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MAJOR-GEIEERAL O. O. Howard, Commanding Dep't of the East,

Governors' Island, N. Y.


S I R :
The undersigned most respectfully invites your attention to a paper herewith on "Recruiting and Desertion" by Brevet Major-General H. L. Abbott, U. S. Army.

The views of this officer on the subject of fixnishing employment to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, in the civil service of the Governemnt would, if enacted into law, greatly decrease if not almost wholly eradicate the discontent existing always among certain classes of enlisted men.

The last Convention of the Regular Army and Navy Union instructed me to make all honorable effort to secure the passage of a law on the lines above stated. It is because of this instruction I address this commication to you. The organization represents several thousand exmembers of the Army and Navy, many of whom not only desire to secure the advantages such a law would give them but encourage their comrades and shipmates still in active service and who may again return to civil life.

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State and municipal authorities will soon follow in the same direcm tion if the Goverment once makes an honorable discharge from the Army a certificate of employment.

Your long honorable career in the Army and knowledge of its needs makes it unnecessary for a further discussion of the reasons why such a law should be secured from Congress, and therefore I have the honor to most respectfilly request that this subject receive favorable comment in jour next anmal Report to the Major-General Comnanding the Amm.

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Pitts burg, Pa., August 6, 1894.
Gen. 0. 0. Howard,
Fort Hamilton, N. Y.
Dear Sir:-
The Dispatch would like very much to have a war reminiscence from your pen. Choose any subject which suggests itself to you, as anything you write will be of intence interest to the hundreds of soldiers who will attend the National Fncemment of the G. A.R. and who served under you. This $m$ atter is intended for the G. A. R. edition of The Dispatch to be ise usd Ence mpment week.

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BOOK DEPARTMENT,
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Maj. Gen. 0. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N, Y. Dear Sir; -

Your letter of the 4 th duly ceceived, enclosing copy for four papers to be used in our forthcoming work on the medal
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pleasure in enclosing herewith our check for $\$ 35.00$.
Thanking you kindly for your courtesy and promptness in the matter, we remain,
Yours vory truly,

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 I^had the piano tuned. We had Florence Allen and Anna Benidict to tea
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Pittsburg, Pa., August 7, 1894.
Gen. 0. 0. Howard,
Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-
Since writing you yesterday it occurs to me that a Gettysburg reminiscence wouldbe intensely interesting to the hundreds of boys who were there, outside of the fact that it emmates from your pen. I simply offer this is a suggestion, and beg that you will follow your own inclination in regard to the matter, only please send something.

Yours very truly,
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