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Mount Vernon, N. Y., February 16, 1894.

Dear General Howard,-

I went last night to Camp Memorial Church to what is called the weekly prayer meeting. Mr. Slyfield preached a sermon from his pulpit, taking for his text a part of the 16th. verse of the 147 Psalm; "He giveth snow like wool." The sermon was evidently written, and read with what I suppose would be considered something of an oratorical effect. The effort would do fair credit to a young sophomore for a prepared oration before his class. For a sermon in such a place as Christie Street, it was in my opinion about as much out of place as Booth's production of Hamlet would have been. There was nothing whatever of Christ in it, nothing relating to the salvation of souls. It was simply a dissertation about snow and wool. The only practical application was at the close of the sermon, when he said, that, as the snow came down in little flakes, and by a great accumulation produced great power, so the little efforts of the people of Camp Memorial Church, might produce great results. There were thirty-five persons present, including the pastor. After the sermon, he gave invitation to those present to pray and speak, and three or four did so. From Camp Memorial Church, I went across the Street to the Jaeger mission. The house was full. I counted 100 and there were more than that. They were coming and going. There could not have been less than from 125 to 150 persons present at the mission last night, probably more. The meeting was ~~held~~ led by a young man who was converted at the mission about a







year ago, and has since been leading a very earnest Christian life. He once united with Camp Memorial Church, but left since Mr. Slyfield came. I was not at the mission very long; but during my stay many gave testimonies, and the whole tone of the meeting was one of deep earnest spiritual life. After my experience last night, and after careful and earnest prayer, and prayerful thought, I have come to a decision, which I wish to present to you; and in an earnest manner beg that you will take ~~it~~ into very careful and prayerful consideration.

You will of course remember that I have at different times said to you that I believed I had been led into the work at Christie Street by God. Upon that point I have never had a doubt. The recent course pursued by Mr. Jaeger, as you know, has met with my unqualified disapproval, and, on that account, I have been compelled to withdraw from all active participation in the work of the mission. But I have become very deeply interested in the work of Christ in Christie Street, and particularly at Camp Memorial Church. Before Mr. Jaeger left the Church, it had become a motto with me: "Christie Street for Christ", and I had entered upon very earnest work in the mission along that line. The action of Mr. Jaeger seemed to break up the forward movement in which I was so deeply interested, but ~~all along~~ there has been one ray of light in this recent ~~xxx~~ darkness, and that has been the coming of Mr. Weckbacher. As you know, I have believed that his coming was of God, and after my experience of last night, I am more than ever convinced of that fact. My suggestion now is, that we arrange in some way to have Mr. Weckbacher work at Camp Memorial Church. ~~Let~~ *Let* him be employed, and work under your immediate direction. If you feel the importance of this as I do, the way certainly







can be opened for him to work there under your direction, after all you have done for that Church. Of course this matter must be managed with great <sup>wisdom</sup> ~~and~~ and skill, but if the work is of God, he certainly will give the <sup>necessary</sup> wisdom and skill. I realize fully what you say with regard to the short time you will remain in New York, but you will be there long enough to have matters shaped, and I believe that before you go, matters at Christie Street can be placed in such condition that the work will go forward after you leave to a successful conclusion. I believe that this is a matter for earnest, careful, wise, and prayerful planning, and if necessary may require heroic execution. This is a great battle for Christ, in one of the worst sections of New York. You have already raised a large amount of money, and put into that work. I have done a little, and I am unwilling to stop. Indeed I am perfectly clear that it is my duty not to stop. I shall attempt nothing at Camp Memorial Church except under your direction, and with your hearty approval. But if you do not see your way clear to assist in the employment of Mr. Weckbacher at Camp Memorial Church, and assist in removing all obstacles that may come in the way to bring about that result, I shall carefully consider whether or not it may be my duty, to again place myself in touch with the Jaeger mission. I know that unless an entire change takes place in the management of Camp Memorial Church, as matters are now conducted by Mr. Slyfield, the work will be practically a failure, so far as saving souls is concerned. But I do believe that if you can give some little attention to the matter, previous to your leaving, and if Mr. Weckbacher can be brought into the work co-operating with Mr.







Slyfield until the year expires; and if Mr. Stokes and others of the Home Missionary Society could be interested in the work, we may secure the friendship of the Jaeger Mission, and the work of the mission and Church may go forward harmoniously. The Church may secure some of the very best converts from the mission. Thus the cause of Christ in Christie Street may be pushed, and "Christie Street for Christ" will not be a meaningless war cry.

I trust that you will pardon me for the earnestness with which I have written. I feel very deeply with regard to this matter. I do not act hastily for I have made the matter a subject of very earnest prayer for many months. To me the question of saving souls has become one of very great importance. I have watched the work in Christie Street with great interest since 1891, when we commenced, and while, as you know, I cannot approve of the course pursued by Mr. Jaeger. I do believe that he has been governed by what he believes to be right motives. I have perfect faith in his integrity and in his Christianity. I feel that after all the work I have done, and the time and money I have expended, I should not abandon that field without further effort, and I should feel condemned if I did so.

Summing the whole matter up, my suggestion is that we arrange for the employment of Mr. Weckbacher at Christie Street, and have him work while you remain in New York, under your immediate direction. You of course arranging matters at the Church in such a way as to prevent all friction which you undoubtedly can do.

I shall see Dr. Choate to-morrow morning, Dr. Clark if he has returned,







and Dr. Rice if he is at his office.

I will write you again to-morrow night, so that you may receive a letter from me Monday and I will visit you on the Island Tuesday morning, as I promised, yesterday, to do.

Again asking you to pardon me for this intrusion upon your time, and the earnestness with which I have written, I remain,

Very truly your friend.

*J. E. Bryant*



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Bryant J. E.

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167 Chambers St., New York City.

Dear Sir:

Would you object to our Committee adding your name as approving of the enclosed Call? We wish every school of Temperance thought represented in the Call. This will not only cheer the heart of that grand old Temperance veteran, General Neal Dow, as he enters his 90th year, but it will help give emphasis to the thought that the great Temperance Army is substantially united, notwithstanding their minor differences.

If you are willing that your name be added to the enclosed Call, please sign under the names of the Committee, and return by early mail.

Yours very respectfully,

Joseph A. Bogardus,

Secretary.

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Gen'l O. O. Howard,  
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

The editors of The Congregationalist desire to possess portraits of contributors to the paper many of whom we have never had the pleasure of meeting and all of whom we shall be glad to have represented in our office album. We shall therefore consider it a favor if you will send us your photograph with your name written on the back. Thanking you in advance we remain,

Yours very truly,

*H. A. Bridgman*



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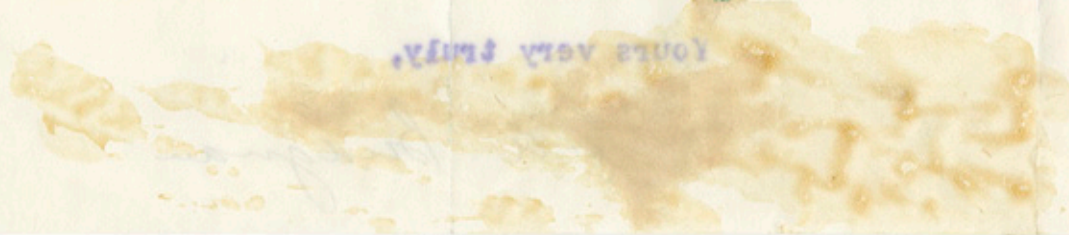
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General O. O. Howard,

Governors Island, N.Y.

Dear General:--

I take great pleasure in sending you under separate cover  
a copy of "John Holden Unionist" which I trust you will enjoy, and per-  
haps it may recall some pleasant memories.

The Author, Mr. DeLeon, was Private Secretary of Jefferson Davis, which,  
I think, gives the book additional interest.

Yours very truly,

*Arthur J. Saalfeld*



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Sealford Arthur J

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Yours very truly,  
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Salisbury Point, Mass.  
Feb. 16. 1894.

General O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I am authorized by the vote of the Executive Committee of the Indian Industries League, to request the pleasure of putting you upon the list of Vice Presidents. The accompanying Constitution is practically that to be adopted by the League. The preamble gives the motive.

Pages 7 and 8 of the enclosed Report of the Department of Indian Libraries and Industries show the origin of the League and give some further details.

Nothing is now more needed in the whole range of Indian work, than holding these young Indians to the industries they have learned at school, and thus keeping them from a relapse into



barbarism. Sparhawk P. C. M.

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in the League and will give it the co-operation  
of your name and influence.

Trusting to hear from you favorably  
I am,

Very Truly Yours,

Francis C. Sparhawk,  
Secretary Indian Industries League.



[ca-Feb. 16, 1894]

Dear Mr Harvard

I received your letter  
and am glad you ever understood me  
my husband does belong to a port  
but they only help in conducting  
business it is a poor one only wishing  
men if you would only lend me  
two or three dollars I would  
pay it back when mine next comes  
and I don't need to buy wool  
or children takes such a lot and  
many times we have not enough  
my husband earns hardly enough  
for first necessities of life & extreme  
poverty. Hoping you it was a failure hope  
anywhere.

Respectfully

Ezra N. Groat

162 Butler St

Palmer Mass.



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# National Temperance Society

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58 READE STREET, NEW YORK, February 16th, 1894.

Major General O. O. Howard,  
Governor's Island, New York.

Dear Mr. Howard:-

I send you the invitation to our Educational Conference for next Tuesday afternoon which I have sent to over 450 people, and hope to have a good attendance. Hope you will not fail to be with us.

I would like to see you half an hour and talk over a variety of matters when it is convenient. Will run down to your place if I knew just when I could see you quietly. Or, if I knew where you would be in the city, would call and see you. I am out of the office now considerably these days in working up our finances.

I have a letter from the Editor of the Review of Reviews desiring an article from your pen for his April number. I enclose it to you in this that you may make answer as you think best or instruct me and I will answer.

Rev. Dr. Gregg, Pastor of Lafayette Avenue Church where I have my Church connection, expressed to me the other day, that he could not be at your "Reception" and said he would like very much to have you speak in his pulpit about the last of March representing our Society, and they probably would take up a collection for our work.

I have been laid by a day or two with a very severe cold, and must soon prepare for my trip to the South, but I should very much like to see you before that and talk over several matters.

Yours very truly,

*J. N. Stearns*  
*Ans*



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38 PLEASANT STREET.

WATERVILLE, ME.,

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Major Genl. C. C. Howard,  
Governors Island, New York,  
Dear Sir,

As one of your old-time subordinates in the Line, in the Army of the Potomac, & especially as a fellow soldier of Jesus Christ, I want to take the liberty of telling you how much we, in this place, are enjoying the work of your old friend, Major Whittle, concerning whom you sent a graceful testimonial recently to President Whitman of Colby University. Unfortunately Mr. Whitman's duties have called him out of town for a week past, but Major <sup>Whittle</sup> has met the students



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25 PLEASANT STREET.

WATERVILLE, ME.

Major Genl. C. O. Howard,  
Governor's Office, Augusta,  
Maine.

Dear Sir,  
I have of your old-time  
contributions in the line, in the  
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your board members in this place,  
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of the College & addressed them in their chapel, & not a few of them have been drawn to his meetings by their interest in him, & in his earnest & winning manner of presenting the fundamental truths of the gospel.

The three evangelical churches here, with their pastors, are cordially united in supporting Major Whittle in this special effort to awaken fresh interest in the gospel. It is a rather stubborn field, but we have reason to be gratified with the measure of success that has already attended the work of the Holy Spirit thro his servants.



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I trust you would like to know, from one who is on the ground, that Major Whittle's good work is heartily appreciated here, & we should be glad to keep him for an extended campaign in this your native State.

It is my adopted State, tho I have become fairly naturalized after nearly fifteen years' pastorate in this town.

You may perhaps remember the 61<sup>st</sup> N. Y. Vols. in the brigade which you led into the Battle of Fair Oaks. I served that day as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. in the 61<sup>st</sup>, & on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the same month lost a leg as a Captain in the same regiment, then came home from a short stay in Libby Prison to com-







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plete my preparation for the ministry of the Gospel, & am now in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of my pastoral work.

My new acquaintance with Major Whittle & his personal references to yourself on two or three occasions have brot back with fresh interest the memories of old times in your brigade, in Camp California during the winter of '61 & '62, & of the march up the Peninsula, to the crossing of the swollen Chickahominy, the bivouac near the dead & dying that night, & the shock of battle the next morning, & so I have felt constrained to give you this salute in memory of days long past.

Sincerely yours, Wm. H. Spencer.



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WATERVILLE, ME.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.

Feb. 16, 1894.

My dear General,

My most hearty thanks  
are due you for your kind and com-  
plimentary letter in my behalf. Though  
I shall probably fail to secure the  
appointment to the present vacancy,  
I have great hopes of securing the  
next, which occurs in August.  
Having made one campaign, I shall  
be better prepared for the next. I  
shall always appreciate your kind-  
ness in this matter, whatever the  
outcome may be.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Howard,  
I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

John R Williams,

Gen. O. O. Howard,







30 W 16<sup>th</sup> St.,

N. Y. City.

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1874

To

Major Gen. Oosterhout,

My dear Sir,

I was

dismayed from calling on Mr.  
Hotchkiss as Tuesday so I  
wrote today I would call on  
Thursday. I did so. I find that  
the person by the name of Kraul  
is not our Miss Kraul, but a  
German woman who attends the  
Presbyterian Ch. Forsyth St.

Mr. H. and wife has a three  
roomed dwelling in No 5  
Chrystie, one of these houses how-  
ever he sublets to a woman  
who is a friend of Mr. H. L. C.  
I have seen Mr. H. both about  
3 times. The woman reports to



perhaps 6 or 8 times. This seems to be their purpose. Mr. H. owes his landlord rent for Dec. Jan and Feb. The woman who occupies one room owes rent for part of this time to Mr. H. She met with an accident which for about 10 days now has confined her to her room entirely. Mr. H. has no work, yet the landlord is pressing for his rent. He has offered to let Dec & Jan stand over, but threatened them unless Feb. rent was paid by today, the 16<sup>th</sup>, that he would eject them. They told me that Rev Mr. James from First Point Institute had called and seems disposed to help them, but wished to see me first. I could not go to him then. I therefore gave Mr. H. \$5. and a note to take to Mr. James briefly explaining



He called stating what I had  
done and asked him to  
supplement the \$5 given.  
I should say the rent is \$12  
per month. I told him if Mr.  
James gave \$5 they might  
could get the Mr \$2 and  
so pay the rent and prevent  
eviction. It was most for-  
tunate that when out yesterday  
I met the

Rev A. R. Macourey  
White Plains

The gentleman arrived on  
Sunday, and when Mr.  
Palmer introduced me.  
He gave me \$20 to relieve  
the distressed. Including  
the above \$5 I gave \$10.50 for it.



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Seyfield P.A.

to the damned poor last night. The  
 Mrs will go today. There are  
 many in great distress I  
 know well. Last week

Mrs Adair's husband was at  
 work. Now they are doing this  
 work I cannot say. I will be  
 and call today. I have got

3 new work up in 143 St  
 from the ch. on a young man  
 committed in Jan. sailed your  
 day for transport. He works his

passage on a cable ship.  
 That poor man I went to  
 see on Sunday is dead.

He is being buried today. I con-  
 duct a service at the house  
 at 1- pm. His wife died several

years ago so that now the  
 children are orphans indeed.  
 I am much better in health

this week. I trust you are well  
 most respectfully yrs F.A. Seyfield.



Centerville, Mich  
Friday. morning) Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1894

To. Genl. O. O. Howard,-  
At Governors Island,-  
New York. Greeting,-  
Dear Sir & Comrade,-

being an old soldier in the  
Volunteer Service. I take the liberty  
of addressing these lines to you  
to see if it is possible for you to  
help me in this my sad & terrible  
troubles, I enlisted in the Volunteer  
Service in the Eleventh Michigan  
Cavalry in Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1863. to  
serve 3 years or during the war.  
Was Capt. Fred. by Breckenridges  
forces. which with my Command. in  
Western Va. we was engaged in  
destroying the track on the  
Richmond & Danville R. R. was



Struck on Top of head. fracturing  
my Skull. sad as to Cause me to  
be a sufferer. from Epilepsy  
to the present time. Now I am  
a pensioner. or was up to Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 93  
when I was discharged from the  
Ralls. for this reason. In Oct. on  
the 26<sup>th</sup> 1886. I married a  
Widow. lady. by the name of  
Amelia Hummer. of B. River  
St Joseph. Co. Mich. she having  
to grow up Daughters & one  
son, the son being in the Reform  
School. at Lansing. this state &  
after. I had been married about  
one year. I began to find out  
that my wifes Daughters. was doing  
all they could to set their mother  
against me. & they succeeded  
to such an extent that I was  
kept in as the saying is) in hot  
water all the time —



Now, I also have 2 Sons. Now  
 grown. Now, to the truth, of this  
 matter, my wifes youngest Daughter  
 made. A solemn oath That she  
 would seporate. her mother &  
 me. That we should stay to  
 gether as long as we lived. as  
 she would get put me behind  
 the Iron bars. if she had to  
 go to H-ll. for it. This  
 Threat was made. about  
 five. or more years ago. Now  
 so Accomplish. This threat she  
 has been scheeming. Ever since  
 Now. in Aug. last she Comes  
 home. & Commence. to pick a  
 quarrel with, me. her mother, my  
 wife picking with her against



me. my wife having a grand  
Daughter. that was in her 12<sup>th</sup> ye  
that has been living with us.  
ever since I came in to the  
family. Now this Daughter make  
up a plot with this Grand  
Daughter. to swear that I  
committed a Rape on her  
person. that the Crime was  
done on or about the 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of Jan - 1893. & there  
was nothing said or done about  
it until Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1893. nearly  
seven months. which shows  
it to be a treacherous plot to  
black mail me & extort  
money. in the first place. Now  
I am total & permanently  
disabled & was up to Sept 4<sup>th</sup>  
1893. having a pension of  
seventy. Two. Dollars. per month



which was then suspended  
 by a report made to the Board  
 of Penitents. Now they used to issue  
 out a warrant against me & had  
 me arrested. & the Daughter of  
 my wife. Mrs. Mary E. Walsh.  
 The one who had sworn to put  
 me behind the Iron bars five  
 or more years ago was the  
 complaining witness & the grand  
 daughter made an affidavit  
 stating that I did commit the  
 crime charged. which as god  
 is my Judge. I never done  
 neither did I ever attempt to  
 do. I never even thought of  
 such a crime let alone doing  
 it. but never the less they have



me. hear in jail at Centerville  
when I was arrested. in Sept  
last I gave bail in the sum  
of one thousand. Dollars. &  
being nervous & the greater part  
of my time. my brain controlled  
my body. I was advised by parties  
in our place to leave. & as  
under the pressure. & excitement  
I did. & that was the reason that  
people who knew nothing  
about my physical condition  
think I was guilty. but as  
Mr A. W. Seidman, M.D. of B.  
Rivers stated on oath that I  
was not responsible. for what I  
did at that time as the various  
condition. of the Disturbance & brain  
was such that I had no control  
of my body. & others testified  
that this little girl the



Grand Daughter, Was not  
 reliable, as a Witness, that she  
 had repeatedly, told them that  
 this crime which they had charged  
 me with was not true but she  
 was going to swear as her aunt  
 Mary wanted her to, that was  
 to swear against me, now it  
 is one of the most Diabolical  
 Hellish & Dastardly, Scheme  
 & Plot that was ever put up,  
 against a man & it is as fake  
 as is Satan, him self, Now  
 my Wife when she came over  
 her to the Jail to see me said  
 that they told her to right &  
 suspect my Revision & if she  
 could get me sent to prison



that she would get this \$72  
Dollars. per month herself &  
get this back perim that  
was suspended also. & she  
then went to the probate  
Judge with an Affidavit  
from one of our Doctors  
stating that I was crazy &  
asked that she might be  
appointed my guardian to  
get my money. but she was  
told that I was not crazy  
& she could not make out any  
thing. Now under all this hindrance  
the Jury found me guilty of  
an Assault with an Attempt  
to Commit a Rape. but as I  
am an Innocent & Wronged  
man. I through my Atty Mr  
O. F. Bear called for a new  
Trial. & it has been granted



be. I am running a great risk  
as the next Jury. may find  
me guilty of committing the  
Crime of Rape. But as God is  
my Witness I am not guilty  
there fore I fight & shall  
fight it to the bitter end. Now  
my dear Sir: as a Comrade &  
Soldier. if it is in your power  
& I truly believe it is I wish  
in the name of our Crucified  
Savior & Redeemer. that you  
would help me. I was in  
libby Prison. a prisoner for 10  
long & dreary months. & am to-  
day nothing but a walking skeleton  
& cannot live. but a short time  
at most. & I have for the last



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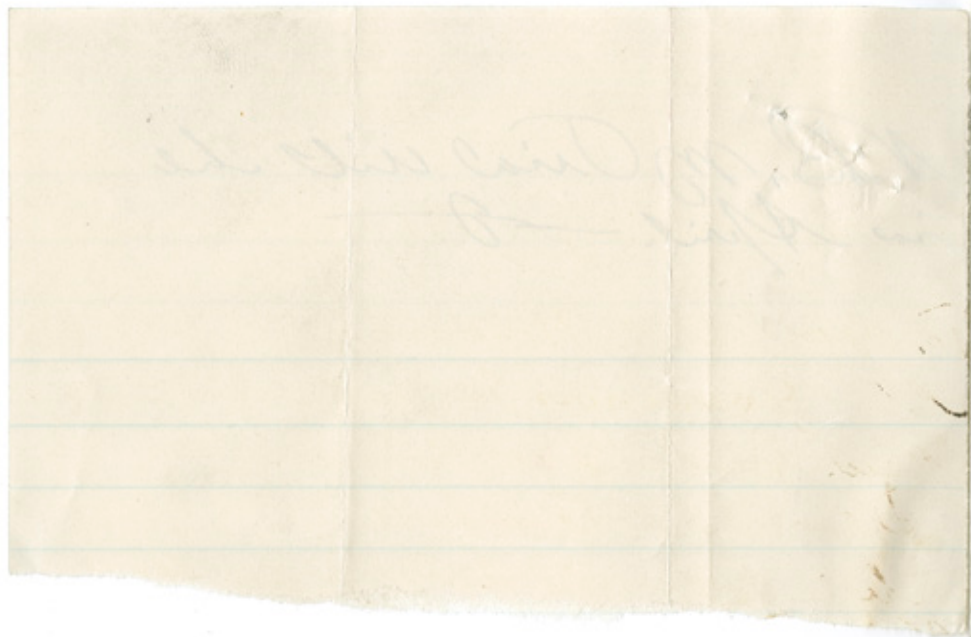
Eight years. Endeavored to  
live on honest. & upright life  
before man. & god. & if I have  
during that period wronged any  
one it has been done through  
ignorance. not wilfully  
now. Dear Comrad I have  
for the simple truth.  
nothing but the truth &  
for as a Christian. wish to  
use all the influence you  
can to help me out of this  
great wrong. I am a poor  
man. have not a dollar to  
help myself with. but trust in  
God. So now trusting that you  
will & can help me I will  
say Good By. hoping to hear from  
you soon I Remain. Very

Respectfully yours in F.C. & L  
Wm H. Allen, Centerville  
St. Joseph Co. Michigan



N.B. My Trial will be  
in April. — J.





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TIMES BUILDING.

*Chicago, Feb. 17th, '94*

Dear Brother:--

I have been requested to look up our records with a view of going into the Sons of Revolution Society. Have you any date either with reference to the Otis or the Howard family to ascertain whether any of our ancestors in direct lineal descent were in the army at that period. I have understood that Grandfather Howard's father or brother was in the Revolution and that he was with them as a boy, but have no reliable evidence. Do you know where the old Otis genealogy book is? I think Rowland had it at one time. I enclose a list which may assist you in further tracing the matter if you care to take pains. If not please return it to me with such remarks as may shed any light on the question.

I trust you are all well. Burt sends us good letters. One pleasant feature is that we often hear of you and yours. A letter from John a few days ago seems to indicate that he is happily and quietly located at Leavenworth.

Affectionately,

*C. H. Howard*



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Howard H

Dear Brother:--

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with reference to the date of the Howard family for ascertaining whether  
any of our ancestors in direct lineal descent were in the army at  
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brother was in the Revolution and that he was with them as a boy, but  
have no reliable evidence. Do you know where the old Otis Genealogy  
book is? I think Richard had it at one time. I enclose a list

of names. If not please return it to me with such remarks as may  
throw any light on the question.

I trust you are all well. But sends us love letters. One  
pleasant feature is that we often hear of you and yours. A letter  
from John a few days ago was so indicative that he is happy and  
well located at present.

Yours truly,  
Howard H



187 E. 71<sup>st</sup> St., N.Y. Cy., Feb 17, 1894.

Major General O. O. Howard,  
Commanding the Division of the Atlantic, U.S. A.,  
Governor's Island, N.Y.,

Dear Sir,

Taking advantage of your kind permission, I write you asking what steps I must take in applying for a chaplaincy in the Army and also asking you kindly to use your influence in my behalf.

I was unfortunate enough to lose my father when I was scarcely three years of age (I was born in December 1864 and he died in October 1867) and for the past 26 years my mother and myself have struggled hard to keep our heads above water. With God's help she succeeded in giving me a college and university education, and through God's Grace I was converted from Agnosticism, into which I had fallen as a result of the



teaching of infidel instructors. Through His un-  
 fail-  
 ing Grace I was at length guided into the ministry,  
 and for a little over two years it has been my  
 blessed privilege to preach the glorious Gospel  
 of His Son. I was ordained in May 1892 by  
 New York Presbytery and labored for one year in  
 Wells, Minn., as pastor of the Presbyterian Church  
 (one of ten churches in a town of 1600 inhabitants).  
 Resigning at the end of the year, I made a short trip  
 through the South and then, in September, I re-  
 turned to New York City, meeting you shortly after my  
 return. Since my resignation last May, I have  
 had no regular charge, and, but for my reliance  
 on God's loving Fatherhood, I would long ago have  
 despaired. God knows I desire ardently to serve Him,  
 I have given my life to Him to do with me as seemeth  
 best unto Him. My sole and constant prayer is  
 that I may be submitted fully to His Holy Will,  
 and that He will soon manifest that Will  
 to me, sending me to some place where I  
 can again serve Him by declaring to the



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people all the fullness of His glorious Gospel.

To you, Dear General, I turn naturally, not only as to a Companion, but also as a beloved brother in Christ, seeking your aid. I pray God that you may be able to help me in this matter. I feel that the work of a chaplain in our army ~~is~~ a most blessed one, is in very truth an evangelistic work. The young men in our Army need young men to lead them to the Savior, and I know of no nobler work than work for youngmen. Disappointments and sorrows have matured me and, while they at times weaken my physically, yet they have strengthened me spiritually. One great drawback I have found in trying to obtain another church, is that I am unmarried, a fact that would not be a drawback in the army.

Now, Dear General Howard, can I not appeal to you for the sake of my heroic father who gave



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his life for the Union (his death was a direct result of disease (rheumatism) contracted in the service), cannot appeal to you for the sake of my beloved, widowed mother, who has borne her cross so heroically by all these years, can I not appeal to you for the sake of those bonds that bind us together in Companionship and in the Brotherhood in Christ, our Lord, to aid me in again obtaining a means of livelihood?

And may I not ask that you include me in your prayers and ask God soon to lead me into a new life of usefulness for Him and His Son?

God bless you for the help your life has been and is to very many and may He long preserve you as the type of a true knightly, Christian soldier!

Pray excuse the length of this letter and Believe me

Ever yours for Christ and His Church,  
J. C. H. Knobel.

Permit me to refer you to the Rev. St. John Hall, 712 - 5th Ave. N.Y., the Rev. John S. Scudder, 311 Varick St., Jersey City, N.J., and the Rev. J. A. Slyfield of Camp Memorial Church, as to my qualifications as a Christian and a preacher.



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Feb 17 1894

THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

My Dear General

We have placed  
you on the General  
Committee. For the  
Great Banquet.  
Assoniation. The  
Dinner will be  
April 27. and you  
must not give away  
that date. —  
Truly yours  
G. M. Dodge  
Chairman



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Philadelphia, *Feb* 17<sup>th</sup> 1892

Maj Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Dear Genl

We are exceedingly anxious to have present at our camp fire as per my invitation of some time ago and which you answered somewhat indefinitely-. Our people are very desirous to meet and to hear you. The men of the Grand Army will appreciate the honor of your presence and I therefore hope to hear from you assuring us you will be with us.

Very Respectfully.

Your Obedt Svt.

Thos J Stewart  
Chmn.



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Dear Gen. Howard:

I have seen Dr. Chote at  
The Bible House, and introduced  
Bro. Weckbacher. Dr. Chote told  
me that he had received a letter  
from you, and would advance  
\$30 to Bro. Weckbacher. I am  
very glad, for I think he really  
needed the money.

I had quite a long talk with Dr.  
Chote regarding the work at Christie  
St., and he told me the difficulties  
in the way of the employment of Bro.  
Weckbacher by that Society. I came  
to the American Tract Society, but  
Dr. Rice is not here - He has been quite



sick.

Just what is the wise way to secure the services of Bro Meek-  
baker I do not understand, but  
I am so strongly impressed with  
the belief that God has sent him  
to us in this emergency, that  
I feel certain that He will open  
the way. God will show us just  
how to do this thing, I am con-  
fident; if we allow Him to point  
the way, but of course He must  
work through our judgment.

I am certain that Mr. Hy-  
field is a failure as the pastor  
at Camp Memorial Church, but I  
maybe prejudiced. I want you to  
see with your eyes, and hear with  
your ears. I, therefore, make this



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suggestion for your consid-  
eration to go to Camp Memorial  
Church next Thursday night  
~~the regular prayer meeting~~  
night - and, after services are  
over at the Church, go to the  
Joeger mission, and see and  
hear for yourself. I have  
watched with great interest  
the work since Mr. Sheffield came  
to Camp Memorial Church. I  
was pleased with him at first,  
and I would not do him an in-  
justice knowingly. But, General,  
this is God's work. "Christie that  
for Christ" has become my  
motto. I do not wish for this



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to be a meaningless jumble  
of words. I want to see the Jaeger  
Mission and Camp Harmonial  
Church working hand in  
hand to save souls. That may  
be done with God's help, and  
wise action on our part.

God has given us Bro. Wecker  
backer. Shall we not provide  
for his employment? The  
matter is in your hands.

I am praying earnestly in  
regard to the matter. I do not  
intend to interfere with your  
work, but I will aid as you  
desire, so far as is in my power.

May God help the right ones  
show us what it is!

Truly yours J. E. Bryant-