

Pleasant Valley

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Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir:

You are a most benevolent gentleman as your large gifts denote. I see you have given \$50,000. for a public Library to be formed on Ithaca N.Y. now can you give a poor wounded invalid Soldier, who is closely confined to the house, some few books or magazines to read. through the coming winter? I love to read. ~~but~~ am too poor to buy the works I should like to read. The hours pass off slowly when I have nothing to read. You are well off in this worlds goods and I judge

you are not as a great many  
wealthy men are, you are not  
hoarding up money as if it  
were to carry you safely through  
this world & the next too. but you  
desire to do good as you go  
through this world. I love you  
from the mere fact that you  
formed a public library and  
I wish I lived in close  
proximity to it. My history.

I am a young man age 21.  
Enlisted in the Union Army Aug  
1861. went through seven hard  
fought battles in the West. On  
the 2<sup>d</sup> of July 1863 I was severely  
wounded in the right lung at  
the ever memorable siege of  
Vicksburg Miss. from that time  
to this I have suffered as  
much as human beings can  
suffer. during the onset of the

times have been confined to  
my bed. I am improving  
a little now & hope in time  
to be able to go to school &  
receive an education, which I  
desire very much, but this coming  
winter I shall be confined to  
my room & I would as I go  
read or eat my dinner, therefore  
I wish for books. Would you  
help alleviate the sufferings of  
a poor soldier? then send some  
good books or magazines.

The smallest favor will be thank-  
fully received. — If you wish for  
references as to my state of health  
& character I can furnish them.  
If nothing more please send,  
me a paper, & if you can do  
nothing please hand this to  
some benevolent person who can  
and you will oblige. Yours truly

Wilbur F. Crummer

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