American Home Missionary Society,

Bible House, N. Y., May 16, 1892.

General Noron, Sir,

My Dear Sir,

I shall be glad to see a brief interview with you tomorrow morning, if agreeable. I will come over on the 10:30 boat.

The Camp Chapel matter and something in the same line—only larger—City Missionary and Church Extension matters in these two cities— is the subject and I know how
deeply you are interested in them.

With much respect,

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Stokes.
My dear General Howard,

I wish to thank you for Mamma and myself for consenting to take my father's place at my marriage.

It will give us all the greatest pleasure to have you with us at that time, and you—
are the only one now living where I should be. Thank you for standing in my father’s place.

So soon as a definite date is decided upon I shall write you in all probability within a week or so.

Mamma joins me in kinder remembrances and expressions of pleasure in your acceptance.

Yours truly,

P. Peterse
May 18th, 1892.

My dear General:—

I have at last found a few moments in which to draw off a list of topics that might be suitable for an address on such an occasion as our School's commencement exercises, and in addition to the list of topics, I have outlined some facts upon the first topic suggested. I don't know whether you can make much, if any, use of these suggestions, but send them for whatever they may be worth.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

Gen. C.O. Howard,
Governors Island, N.Y.
TOPIC NO. I.

The opportunity of the Young Men's Christian Association. -

I. As furnished by the value, character, condition and needs of young men.

1. ---Their value, as a class: - leaders in all that is good and in all that is bad, - the dominating force in politics, society and the church.

2. ---Their character: -gregarious, - impressionable, susceptible to good and bad influences.

3. ---Their condition: - nomadic, homeless, exposed.

4. ---Their needs: -
   (a) physical, (b) social, (c) intellectual,
   (d) spiritual.

II. As furnished by the growth and progress of the Association cause. -

1. ---The increasing favor which it meets with, on the part of the churches, the pastors and Christian business men.

2. ---The growth in membership, of the Associations and especially of their working committees. (See marked copy of "A Quarter Centennial.")

3. ---Its greatly increased facilities, furnished by its multiplying buildings, constructed with special reference to its special work. (See marked copy of A Quarter Centennial).

4. ---The growth of the Association idea, i.e. the intelligent comprehension of both the definite aim and the true scope of the Y.M.C.A. work.

5. ---The opportunity for the special and thorough training of
TOPIC NO. 1

THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE VANCE PEOPLI'S COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Committee of the Vance People, constituted and headed by

   V. P. White, is a class: teacher to all that the teach

   and in all the forces that the committee coins, society and

   the committee.

   -THIRD ODDITY: - Extravagance, Impressionable, Weakness.

2. Their committees: humble, homogeneous, exposed.

3. Their persons: moderate, promising, exposed.

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4. If 1. The increase of the growth and progress of the Association

   cause.

   -SECOND ODDITY: - Extravagance, Impressionable, Weakness.

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   the increase in interest, facilitating, furnishing, the need.

   (a) The growth of the Association was 1. The increase in

   the intelligence (see, request of a special committee)

   committee of great working committee.

   (b) The committee of the Association was to the

   companionship of the growth and progress of the

   (Y.M.C.A.) work.
those who are to be the **executive heads** of the various departments of its work.

Second. How are the Young Men's Christian Association and the leaders of its work to improve their opportunity.

1.-- First and above all, by seeking and cultivating a spirit of humble dependence upon Him, by whose blessing alone all that is lasting in the results thus far accomplished, has been secured.

2.-- By keeping to the front, the **spiritual welfare** of young men.

(a) By earnest and constant prayer that the love of souls and the desire for their salvation may grow and deepen in our own hearts, and in the hearts of our fellow workers.

(b) By loyalty to the Word of God, and the faithful use of it and promotion of its study among young men.

(c) By devoting money, time and effort in directly promoting the spiritual work of the Association.

3.-- In the faithful use of all the agencies of the Association in ministering to all the legitimate wants and desires of young men, a seeking to develop them into/strong, symmetrical, well-rounded manhood, physical, intellectual and spiritual — the **triangular idea**.

4.-- By making self culture simply a means to an end, not allowing it to usurp the place of aggressive work for others.

The aim of the Association should be not merely to **hold the fort**, but to **possess the land**.
The Association's work to improve their opportunities.

- By fostering the growth of the various departments of
- The Association, and the maintenance of its spirit of
- The purpose of the Association.

8. In the pursuit of all the means of the Association's
   work, to develop the interests and capabilities of young men,
   talented and interested, and to stimulate the spirit of
   good work of the Association.

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SUGGESTED TOPICS

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1.---The opportunity of the Young Men's Christian Association of to-day and how to improve it.

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2.---The work committed to the Young Men's Christian Association, and the qualifications for leadership in it.

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3.---The needs of the young men of to-day, and the adaptibility of the Young Men's Christian Association to meet them.

or

4.---Special training for leadership in Christian work, its advantages and its dangers.

or

5.---The ideal Association leader.

or

6.---The Young Men's Christian Association as a factor in hastening the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

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7.---The work of the Young Men's Christian Association leader in building up the Kingdom of Christ among young men.
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I. The opportunity of the Young Men's Christian Association of

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III. The work committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

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IV. The responsibility for leadership in it.

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V. The needs of the young men of to-day and the possibilities of

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VI. The Young Men's Christian Association to meet them.

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VII. Special training for leadership in Christian work—its and

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VIII. Conferences and the gatherings.

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IX. The local Association leader.

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X. The Young Men's Christian Association as a leader in practice—

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XI. The coming of Christ's Kingdom.

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XII. The work of the Young Men's Christian Association leader in

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Patriotic and the Kingdom of Christ among young men.
Gen. C. O. Howard,
Goverers Island, N. Y.,

Dear Sir,—

We are glad to say that we have found the plate from which Morse made your negative, and will have them finished in about a week or ten days. We enclose bill for the two pictures and will send one to Rev. J. E. Rankin at Washington D. C., and the other one to you, as soon as they are finished.

Very respectfully,

Theo. C. Marceau,
per C. S.
Village of Fort Sheridan, Ills.
May 14, 1892

Major General O. O. Howard
US Army
Commanding General Dept. of the East.

I desire to respectfully state that I wish very much to obtain a position in the government service from about the present date until October 1st. next, and to ask that if there be a vacancy among the General Service clerks under your command you will kindly consider my services at your disposal.

I was discharged from the Army as a Post Q. M. Sergeant, last October, after nearly eleven years service, nearly seven of which being in that grade. I left the service in order that I might complete my medical studies, having taken one course of lectures.
while on seven months furlough and am now a senior at the Chicago Medical College and intend to graduate from there or some other institution next spring. There are no vacancies in any of the departments in Chicago, and I am very desirous of being stationed in some city where I can occasionally visit hospitals evenings.

I have many letters testifying to my character and capabilities while in the service, and can furnish you excellent references from this vicinity and Chicago. I was recommended for a commission while in the service by nearly every officer with whom I served, and you told me the hours in San Francisco in 1886 to write to the Secretary of War in my behalf.

Trusting that you can give me a position, and assuring you of faithful
Sirs,

Sirs, General,

Yours respectfully,

James A. Garfield
Committee on Banking and Currency,
House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., May 14, 1892, 1893

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

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 5th instant introducing Mr. H. R. Reed, son of the Rev. Dr. J. J. Reed, has been received. The law has been changed since your appointment and requires that the appointee made at the request of a Representative must be an actual resident of the district or territory from which the appointment is made, and the certificate of appointment by the member of Congress requires that he shall certify that he has been a bona fide resident for a number of years. Under the circumstances I am unable to see how I can assist Mr. Reed to get an appointment from Vermont, and I have been compelled to tell him so.

Regretting my inability to be of service to the young man, I am,

Very truly yours,

Henry Bacon
Governor, State of Colorado

March 17, 1936

Dear Governor and Family:

You are familiar with the personal and professional ties which have always existed between you and me. The fact that you are a Governor of the State of Colorado and I am a citizen of the United States is no new revelation to you or to my family. The free and open expression of any opinion, even if it may be in opposition to the position or policy of any government, is a part of the history of this great nation. As a citizen, I am entitled to express my views and opinions freely and openly.

I have been honored by the opportunity to serve in the United States Army, and I am grateful for the privilege of being a part of the American military. I have always been proud of the service I have rendered to my country.

I look forward to the future with optimism and hope, and I trust that our nation will continue to grow and prosper under your leadership as Governor.

Best regards,

Frank J. Jones
Bayle, M.A.

May 14th 192

My dear General Toward,

You will no doubt be surprised to receive a letter from me. And I may be presumptions in writing, but I have so much information that more but you can imagine I am anxious to learn if there is a possibility that among all of the stores of the department being. Ground out during the fiscal year.
We were left here awaiting
the designation of our
future station and suitable
accommodation in the dept
of the ends.

Colonel Smith, whom he left
him for the East informed
me that the war of the.civil
war one company would be stationed at Fort Ward
Boston Island. A. S. Newton.
As soon as the Quarters are
furnished at Fort Thomas they
were finished. But should
he be requested to designate
a company away from his
regiment I presume that
first he would recommend
my company. "C."

I would very much like
the station as it is near
my home (Brooklyn) now
on account of being near
my brother who is now
over Eighty (80) years of
age. And as I am his
only son I would like
to be with him as much
as possible during his
decaying years.

I do not wish to occupy
your time with a long letter
so I will close.

Yours sincerely
W. H. Poyde

Address

Yours sincerely
W. H. Poyde
My Dear Sir and Brother:—

I desire to remind you of the meeting of our State Committee in this office Thursday, 19th inst, at 7.30 P.M.

I trust that you will not fail us in being present.

As the matter of endowing a room at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium will probably be presented at that coming meeting, I write to say

First:—I have looked into the plan as wrought by friends of the work, and heartily endorse it, personally, and believe that money can be raised without conflicting with local Associations or the work of the Committee.

You will notice that the sum needed is $15,000, which, for all future time entitles Secretaries of New York State to free treatment and board in the Institution, for such period as may be needed. The Congregational, Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Methodist friends have all endowed one or two rooms each, for missionaries.

Second:—As so many of our Secretaries are falling in health who are wholly dependent upon their salaries, such a plan will meet a long felt need in our work.

Third:—The plan does not require that we, as a committee, assume the responsibility and raise the money, but that we heartily endorse the scheme, and use our influence with persons of wealth, to assist the friends who have the matter in hand.

Many of our Secretaries have received untold benefit from the treatment at Clifton. Among the International force the names of Uhl, Cree, and Chamberlin occur to me. Among the local Secretaries, Wardell, Felt, Carson, Holmes, Burgess, Alford, Phillips, Hall, and Mix.

Will you not give this matter your prayerful consideration, and examine with care such documents as are mailed to you giving information concerning the Institution?

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. H. Hall
My dear Mr. Hacker:

I am writing to convey your request to the secretary of our state association.

I appreciate the offer of assistance to the Connecticut association, but I must inform you that it is not possible at present.

I have not received any information to date, and therefore cannot make any further reports.

I will forward any further information as soon as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]