The world is growing better, in the opinion of eight men and one woman, expressed in a recent number of the New York Independent. The optimists are Galusha A. Grow, Dwight Moody, Lucy Stone, Edward Everett Hale, Ex-Senator Dawes, Gen. O. O. Howard, Dr. Cuyler, Philip Garett and Neal Dow. And the world is better to a considerable degree by reason of the efforts of this goodly company of reformers and philanthropists.
often spoilt by poor facilities for
To remedy all this get

OUTDOOR COOKING OUTFIT

U.S. Government and issued to the
Camp and outdoor cooking
S. Army to-day, and it has the Regiment in the Army.
Johnson & Mrs. Oct 11, 1893

Missoula, Montana
October the 11th, 1893

General A. D. Howard U.S.A.
New York, N.Y.

Sir,

I see by the papers that you belong to the 'optimists' and that all of you agree that the world is growing better to a considerable degree. I am indeed glad you think so and I believe you are right. But, as you are high in rank in the army I am sure you must have overlooked the humanity represented in the
site of the army. Post Traders were removed because there was no more use for them and because they were a detriment to the Christian moral elevation of the men and now if the beer was ordered out of the canton exchange as they are called I am sure some mothers could get a few dollars from their soldin sons who now spend it all for beer. Try and stop the sale of beer to enlisted men and may God bless you in the attempt. Respectfully Mrs. B. Johnson
RECEIVED at Governors Island, Oct 12, 1893

Dated 1895; Oct 12

To Mrs. O. D. Howard, Governors Island, N.Y.

Drs. O. D. Howard expect to speak in the Doctor's Church on the twenty-ninth and also to preach at the Howard by telegraph. Alfred E. Meyers

Oct 29, 1893
the prospects.

Hoping you will be able to help us.

I am... Respectfully yours,

Alfred E. Myer

October 14, 1893

New York City

Oct. 12, 1893

Major Gen. Howard
My dear Sir,

Not having received any reply to my letter written Monday, I desire again to ask your kind attention to the meeting which is to be held in connection with a Con-
Vocation of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Thursday Eve, 2d November.

Dr. Burrell, pastor of this Church, whom you know, will speak, and he sends this cordial greetings and hopes you will speak also. It will be a popular meeting with good results provided; and it will give an excellent opportunity for a helpful message to young men. If you can, please telegraph to me at 309 West 70th Street - otherwise please write to the same address. The press is awaiting your decision, to print.
Major-General Howard, Governor's Island, New York,

Dear Sir:

We have had a communication from our Headquarters in Toronto, Canada respecting a fine, bright young man who has been converted in one of our corps in the western part of Canada.

It appears that he is a deserter from the United States Army and he immediately confessed this to our people and announced his decision to go back to the United States as soon as possible and give himself up.

We understand that he is an exceptional case and will make a splendid worker for the Master, and we write you to ask your advice as to whether there is any other way of satisfying justice than for him to give himself up.

If this must be done, can anything be done to mitigate his punishment.

We anxiously await your reply and will act upon your decision.

Believe me,

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]
Dear Sir:

We have had a communication from our headquarters in the Interior Department, and they have requested a list of names and numbers. I have forwarded this list to the Interior Bureau, and it has been received and acknowledged.

I am authorized to inform you that we are ready to proceed with the United States as soon as possible.

Give me the order.

We understand that there is an exceptional case and will make the necessary arrangements. You can rely on it.

They are now in the United States, and I am herewith to inform you that they will arrive here shortly.

If you have any special arrangements, please notify the Secretary.

I am your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: South Hallam Oct 14, 1893]
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 14, 1893

Dear O. C. Howland,

Governor Island

N.Y.

I send you here with this letter that will bring to your mind a home-sweet-home incident at one time served under your command. The Command of the Brigade are striving to raise a sufficient sum to properly mark the spot where he is laid away.

At your request, as I understand, I am sending to all members of the Society Army of the Dead one of the ??? cards like the enclosed to give all members of the Society an opportunity of contributing. I would be glad to have four or five in your discretion. I have your personal best,

M. A. Howland
DEAR COMRADE:

Do you know that our gallant and beloved Belknap lies in the National Cemetery at Arlington without a single stone to mark the spot where his dear body lies.

The government that he and you offered your lives to save, gave this lovely ground where he was so tenderly laid away three years ago.

Our noble commander died poor, he gave his money like water for the help of deserving comrades and for our 'Crocker Brigade.'

Two years ago, at Des Moines, Crocker Brigade appointed a committee to raise a fund for the purpose of placing over this brave soldier's grave a testimonial of the love that his comrades bore for him. Parties outside of the Brigade that knew and loved him, have expressed a desire to join with his comrades in the testimonial.

Now my dear Comrade, your committee desire to give an opportunity to every member of the Brigade to contribute his mite to this noble purpose. Give as you loved Belknap and as you are able. Do not delay, but at once mail to M. A. Higley, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the amount you can afford and desire to contribute. Do not withhold giving for this loving purpose because you cannot give a large amount, every member of the Brigade can give SOMETHING, and will have shown their love and respect for their great leader by whatever they contribute.

Every contribution no matter how small will be faithfully recorded and an account given of it. Send in your subscription at once and if possible accompany it with the money, but if unable to do so at this time, please name the day you will send it.

If all will do as their hearts prompt them to do, your committee will soon have funds sufficient to place over the immortal Belknap's grave a fitting and lasting memorial from those that knew and loved him best. This memorial will proclaim to the world your implicit belief in him as one of the most honorable of men.

ACT PROMPTLY, so if possible, next 'Decoration Day,' the thousands who throng the great silent city at Arlington, will find a monument over the man we love and honor. Inscribed.

"In memory of our Great Leader.
By his Comrades of the Crocker Iowa Brigade."

M. A. HIGLEY, 15 Iowa
JAMES KELLEY, 11 "
C. W. KEPLER, 13 " Committee
G. R. PRAY, 15 "
W. H. GOODRELL 15 "

Cedar Rapids, October 1, 1893.
Dear General Howard

I just learned through my son of your safe return from Chicago as you said you would come here to see me Monday after you order me to come to Cincinnati. I shall be in town next week and will be here between 12-1/2 o'clock if this does not suit you, please drop me a line when I can give you Monday and where and when. From truly.

John W. Smith
John Francis
Oct 74, 1963

I have family friends who live in [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible] who live in [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] in [illegible] and

This letter is from [illegible] and

[illegible] to [illegible] who live in [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] who live in [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] who live in [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] who live in [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] who live in [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] who live in [illegible]


My dear General:

I have your recent letter regarding Ned Chamberlain, and its enclosures, which came during my absence from the city. I will send for Ned and read your letter to him, but I will not give it to him for reasons I will give you. Ned is a very much changed man from what he was when he was with you in San Francisco. Several times, when he has been in to see me, I have had reason to think that he had been drinking, and a friend told me some time ago that he had seen Ned go into a bar-room with one of his own sons. Of course, there is a chance that there may be a mistake, but I think not. But Ned is not the same man he was. The last time I saw him he made some threat of some strong course he was going to take to get justice from you. He will listen to reason, and at the time I speak of, his eye gleamed with a malignancy that is indescribable. I shall, however, send for him and have talk with him on this matter, for in putting it in the hands of a low, miserable fellow like this man who wrote you, he has forfeited the good will of all true friends.

Now as to this man Mason, and his paper, they are the lowest of the low. The paper is a dirty sheet published for deflection of the low and dirty people, and XXXX is mainly a blackmailing sheet. The editor is under indictment in the United States court for sending obscene matter—his paper through the mails—and he is under criminal indictment in the criminal court for criminal slander. His letter to you is for blackmailing purposes, and I am glad that you did not answer him, and I shall not let his letter go out of my hands into Ned's unless you command it. In the meantime, General, give yourself no uneasiness either on account of this man Mason or Ned. Mason has no correspondence to publish. That is a mere bluff. He wants you to write him, and then he will make use of it to crowd you for money. Ned is not poor. He is in the receipt of $24 a month pension, and he dresses well, and has every appearance of being in good circumstances, nor has he ever complained to me of any money troubles, except on one or two occasions when his pension did not come promptly.

I am deeply disappointed that Ned should have turned out so badly, and that all sense of friendship and obligation should have left him, but the characteristics of race and breeding will come out under favoring circumstances.

I hope you are all well at home. Grace was at our house to lunch yesterday, and Mrs. Sladen had a nice visit from her. I am away from home and town so much that I do not get a chance to see her or the Captain very often. Your old friends here often speak of you and yours. Fred enjoyed your kindness and his visit with you, and appreciated it all.

I begin to feel old myself now that Carrie is married. What elegant presents you did send her. Give my love to dear Mrs. Howard and all the children that are with you.

Very sincerely your friend,
Slater, John
Oct 14, 1899

Portland, Oreg.
Oct 14, 1899

My dear Secretary of Homeland, U.S. Army:

I have your letter of recent date. You have been kind enough to write me and express your interest in my case. I am a very much needed man for the war, and I will do my best to help the army. I will send the letter and try to get you to recommission me and return me to the active service. I have been very busy lately, but I hope to have my report ready soon. I would like to see you and talk to you in person. I have some time after my work is done. I am glad to hear from you and to know that you are well. I hope you are happy and prosperous. I hope to see you soon.

Best wishes,
John Slater
Maj. Gen. C. G. Howard,

My dear Sir: — I hope you remember that last May, when I had the pleasure of meeting you, and, as President of The Quill Club, of introducing you, I spoke in a general way of hoping that you might come give us the speaker at our S. W. C. A. Anniversary, Montclair, N. J., which will occur Sunday evening, 29th inst., in Dr. Bradford’s Church. We will most cordially welcome you.

I write in advance of a call which I will make on you, on the island, next Tuesday forenoon about 11 o’clock, in the hope that you have no special engagement for that evening and will be willing to help us. As you may very greatly, — and we can then cooperate as to particulars.

Meanwhile, I am very sincerely and respectfully,

C. H. Liebmann.
Oct 14, 1893

Dear D.D. Hamonds,

I have just returned from a long journey and am now in the process of grading papers. I regret that I have not been able to contact you sooner, but I have been busy with my academic duties. I am very sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Please find attached a copy of my latest research paper. I believe it is of interest to you and hope you will find it informative.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Address]

Oct 14, 1893
Congregational Church Extension Society
of New York City and Brooklyn.

New York, October 14, 1893.

General Howard,
My Dear Sir:—

I hope that your presence at the meeting of the directors of this society on Monday afternoon next, the 16th inst, will be a possible thing. It is some time since we have had the pleasure of your company there. Several of the directors are out of town and it is probable that many, or some, may be absent. I have every reason to believe that Dr. Storrs will be there. You help the movement much by your presence.

The Camp Memorial might come up, in some form, for consideration. Mr. Slyfield is doing well, is he not? Mr. Colcord is showing some interest again. I hope to see Professor Backus, of the committee appointed, at the mission sometimes. He is a good talker. He expects Mr. Slyfield to call on him soon, and I have suggested to Mr. Slyfield to do so.

Pray come on Monday, if you can. We need all the encouragement we can get in these times.

The East Congregational Church, in Brooklyn, of which young Dr. Doremus Scudder, a brother of the Scudder in New Jersey, (Jersey City), is the pastor. He takes up number 4 of the proposals I made in that letter which was sent to all the pastors, and a copy of which went to you, viz., a public meeting, hearty and informal in character, to be held on a Sunday evening and be addressed by two or three of the directors. He asked for the first Sunday in November and named as speakers yourself and Mr. Stockwell. I told him that I would do the best I could
New York City, Oct. 14, 1939

My Dear Howard:

I hope that your presence at the meeting of the General Conference of Christian Extension Society will be a pleasant surprise. It is some time since we have had the pleasure of your company there, and I hope that this time you will not be present.

I have every reason to believe that the Escott will be present. You, in the movement much of your presence.

The Camp Meeting might come up in some form for consideration.

Mr. Straemer is going well. He has not been able to attend some of the meetings of the committee but he expects to be present at the mission some time. He is a busy lawyer. He expects to go on a trip very soon and I have understood that Mr. Straemer will be present.

I am coming on Monday. If you can, we need all the encouragement we can get.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Yours truly,

[Signature]
could, but that the General was very much in demand. It is for you to say whether you could give that evening. It is a good little church. I must let them know. The meeting is to be in the nature of a Church Extension Rally. No collection. I can learn your opinion about it when I see you.

The place of the meeting on Monday is the office of the New York Fire Insurance Company, on the ground floor, to the right of the entrance. You will see a sign up. Mr. Hull, of the directors, is president of the company and we are indebted to his courtesy for a place to meet. It is No. 72 Wall St., near the Elevated Railroad, on the left hand side as you go down from Broadway. The time is 3.30.

I am, my Dear General,

Very Sincerely Yours,

W.T. Skories,
Supt.

Address,

782 Jefferson Ave.,

Brooklyn.
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The price at the meeting on Monday at the office of the New York Life Insurance Company of the branch loan for the rights of the city of the rest. You will see a sign up "Mr. Hall's office of the 19th floor." It will be

I am your best friend,

Verily, sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Very, Professor,
With every family in their days in need. It was my duty as a loyal citizen to do my part. I feel much pride in referring.

Very respectfully yours,

A. Williamson

Washington is my home town. I am the son of my youth. I sleep in Oakhill Cemetery. The sleep that knows no waking.

Yours,

G. O. B. Howard,
U.S.A.

Sir,

I trust that the enclosed documents, coupled with the following brief statement of facts, will be deemed by you sufficient ground for your signing the accompanying application.

In 1863 I was by special request of President Lincoln appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department, and in 1886 I was...
discharged, with a certificate for 
"honesty and industry." By Rule 
X of the "Rules of the Civil Service" 
"misconduct or incompetency" can 
alone form the grounds for the dis 
charge of a Clerk holding under 
the Classified grades. Although 
I have kept my claim for Official 
Recognition awake since 1876 it 
was not until the 25th January 
Current year that I was offered 
a "laborer of messengers" position 
which I declined, for the reasons 
that any tenure of either of them 
would be of short duration owing to 
the advent of new Administrators. 
Station, and that the chances of 
promotion therefor were out of the 
question.

I may here state that I 
accompanied you, the Rev. D. Macrae.
SUMMARY of correspondence of ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON, # 72,
Shermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

I. -------Personal letter, requesting General Howard's signature to an application for messengership in War Dept.

II. Copy of letter from General Howard dated June 24th 1865, in reply to letter from Capt. Robert T. Lincoln, asking that Mr. Williamson may be appointed to a position in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. Lack of appropriation makes it impossible to find a place for Mr. Williamson.


IV. Letter of Rev'd. J.C. SMITH, in regard to Alex. Williamson's hospitality and patriotism.

V ------ Copy of letter from Hon. R. T. Lincoln to Secretary C. Foster of the Treasury.

VI. ----- Newspaper clipping from the Brooklyn Eagle.

VII. ------ Application for position.
Burlington, Vt.
Oct 15th 1893

Dear father:

Some time ago as I heard you I suggested Mr. Sherrie's name to a member of the College street Congregational Church here. It seems that Professor Perkins, a member of the Committee in charge of the matter, also heard of Mr. Sherrie in Galena, Ills.

I understand they have written Mr. Sherrie but have had no reply. So far, Park
asked me to get you to write me, thinking of any thought you had of coming here and give him as favorable an idea of Burlington as you can.

I came in Chicago. The children and husband are very well. My work is on the whole speedling along very well in the fine fall weather we are now having.

I have seen Mr. Bauman once since lately and

He has each time inquired particularly about you and taken much interest in the possibility of your coming here. I have not yet received any answers in reference to the house I wished to exchange for, but fancy the owner is looking up the value of the property offered in exchange. The children have just interrupted me to have their heights measured. Helen is 4 ft 6½ inches tall and also 3 ft 11½ inches. They are now drawing me all
The large portrait of General G. H. Thomas that you saw some three years ago, just after I had finished it, has been returned to me from Washington where it had been until the adjournment of Congress last April. The bill for its purchase passed the Senate but the House declined to act upon it.

It is at present on exhibition at Miss Bierstadt's Fine Arts Studio, 1271 Broadway, opposite 32st. Street, (Russell Block building) and if possible I would like to find a purchaser, for I cannot afford to keep it.

Miss Bierstadt kindly offered to allow me to place it there on exhibition and sale. Could you kindly assist me in any way in finding a purchaser? or give the name of any person in this city who knew and admired the General that would be likely to purchase it or aid in the sale of it? The price is $500.00, without the frame. It has been endorsed by yourself and many others well qualified to judge of its merits as a portrait, and as work of
Act. Would you kindly call at Mr. Breasted and look at it again, and invite anyone along, you think would like to see it? Mr. B. would be pleased to have anyone call for that purpose (he told me)—he is at his studio most always or if he is not there when you call, you will find his studio open and his boy will show you the portrait. After you have seen it after the lapse of three years I might I ask you to kindly write me your decided opinion of it? a letter that I may show to those who are not well qualified to judge of its merits or you see? (that is, if I am not asking too much of you)—I know you did once write to Mr. Stebbins about it in my behalf, but that is not open available.

You will find that the portrait has improved by age, and you will see it in a far better light than you did the first time at the Breasted house. Trusting that I am not asking too much of you (for I know that you admired good General Thomas) and trusting that I may hear from you soon,

I am, dear General Howard,
Your respectfully and sincerely,
Alexander Lawrence.