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Ans



Atkinson Feb 9 1865

Adjt Gen J Q Hodsdon

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to write you as an old friend, asking a personal favor

I want your counsel and influence in securing the appointment of my son Sargeant Henry A Ramsdell Co M P Me Hen Artillery to a Lieutenancy.

There are two vacancies in his Co and several in the Regt - He has been in the service over a year though a stranger to his officers, he was selected, unasked, for one of the noncommissioned officers at an early date of his service, has been in every engagement of his Regt, and has proved himself an efficient soldier, and a brave fighting boy, and sustains the respect and confidence of his Comrades

Atkinson

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J. H. Ransdell
Atkinson

I learn this from his associates - He is in his 22nd year, of a fine personal appearance courteous and interesting in his manners a good English scholar, of quick apprehension, and possessing a good share of Common Sense, I hope you will pardon my seeming vanity, for as you are unacquainted with him, I do not wish to impose a black head upon your notice and will refer you to Mr. Lyford our Representative, for the truthfulness of my statements, as he is well acquainted with him & has sons in his Co - Henry would make an able Officer, and I have no doubt a popular one among his associates - I have written Senator Hale, and undoubtedly he will wait on you, and if you can help him by way of advice, and a letter to the Gov I will ever remember the

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favor - I think we have had but one Commission in our town, and we have sent more than 100 men always filling our quotas

I have never entered the service for the want of health, but have given my best endeavors to sustain the Holy and already triumphant cause by every means in my power

Three out of five of us brothers are in the army, not as bounty receivers but as fighting men, and one (William) lies in the soil of Arkansas

The spirits of our departed friends will soon rejoice with us, in praising God for leading us to a glorious triumphant and lasting peace, to a free and great Republic

I have just returned from the Shannandoah Valley, where I have

been as delicate in the U.S.C. Commission.
My health failed and reluctantly
I was compelled to return home.
The day of eternity will only reveal
the the amount of good this Association
as accomplishing.

Personal - Son I started on the
stage of life about the time you did
penicillin, as you recollect, and have been
joying along at a slow pace, never
engaging in any large enterprise, but
have been generally successful - I have
recently sold out my interests and
find left with all bills paid, in cash
and securities over \$10,000, and though
small compared with your acquisitions
and some others of my early associates
yet I feel well satisfied with my efforts.
Perhaps I may see you this winter.
Love Old Sorat J.H. Ramsdell