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Philadelphia, Pa.
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General

Circumstances compell me
to adress this letter to you, as I would
have called upon you when in this Ci-
ty, but when I found out your pro-
sence, it was too late, I am employed in
the Post Office of this City as a Lettercarrier
but have been suffering for the last three
years with Kidney trouble and Rheu-
matism. since last February I could do
no work and am compelled to look to
wards the Soldiers Home, and would re-
quest you General to procure for me an
order for Hampton, Pa. I could get

an order here for Erie Pa. but I am
afraid of the climate it is too cold with
the late general that you will remember
one of your old soldiers and interest
yourself in his case I remain with
much respect

Your humble servant
J. Maytham

Late Capt 1st Indiana Cavalry
1741. Bamtrey St
Philadelphia

[Sep. 30, 1893]

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees,
of which you are a member, will be held at their rooms,
59 Bible House, at 3.30 o'clock, p. m., on
Wednesday, _____

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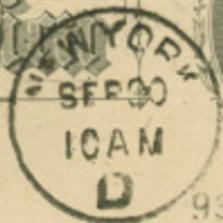
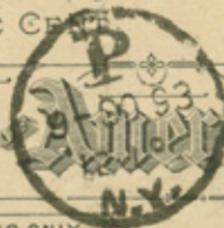
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Genl O. O. Howard
Governors Island
City



THE GRAND ARMY MISSION,

396 & 398 Canal St., New York.

September 30th, 1898.

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Governor's Island, N. Y. Harbor.

Dear Sir:

The Grand Army Mission is entirely out of funds, and the work will have to be stopped unless its friends come to the rescue at once. We cannot bear to think that the good work should be abandoned or even suspended. The results of the efforts made have been very gratifying to us and our associates, and many of the veterans formerly addicted to drink are now reformed men, and their lives and homes have been made better and brighter in their declining years. Hundreds of drunkards have been saved in this Mission.

Please send whatever the Lord directs, by return mail if possible.

Very respectfully, yours,

William Van Hook

President and Treasurer.

A. A. Hadley

Secretary.

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W. A. ...

Work of the Grand Army Mission Among the Pensioners.

The Grand Army Mission was formed in order that the veterans of the war might have a place where they could find shelter and have their checks cashed. They are delighted with the scheme, for they have a place where they can wait during the night for their checks, and where they can get them cashed as soon as they get them.

This place of shelter is convenient, too, as it is under the Pension Office. Formerly the men had to wait out all night on the steps of the Pension Office or spend their time in the liquor shops which abound in that neighborhood.

Kiliaen Van Rensselaer is the President of the Mission; Gen. Alexander S. Webb and James Talcott, Vice-Presidents; Col. Henry H. Hadley, Superintendent and Secretary; Gen. O. O. Howard, Gen. Wager Swayne, Gen. F. T. Locke, Col. Frank C. Loveland, William T. Wardwell, John S. Huyler and Samuel H. Hadley, Trustees. Col. Hadley is in charge of the Mission.

In the evening he has the veterans sing war songs and hymns. At midnight they receive sandwiches and coffee. Then they remain there till morning. It costs a good deal to run the Mission, defray the expense of renting the basement and feeding and warming the men.

The Mission is strictly undenominational and opens its doors at all times to those who need shelter, especially to veterans and Grand Army men. During the months when pensions are paid it does its utmost for them. Contributions should be sent to Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, 56 Wall Street.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Old Soldiers Made Happy.

The Grand Army Mission opened in the basement of the United States Pension Agency at Canal and Lighthouse streets is worrying the neighborhood saloon keepers greatly. They declare that the competition of free coffee and free sandwiches all day and all night long, and a free breakfast at 9.30 A.M. is ruining their Grand Army Trade. Heretofore the custom of the 10,000 pensioners, who come to Frank C. Loveland's agency every three months, has been no inconsiderable part of their business. They not only sold ale, beer and spirituous liquors to the pensioners but they cashed their checks for them—for a consideration.

These men have been pretty good customers for the neighboring saloons. They would drop in while waiting for their money, and then they would drop in afterwards to show how flush they were, and altogether they managed to spend a good many dollars for beer and whiskey, which was needed at home.

The pensioners are paid in checks, which are cashed at the Sub-Treasury in Wall St

Very few of the veterans care to go all the way down town, when they could get their checks cashed for a few cents right at hand, and so the saloons benefitted. But the Mission has changed things.—*N. Y. World.*

A Novel Mission for Union Pensioners of the Civil War.

The Grand Army Mission has leased for three years the basement under the Pension Agency at Nos. 396 & 398 Canal Street.

At one side of the big room is a platform on which are a piano and a reading-desk.

Meetings are held every night, at which hundreds of veterans gather. In addition the place serves as a club-room for the many old soldiers who meet there and read the newspapers.

But it is on a greater day when Uncle Sam is paying pensions in the office up stairs that the Mission serves its best purpose.

Each quarterly period over \$200,000 worth of pension certificates are cashed. All the old soldiers who wish it are supplied with coffee and sandwiches—and supplied free.

This is one of the best things about this wise and useful charity. The veterans are not charged one cent for anything. The officers of the Mission serve without salary.

Whoever contributes to the funds for the support of the Mission may be sure that his money goes directly to help the old soldier.

Heretofore the saloon keepers of the neighborhood have cashed the checks and put thereby about \$20,000 into their pockets every quarter. And just to this extent the Mission may call itself a pension increasing bureau, for it has saved just this amount to the pensioners and their families. It is estimated that the expense of carrying on this good work will be about \$5,000 a year.—*N. Y. Mail and Express.*

SALOON BUSINESS MADE LESS.

Many Pension Checks Cashed Without Discount at the Grand Army Mission.

There was a lively time yesterday at the Grand Army Mission under the Pension Bureau at 396 & 398 Canal street, where pension checks for more than \$50,000 were cashed with money advanced by the publishing firm of Funk & Wagnalls. It was the second quarterly pay day for 1893.

At the Pension Bureau checks are issued for pensions, payable at the Sub-Treasury in Wall street. In consequence a score of liquor saloons around the Pension Bureau have derived a handsome profit in discounts from cashing the checks, and an enormous trade in liquor. So active was the competition for the brokerage business among the saloon keepers that many of them had inclosures built in their saloons where they placed cashiers to do their business. Not content with

the business that came to them unsolicited they hired men to bring the old pensioners into their places. And discount was charged that the cashier thought the pensioner would stand, cases being cited where as high as 10 per cent. has been charged on amounts over \$200.

In other cases men would be made drunk and as is alleged, would be fleeced by the saloon keepers. Men would be harbored about the saloon for days, too, before their pensions were due and given unlimited credit for liquor, giving their pension papers as security.

During the last year much of this business has been taken away from the saloons. The Grand Army Mission, which was founded by Col. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Gen. Alexander S. Webb, James Talcott, Col. Henry H. Hadley, Gen. Wager Swayne, Major Gen. O. O. Howard, Col. L. F. Locke, Pension Agent Loveland, and other Grand Army men, has been looking after the interests of the pensioners. Last year the idea of a cashing bureau was proposed, and Mr. Louis Klopsch, publisher of the *Christian Herald*, furnished the money. Then on every quarterly pay day the holders of pension certificates were directed by Col. Loveland to take their checks to the Mission, where they would be cashed without discount.

Col. Henry H. Hadley, of the Mission, yesterday dispensed delicious hot coffee and sandwiches, while one force of Funk & Wagnall's clerks were paying out money and others were busy running to the National Park Bank, where the checks were deposited and drawn against.

The Mission was crowded all day with men drawing their pensions, and the saloons, which used to be crowded, were practically deserted. Yesterday the saloon keepers sent out their runners to gather in their victims, but Police Capt. Ryan stationed policemen at the Mission to aid Col. Hadley.

Col. Hadley said yesterday that since the Cashing Bureau had been established by the Mission many men had been protected from temptation and made sober men. More than \$1,000,000 had been paid out in the aggregate. It costs about \$5,000 a year to run the Mission, which goes principally for rent food, which is given away free, fire, lights, and attendance.

An all-night meeting was held at the Mission last night, where all the old pensioners who formerly spent their nights on the streets or in the saloons before the quarterly pay day began, were fed and given plenty of hot coffee and shelter.

The paying of checks will begin this morning again and continue until about \$200,000 has been paid out, Funk & Wagnalls furnishing the clerical help. The saloon keepers are said to lose \$10,000 in commissions by the operation.—*New York Times.*

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Major General O. O. Howard
Governors Island N. Y.

Dear General

We were made the happy recipients to-
day of an excellent photograph of yourself,
through the. Hon. J. M. Dalzell, Caldwell, O
for which you will please accept the
heartly thanks of myself and family and
especially that of my son Howard who
jued us in pronouncing it one of the
most appreciated among our Cabinet of
Collections

Respectfully

Your ever armed Comrade
Wilton Turner

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Frederic Milton
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Major General W. B. Howard
U.S. Cavalry

Dear General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the purchase of a horse for the use of the Cavalry. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to purchase a horse at the present time. I will be glad to hear from you again when you are able to purchase a horse. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Frederic Milton

Colonel

Washington

Very respectfully,
Frederic Milton