this preliminary invitation with the hope that you may be able to arrange your engagements so as to be present with us, and request the favor of an early reply.

A formal invitation will be forwarded when prepared.

Very truly yours,

Darwin R. James,
Wm. Henry Arnoux,
Seth E. Thomas,
Wm. Steinway,
Frank S. Witherbee,
Wm. H. Parsons,
Ferdinand P. Earle,
Committee of Arrangements

by Darwin R. James
Chairman

Jordan L. Mott,
James Talbot
Thomas F. Main,
Oscar S. Straus,
Herman Oelrichs,
Erastus Wiman,
Frances B. Thurber,
New York Dec 22 1890

Major Gen C O Howard, USA
New York

Sir

Having read your article in the NY Herald of 14th inst please permit me to invite your attention to a few facts. In April 1861
the Seventh Regt. of this city was a well drilled
militia regt of about 1000 men. The officers said
it was a "model" regiment. During the
Civil War this regt never fired a shot at the
enemy, never were under fire, never were
on a battle field, never killed or wounded
one of the enemy, no member was killed
or wounded or captured by the enemy, and
the regt never trod on rebel territory.

The Seventh did a few weeks camp duty
in Washington in the Spring of 1861. They
did garrison duty in Baltimore in the Summer
of 62 and '63. They reid to New York in July
'63, and did not go out again during the war.

In July 1864 when the rebels were within
five miles of Washington, and when President
Lincoln had called on New York for Militia
to repel invasion the Seventh stayed in this city
Police Inspector Murray once said, "For a fight with a mob at close quarters I would rather have 100 policemen with clubs than five military regiments with guns." It is true that many members of the Seventh withdrew to join other organizations and did good service in order to fight for their country and to withdraw from the Seventh. Many of the Seventh's motto is "For Country and God." As they did not fight for their country, where does the glory come in? I am yours truly.

J. T. Tilton