[Feb, 1894?]

Gen O. O Howard
Governors Island.
New York.

Dear Sir. I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in sending for your autograph. when I know your time is engaged in more important work. yet I would esteem it a very great honor in the enclosed envelope and it would greatly oblige

Roydon Smith.
New York.

P. S.

I enclose two cards as a friend of mine would like an autograph.

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Smith Roydon

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Dear General,

Enclosed find proof of item.

Respy

J. Wheeler.

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Voice Editor of

Wheeler E. J.

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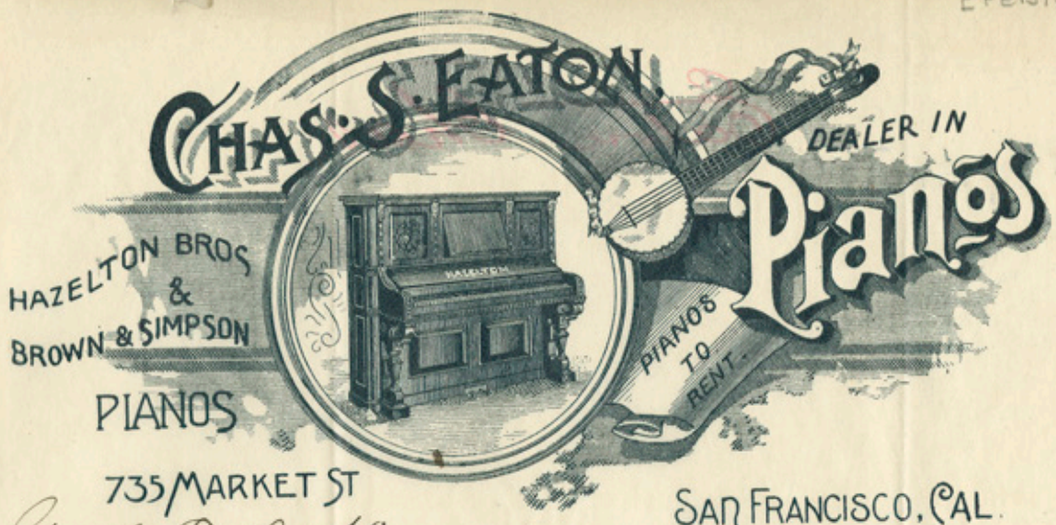

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard.
Governor's Island.
N. Y.

My Dear Friend — I am interested in a young man here, W. C. Sharon, by name, who has been one of the Columbian Guards a Chicago and is anxious to get a like position at our Midwinter Fair. Col. Shafter (of Angel Island, I think) is in charge of the Guard. I thought it possible that a line from you regarding the matter, might secure Mr. Sharon a position. He is a Christian young man, and I should very much like to help him. I fear, General, that I am asking too much of you to do this — but knowing your kind disposition toward young men, I venture the request, assuring you that it will be a favor which I shall not forget. Hoping you and yours are well, I remain —

Sincerely Yours.

Chas. S. Eaton

Kindest regards to your family.

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Eaton Chas

Prof. Karl G. Otterna
Ottawa's Island
N.Y.

My dear Friend - I am interested in a young man named N.C. Thorn, by name, who has been with Columbian Church of Chicago and is anxious to get a little position at our Publication Soc'y Co. Mayhew (Prof. Island Island, Illinois) is in charge of the Church. I think it would be well if you happening the matter, mention the name Mr. Thorn of position. He is a christian young man, and I should very much like to help him. If you, Dear, will do so, I am asking too much of you to do - but knowing you kind disposition toward young men, I venture the request assuring you that it will be a favor which I shall not forget. Hoping you and your are well, I remain

Sincerely Your

Chas. H. Eaton

Kindly regards
Your friend

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Block Adolph

have done for him, by having in some way so his punishment for my wrong I placed upon him, I am heartily sorrow for the offense he commited and I know disgrace will hunt me down in the future, He was not old enough to go in the army when he did and is but a minor yet. I sincerely hope kind sir you will with the help of god you will do all you can that lays in your power or in any way you can recommend that will in any way help me and him to serve as little of the punishment that was placed upon him as possible, I hope it can be seen in the eyes

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Answered Feby 3/94

Greensburg.
Westmoreland Co.
Penn
February. 1. 1894

To
Major General. O. O. Howard,
Kind Sir.

I take the opportunity of addressing these few lines to you in behalf of my son Michael Block who is serving a sentense of one year for desertion, I would like of you sir if it is in your power to do so to oblige and help me his father Adolph Block a favor in which you will relieve him of a part of his sentence, As I can honestly tell you sir although I am ashamed to do so that he is being punished for a crime which I alone am the defaulter, As it was not his fault that

of the almighty god that it will make up an unhappy home a happy one, He is serving his sentence on Governors Island New York at present. Hoping kind sir this will be a worthy request that you will be worthy of an answer from you sir. hoping I am not taking to much liberties in addressing you.

Your obedient servant

Adolph Block.
Greensburg
Westmoreland Co
Penn.

he enlisted in the army and after not being satisfied with it had to desert. For it was while I was in an angry passion for which circumstances came to me and my son by a stroke of bad luck. That I bade him to leave me house and go into the army under a threat I made on him to keep him from under my roof for life. I know since then I had made a fatal step, And I have been sorry for it ever since. As I have worried more than any man very worried over a wrong deed. It is I who ought to be serving his punishment, As I know I have wronged him in a way that will make me a sorrowful life, Unless I can in some way repay him with some act of kindness I can do or

Joslyn Illinois: Feb: 1- 1894

Maj: Gen: O. O. Howard
Comd: Dept: Atlantic, Governors Island N.Y.H.

Dear brother & Comrad, I congratulate you (1) On your long Career in the Service of our Country, (2) On your long Service in the Service of Christ- the good and the pure, (3) On your warfare on intemperance, in the Army- on the field where it cost something to stand for the right, I was a private Soldier 3rd Div: 23rd Corps Army of the Ohio, and remember when you were sent from the Army of the Potomac, to the West, our men did not take kindly to officers, or men from the East, I spoke they detested, and when they saw Gen: Howard, they said; an other Kid glove- Stiff Collar, up Start,, But the report soon reached us that, Gen Howard did not drink, any thing intoxicating This was hard for a Western Soldier to believe but it was confirmed, and when we learnd that Gen Howard visited, and prayed with Sick Soldiers Our resentment was conquered, and our Criticisms hushed.

I have carefully red your report to the War Dept, on the Army Canteen, that disgrace of our Army, and thank you for your Courage and Candor, I was present at Freeport Ill, and heard your Lecture on Gettisburg, I also took part in the Parade of Veterans, and in the G. M. C. A. Banquet making the Address for the G.A.R. I have been preaching 26 years, and I know how in solant the Liquor traffic is, there are few Churches not affected in some way by it, I am only a few miles from the Iowa line, and at this moment, the Politicians are arranging to repeal the prohibition law of that State, and so the War goes on, while in the U.S. Army I saw Generals Colonels & Ruined by Strong drink, I remember that while on the field at Shiloah, a barrel of whiskey was sent to my Regt. the G. M. (Vincent S. Hay) refused to touch it, as did many of the men did the same, it was the last whiskey sent to us, That brave G. M. sleeps in a Soldiers grave at Atlanta Ga. but the Regt. rect et a monument to his memory, Again I congratulate the Country on your election to the Presidency of the National Temperance Association. your brother

W. L. DeMumbrum.

Late private Co, (E) 11 Ky Vol, Infy.

pastor U.B. Church Joslyn Ills.

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De Mumbrum — W. L. Rev

GILSON WILLETS,
Special Writer and Interviewer,
LAFAYETTE PLACE, N. Y.

February 2d, 1894.

Major General O.O.Howard U.S.A.,

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If you desire to make any changes or corrections or additions to this paper, I shall be very happy to comply with your wishes, if you will mail it back to me.

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Military science would seem to be a friend of war; on the contrary she is substantially a friend of peace. One gun that will carry terrible death to an army or ship five or ten miles away by simply turning a crank will make war more to be dreaded than a houndred thousand bows and arrows. Smokeless powder the Maxim gun dynamite, and all the electrical appliances, are also by reaction steps toward peace. The last but most important consideration of all, the next war would be costly. The sum of money necessary to fit an army or navy will soon be so fabulous that nations will hesitate on this account alone. The cost next to the sacrifice of life is one of the principle things, especially in a republic, and this bost together with the frightful loss of life and propertywill be the things upon which enlightened nations will reflect and re-reflect many days before they will declare war and fight each other.

Original sent February 10th 1894.

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Willets Gilsore

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Upham, E K Mrs

[Feb. 2, 1894]

Replied Feby 3/94
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Dear General Howard.

You will be grieved, I know, to hear that Mr Upham is very ill. He had a stroke of paralysis on Wednesday & though he does not suffer, his speech is very much affected. Thank God his mind is clear & he says he wants to see you – the only person he has expressed a desire to see.

The doctors say it is impossible

to give an opinion for a few days. If you are able to come tomorrow could you come before 11. or after one — his doctor comes between those hours, or on Sunday. I know we have your prayers & I am

very sincerely yours

E. K. Upham

Friday.

44 W. 35th St

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Phila. 58 Feby. 2. 1894

Major General
O. O. Howard, U.S.A.,
Honored Sir:

My wife, who is a daughter of the late Dennis O'Kane 69th Reg. Pa Vols, who was killed at Gettysburg July 3. 1863, having been informed that he the father during his military career had served under you at different times, suggested to me that I should write to you and ask you, in the event of your remembering her father, if you would not kindly honor her with a few

here giving you a sketch
of him as a man and
a soldier; the earnestly
desire, that from so
distinguished a soldier
as yourself, for the sake
of her children, that they may
hear from one who knew
him in the hour of trial,
how he bore himself.
Such from you, if you
can give it will be
kept as a sacred treasure
with great respect
your obedient servant
Israel A. Burrows
2247 Catherine St
Phila

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Ruggles Geo D

WAR DEPARTMENT.
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
WASHINGTON.

Personal.

February 3, 1894.

My dear General:

The enclosed is preliminary to the trial of an officer. It is desired that the matter be kept as quiet as possible.

Faithfully yours,

Geo. D. Ruggles

Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army,
Hdqrs. Dept. of the East,
Governor's Island, New York.

F. IRSCH,
General Broker,
1, 3 AND 5 OLD SLIP,
CABLE ADDRESS: "IRSCH, NEW YORK."

New York, Feb. 3d 1894

First Lieutenant Treat or Lt Harry Howard
Governors Island N.Y.

Dear Sir

The Ellechin notices sent by Mr Ellis which appear intended to make mischief are wrong as to the date of termination of the terms of Officers & Directors which are clearly defined in the Constitution as well as in the Minutes of last Stockholders meeting which also distinctly states that Officers & Directors Terms ~~were~~ were for the ensuing term terminating on the 25th June 94 in the Handwriting and under the signature of Ellis and all Stockholders voting Ellis claims in fact that Iglesias owns no stock now and as his long desired Resignation has not been forced after the Mr Ellis he will probably make a point that the Office is vacant - which is also untenable for the reason that the President of the Company under the Fla Statute does not need to own stock all these points mentioned have been gone over them several days past by General Sweeny our Counsel, for the Company with the above mentioned conclusions and Mr Ellis will find himself foiled as before when he attempts to ruin the Company My bank still holds Mortgage & notes for much to my financial discomfort and as Gen Howard is in Fla I would

Telegram for his endorsement reach him if sent this evening or early to-morrow and please communicate

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Roch Francis