First Regiment Mounted Rifles
N. Y. S. VET. VOL.
1861-5.

Officers of the Association for 1892.

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You are invited to attend the
15th Annual Re-union and Dinner
OF THE
Veteran Association
OF THE
First N. Y. Mounted Rifles,
1861-5.
Which will be held at Beethoven Hall,
Fifth St. near the Bowery.
February 22d, 1893, 7 p.m.

"Our Regimental Album, upon which Capt. Cronin has been at work
for several years, and which goes to the New York Historical Society, will be
on view at the Re-union. It contains hundreds of portraits of officers and
men of our Regiment, and many incidents of Regimental History. No Regi-
ment in the service has a finer memorial than is contained in these five
volumes.”
United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.   Feb 22nd, 1893.

General O. O. Howard,

War Department.

Dear Sir:

I learn that a young Kentuckian by the name of William J. Gossett, of Light Battery "C" 3rd Artillery, stationed at the Washington Barracks, has been or is likely to be sentenced to the payment of a fine together with imprisonment as a result of some trouble between him and a corporal of his battery. Young Gossett is a Kentuckian of good family and may have shown a little too much spirit and hasty temper. I write to ask that if consistent with proper discipline and the interest of the service you will relieve him of the imprisonment feature of his sentence. I do not ask for any relief as against the fine.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

J. C. Blackburn
you may be able to extend the company will be thankfully received and if of such a nature as will admit will be shared by other companies on this coast.

Most cordially,

J. S. Stoffel

Feb. 22, '93

Justin City, Calyg

General Col. Howard,

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the 1st Los Angeles Company B of the Boys Brigade I write to ask if you can help us in any way to procure a suitable gun with which to arm our company.

There is a Brigade musket in stock at the Boys Brigade headquarters in San Francisco, with which our company has been armed for one year but we find it very unsatisfactory.
It is the light . (weight 4½ lb. with bayonet) and for finally 
in construction and material 
be for much service, 
The price of the musket is 
$4,56 net.

We wish to prepare a 
7 or 7½ pound musket 
 breech loading and of 
 comparatively new pattern.

We have communicated with 
a number of firms dealing in 
 second hand military stores that have in stock such rifles, but the price 
is beyond our reach.

I understand that if we 
could deal directly with the 
U.S. Army Arsenal authorities, 
who dispose of these condemned 
guns, these dealers, that we 
could effect a great saving. 

This is any principle object 
in writing you, are 
you in position to put me 
in direct communication with 
such parties?

At a rate I am informed by 
an army officer that the next 
army musket, about to be adopted. 
weight 7½ lb., might be procured 
at a reasonable figure in the way 
that the arsenals many of the 
muskets will be continued for future 
which practically impair neither 
finish nor utility, and if some 
one having authority, could speak 
the word such rifles might be 
procured. Can you operate 
this much desired article 
for war. Possibly this is a 
point entirely beyond your 
power & grant, however any.
The First Custin Company,
(Organized Dec. 8, 1891.)

The Boys' Brigade
COMPANY CARD,
JANUARY TO AUGUST, 1893.

Captain, REV. J. P. STOOPS.
1st Lieutenant, W. D. WALL.
2nd Lieutenant, C. D. BALLARD.

Non-Commissioned Officers.

SERGEANTS.
First—Merrill Rice.
Second—Horace Snow.
Third—Byron Crawford.

CORPORALS.
Fred. Blodget,
Quinn Davidson,
Nathan Cartmel,
George Haskins.

Company Quartermaster, Ray Alderman.

Bugler, Harvey Rice.

Privates.
Adams, Dan. Clothier, Chas. Jerome, Ben
Bartlett, Lanier Gould, John Hershel, Jones
Bowman, Melle Jerome, Will Kime, Willie
Bowman, Homer

The Company drills every Monday at 4:15.

Life Members.
Friends of the boys are invited to become Honorary Life Members
of the Company. The fee is Ten Dollars.
Any boy between the ages of 18 and 95 years will be welcomed.

Special Attendance Prizes.

Silver and bronze buttons will be awarded as provided by the Council
of The Boys' Brigade, the silver button for punctual attendance at every
Company meeting during a half session; the bronze for punctual attend-
ance at all meetings but three; the button to belong to wearers only
when earned for three consecutive half-sessions.

A COMPANY BLACK BOOK will be kept in which a record will be
made of insubordination and violation of Company rules or By-Laws.
No boy's drill will count unless he be present at 4:15. One attendance
mark will be deducted for every mark against a boy's name in the Com-
pany Black Book.

A Battalion Encampment is Projected for the Coming Summer.
The Company Bible Class.

Always Bring Bibles.  Sunday Evening at 6:00.

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The object of the Company is "the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys, and the promotion of habits of reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends toward a true Christian manliness."—Brigade Constitution.

The effort of the officers will be to teach the members of the Company to prefer Duty to inclination, and to cultivate in them the purity, kindness, courtesy and Christian manliness that ought to be found in a company of Christian boys.

COMPANY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President, REV. J. P. STOOPS.

Vice-President, CHAS. BALLARD.

Secretary, FRED. BLODGET.

Treasurer, RAY ALDERMAN.

Members, ALL THE COMPANY.
February 22/38

Dear George—

I am delighted to have your note. I am glad to know you were able to attend the dinner in honor of those dear and glorious men, as well as for the attack. General Longstreet has written me again, and will, (I think) to ask us. General Sickles was also there. The party he has suggested there or four gentlemen also took part in the talk. The company were too small.
and we shall all value the advantages of

study of the field with impatience is

yours, a patient wise proclyb,

never come oth again.

with fond regard,

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Moncton N.B.,
14 Welton St.,
23 Feb., 1893

My dear General Gage,

Please to accept my thanks for the life of the gallon and Tondeau gin.
I pray that:

[Signature]

One of the few men who would not forget his position to become a politician.
Dear Mr. Mason,

My humble regards to the lady of your family, Generously,

Your obedient servant,

t. Hodgson
Major General O.O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N.Y.

My dear General Howard:

The Amherst College Committee desire me to express their appreciation of your acceptance and to say further that the topic on which they would like you to speak for ten or fifteen minutes is, "The College Man in the Army."

You know that before the War, doubt was expressed as to the advisability of having such a school as West Point. There has never been any doubt since the War because nearly all the Generals who will live in history were men who had the West Point training—Grant, Sheridan, Sherman, Custer, and a number of others equally well-known to yourself.

You know a college training is often smiled at and ridiculed. It is disliked in some instances. But what we wish you might do is to show that in the Army, as everywhere, the trained man, the disciplined man, is the truly great man.

Will you be kind enough to write me whether you wish any special preparation in the way of meeting you, and so on, or whether you will go directly to Delmonico's on Friday evening, at 5:30 o'clock?

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. McFadden.
Indianapolis, Ind. July 22nd 93

Gen. & Gen. Howard
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I think you will remember hearing my whistle in colors with piano accompaniment by my violin at the election of the first army corps in the Grant army during the S. A. R. Encampment here. He also had...
you good nature in making this request.

Indians are very respectfully,

Laura K. Martin.

Would you be kind enough to write a letter of commendation (under your printed letter head) of practically for our manager, Colonel Dubu, to seek in looking for us? This would certainly be a great favor to us, and would certainly advance his stock in his next

Trust that I am not trespassing upon...
Miss McManus has a compass of about two octaves. She sings with remarkable accuracy of intonation, and executes chromatic runs with great precision. Miss McManus states that she discovered her gift by accident, and then immediately commenced to cultivate her talent. Her performance last evening delighted her heartily, who applauded her enthusiastically.

_Toronto Mail._

 Promptly at eight o'clock last evening the doors of the Broadway Presbyterian Church were opened, it being impossible to find even standing room in the large audience. The music proved to be the most delightful thing of the kind that both lovers of music have enjoyed for a long time. The programme opened with a piano solo by Miss Alice McManus, whose skilful execution was much admired and greatly applauded. Then came the marvelous whistling solo of Miss Laura McManus, who chose a setting for this number. Miss McManus is a charming young lady with a pretty little air of something akin to a fairy, which engages her audience even before she begins. When she began to whistle, many of the audience were captivated by her voice, and several ladies and gentlemen in the audience were heard to say, "How beautiful!"

_Miss Laura McManus, Whistling Soloist._

SEASON 1892-3.

From John Clark Righet, Historian:

I have pleasure in stating that I have attended one of the whistling concerts given by Miss Laura McManus, Indianapolis, in every respect delightful entertainment. The ladies executed some different and rare music in the concert style. Her renditions were never less than delightful, and were highly appreciated by cultivated audiences. I heartily commend her to the entertainments of the public.


Having heard Miss Laura McManus in her profession as a whistler, I take great pleasure in recommending her to the public generally. On several occasions I have heard her solo, and she is, beyond all question, one of the finest artists in this line of the catalogue. Her whistling is perfection itself and she brillianly executed several fine instrumental solos.


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Miss Laura McManis, the sweet whistler of Indiana, in four selections, each long and difficult, recalled any whispering before the lady whistlers, and showed that woman's easier reach farther than the limits set by some old pravc makers. To describe her would be like describing the whistle of the bird, and those who did not hear her missed a treat. Coupled with an unassuming air and graceful manner, she is a favorite. —Hamilton (Canada) Times.

A MUSICAL NOVELTY.

Miss Laura McManis — in tendering thanks to you on behalf of the Board of Commissions, I beg to say that the two numbers contributed by you are exquisite in a unusual degree. Every note of your whistling could be heard distinctly all over the vast hall, and was technically true, while those that were as pure as though it had come from the throat of a bird. Hearing you was more than ever convinced that you have not yet succeeded in fostering a musical instrument which will at all compare with the thought, word and voice of a woman. I wish my friends no greater pleasure than listening to you. Yours truly. Geo. J. L. L. President Indiana State Soldiers and Sailors Mon. Com.

*But you see the star of the evening was Miss Laura McManis, the lady whistler, who fairly capitivated the audience and was heartily encored at each appearance. She whistled the most difficult pieces, with the greatest ease, especially the "Last Rose of Summer," with variations.


The Misses McManis gave a concert at Sherborne Street Church during the week before Christmas. Their contributions were very greatly enjoyed by all present. As a whistler, Miss Laura McManis is certainly without a peer among all artists in that line who have visited Toronto.

—E. A. Sterns, Toronto Daily Mail, March 13, 1899.

The lecture was interspersed with music by Miss Laura McManis, the whistler, whose efforts in this line delighted the audience in the extent that repeated encores were demanded.

—Dundas Free Press.

The whistling solos of Miss Laura McManis were extremely beautiful the plantation notes being carried on in their purity, the whistled song complete selection of notes, in the last, the expression was in every instance that of a true artist. Miss Alice McManis, the pianist, exhibited great talent at the key-board. Her runs were executed with the greatest ease, and her tone and precision of attacks were highly praised. She is within one of the best pianists who have appeared here in recent years and we predict for her a very high place among the musicians of the metropolis.


The whistling solos of Miss Laura McManis were a revelation, and more than satisfied the high expectation of excellence her reputation had created. The notes were clear and liquid and the execution of her stunts, and seconding and descending the scales, thrilled in its music and beauty the hearts of the forest. We have heard other lady whistlers of note but in the light of her extraordinary ability they can be designated only as amateurs. Miss Alice McManis in her piano recitals created a most overwhelming impression by the sweetness of her touch and strong execution. She shows into her selection a strong personality that harmonizes nicely with the perfect time and expression she evokes from the key-board. The reciters are musical artists and share in the pleasure they create and audience produced by their efforts. Our young people who met them were also pleased with their charming social ways. —Boston's Graphic.

Only once in a lifetime, unless we are especially favored, will we be apt to have such a treat as was offered at the Simon St. Wendelin Church on Friday evening. Miss Laura McManis whistled herself into the good graces of her audience in her first appearance. Her presence was of that "making" kind that at once established a bond of sympathy between her and the audience, making the way for a rich enjoyment of her wonderful performance by the sweetness of her voice and strong execution. One of her encores was the "Mocking Bird" and charming as that bird is in his native glen, he has a formidable rival in Miss McManis. Miss Alice McManis is a practical little body, and unless on her nominal alarm, after the most difficult piece, which was one of the first orders of the evening, and her encore was "Last Rose of Summer." It is seldom that pianos solos are so appreciated that encores will be insisted upon, but Miss McManis is an exquisite pianist.

—Ottawa (Can.) Villanator.
Dear General,

I intended last night to ask for your signature to the enclosed letter but failed to do so. Will you kindly sign in the column on second page with Messrs. Esterhandy and Jamewray and oblige.

Your old friend,

Richard Emerson

Kindly send it by return mail in enclosed envelope.
NEW-CHURCH TEMPLE
17 East Van Buren St.


My Dear Sir:

The great interest in all that concerns Africa and the approaching Congress of African Ethnology, leads me to send you the enclosed Review; and I should esteem a word from you in comment, if you are inclined to offer it.

Very truly yours,

L. P. Mercer.

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

Dear General:

Referring to my pleasant call upon you on the 11th inst., and to your kind acceptance of the invitation to make an address on Thursday evening, May 18th, 1893, in the Church of the Pilgrims, at the Annual Convention of the Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Union, I wish to state that the Union does not feel it within its power to repay you for the good which 2000 C.E. members expect to derive from your presence and speech at the Convention, at the same time, we are glad to know that you are supporting a mission Chapel in N.Y., and because every little helps, the Union will be pleased to contribute its share of $10 to help but not to pay you. We are sorry that we cannot name an amount many times larger, but we know that you understand the circumstances.

On behalf of the Ways and Means Committee of the Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Union,

J. Howard Prentice.
No. 51, 1893.
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA,

February 22nd, 1893.

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

Dear General Howard:—

In reply to yours of the 20th instant, Captain Story informs me that he wrote a letter to Clark on the 20th to the effect that after a careful examination of his record he was unable to add any further recommendation to the character given on his discharge. He states that Clark was as a rule a neat attentive and subordinate soldier but while he was not an habitual drinker he is addicted to drink and on that account he does not consider him sufficiently reliable to justify a recommendation for civil employment in a responsible position. He never came prominently to my notice and I am therefore unable from personal knowledge to add anything to this statement of his character.

Very respectfully and sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Lieutenant Colonel, 2nd Artillery.
Katon Paul W.

1003 H St. S.W.
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 22, 1893.
Major General J. Howard U.S.A.
Governor Island, Wyo.

My dear Sir,

Of course I shall cheerfully acquiesce in any decision of yours. My impression that you would support me for the place in question was due to your letter which I quote entire—

"Dec. 27, 1892

My dear Paul,

It does not occur to me what you can mean. I have always been the friend of your father and mother, yourself and sister and shall probably remain so forever. My only puzzle was how it was possible for you a young man to get a commission lawfully after passing the requisite age. You can judge of this as well as I. Whenever you want my recommendation, that is, a warm and cordial one, it is always at your service. Some time near the period of your application for an office under the Government you have only to drop me a line.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Governor Island, 1875—

major General U.S. Army"

I naturally interpreted this in my favor as I had told you in a previous letter, as you will find, what I wanted.

The fact that I am "an employee" is due to motives which are creditable to me, as, but for my Mother's interest, I should very likely have reached a position outside the service better than the one I held.

The relative of Francis Eaton of the Mayflower, son of Thomas Eaton first Governor of
New Haven colony, Gen. William Eaton the celebrated military genius and hero of the campaign at Tripoli, and the like, and the kinship of Daniel Webster and other great men of that great family here and in England, the descendant by intermarriage with the Wentworths, of the great Earl of Strafford, whose education and character are equal to his origin, would, in my judgement, do more honor to the service than it would to him.

These positions are purely business ones, and the people and their representatives, who are the judges of these things under our Government, believe that they should go to the best men and not that a course at West Point will make good men out of bad ones in a majority of cases. I am sure that however strongly you believe in the general principle which you state and which my reference to your judgment would lead me to think must be correct on the whole, you will agree that my appointment will be a gain to the service.

Can you not make even one exception to the rule you have laid down for yourself, and still in making it that it is the only possible exception? To fail of this appointment will be indeed ruinous to me, as I will not stay here in my present position nor occupy any kind of a clerkship which I have always considered for beneath me.

I am sorry to have to state that I have somewhat committed you to my support (because I was quite certain that your letter...
Brooklyn, N. Y., February 23, 1893.

Dear Sir:—

At a meeting of Congregational ministers and laymen of New York City and Brooklyn, held at the Clinton Avenue Church, November the 8th, 1892, the undersigned were appointed a committee to secure the names of twenty-seven incorporators of the Congregational Church Extension Society of New York City and Brooklyn, to attend to the necessary legal formalities of incorporation, and to call the incorporators together for their first meeting to complete the organization under the constitution of the Society.

We have to announce that the entire number of twenty-seven has been secured and we hereby invite you to attend a meeting of the incorporators of the Society to be held at the Lawyers' Club, 5th floor, Equitable Building, #120 Broadway, New York City, at 5:30 P. M. on Tuesday, March 7th, 1893.

A supper will be served at 6 o'clock, after which the plans of the Society will be taken up and officers elected.

It is of great importance that each incorporator attend this meeting. For the convenience of the Committee of Arrangements will you have the kindness to state, on the enclosed postal card, your intention to be present, and mail if possible by return.

A copy of the Constitution, By-Laws and names of incorporators will be sent you at an early date. We are, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Lyman, (Chairman),
George W. Hebard,
George P. Stockwell,
William T. Stokes.

[Signature]

[Signature]
At a meeting of the Committee, some time ago, it was agreed unanimously to
adopt the plan of incorporating the society on a twenty-five-year basis.

We have therefore appointed the committee to prepare the necessary
papers for the incorporation. The first meeting will be held at 8:30 P.M.
next Monday, May 2nd, 1875,

A number will be reached at 6 o'clock, after which the

plans of the society will be discussed and any other business

of great importance that may require the attention of

the meeting. You are requested to be present at the opening of the business

and to have the following to prepare:

1. The constitution, by-laws and names of directors;

2. The necessary papers for the incorporation.

Sincerely yours,

A. S. T. F. 1875.

Rev. W. H. Roper
George W. Shapley
George W. Seward
Walter T. Cranes
(Confidential)  Samuel Minor
July 23, 1873

Dear General,

There seems to be a vacancy in your staff as A.D.C. and unless you have some one in view I wish you would take my son, 1st Lt. Alfred F. Johnson, 7th Infantry at present on the bar. This letter is written without counsel or tuition with him but I knew such a detail would suit him as he has a daughter who ought to be at an Eastern school—unless you have
Oberlin, O. Feb. 23rd., 1893.

To Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Pres. C. B. Curtis of the Industrial Missionary Association of Alabama, is authorized by its Board of Directors, to appoint a Prudential Committee of well known gentlemen whose advice shall be sought in matters of public policy. They are not required to attend any meetings but statements and exhibits will be submitted to them in such a manner as to make it possible to give through correspondence an intelligent opinion.

You are doubtless somewhat acquainted already with the work, but I mail herewith a copy of the last PLANTATION MISSIONARY with marked passages which will show you the general intent and actual working. The plan combines labor, education and religion for the entire family in a very promising manner. Please observe the very strong commendations on page 41. Although the enlarged plantation of 4,000 acres has but recently begun operations there are now about seventy-five families securing its working benefits on leased lands, in four day schools, one night school, and three churches with the possibility of large expansion.

Pres. Curtis has already secured the names of Rev. Jas. Brand, D.D., Rev. H. M. Tenney, D.D., and the undersigned all of Oberlin, and Rev. H. M. Bacon, D.D., of Toledo. This note of invitation is addressed to Rev. H. P. Haydon, D.D., Pres. G. F. Tuving, D.D., both of Cleveland, and Gen. O. O. Howard, Governor's Island, N.Y. It is hoped that each of the gentlemen addressed can respond promptly in order that the names may be issued in the forthcoming number of PLANTATION MISSIONARY.

I sincerely believe that this method of work combines business and charity in the elements of industry, academic teaching, and religious instruction so happily blended as to give promise of the best results.

Hoping for an early reply, I am,

Yours Sincerely,

C. N. Pond
Northern Secretary
Oberlin, O. Feb. 23rd., 1893.

Gen. O. C. Howard,

Dear Sir:

Your personal attention to the enclosed is invited, and I believe you have acquaintance with Pres. Curtis of the Industrial Missionary Association of Alabama. Your name, and such attention as you can give will be highly appreciated by all of us, and especially by

Yours Sincerely,

C. W. Pond
Northern Secretary
Gen. O.O. Howard,

Governor's Island, New York Harbor.

My Dear General:

Thanks for your very kind note received this morning. The only reason I said Thursday instead of Friday was that on Friday I shall be obliged to leave my office as early as half past one, and will not be able to return again that day.

If you can come in and lunch with me on Friday at one o'clock, or if you can dine with me at my house, No. 12 Gramercy Park, that evening, at half past six, either will be conferring a favor upon me.

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne
NEW YORK, Feb. 23d, 1893.

My dear General:

I want trouble you this week about that case, but probably next week. I hope to get the case on for trial March 6th or 7th.

Yours very truly,

P. T. Sherman
