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December 23, 1895.

To the President of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:-

My esteemed young friend, Rev. Samuel F. Benbrook, of Birmingham, Ala., is an applicant for the position of Chaplain in the United States Army, and I desire to commend his application to your favorable consideration. While Rev. Mr. Benbrook is yet a young man, he is of sufficiently mature years to have acquired an enviable reputation as a minister of the gospel, and stands deservedly high among all church going people in the community where he resides, and especially among those of the Christian denomination of which church he is a member. He is a gentleman of liberal literary attainments, possessing all the Christian qualities that should adorn the profession he has espoused, is a most entertaining and forcible speaker, and has consecrated his life to the service of the Lord.

I believe that Mr. Benbrook possesses all the qualifications necessary to make him a useful, successful and popular Chaplain in the army, and it is with great pleasure that I commend him to your favor. Trusting that he may receive the appointment, I have the honor to be,

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. Stone
Governor of Mississippi.