

COMMERCIAL  
DEPARTMENT

Presbyterian Board of Publication,

321 Chestnut Street.

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Rev. Thos. G. Wall,

Philadelphia,

Dear Bro: Upon the suggestion made by you a day or two since, I yesterday requested our Executive Committee to make a grant of \$15. worth of our publications to the prisoners of war recently taken at Hatteras, and now imprisoned in the forts in New York harbour. The package will be forwarded by Express at the expense of the Board.

In forwarding the package, I presume you will write to the prisoners, or to some one of your acquaintances among them. If so, will you please to assure them that this grant was unanimously and most cordially voted by our Committee, and that we all earnestly hope that the books and tracts will be not only instrumental in helping to while away the dreary hours of solitude and imprisonment, but also in bringing to one and all of the readers that light and hope and joy which come from Heaven through the agency of the Holy Spirit, by the instrumentality of the truth.

We would be glad to receive through you, from the prisoners, some acknowledgment of the safe receipt and acceptableness of the package.

Very fraternally, yours in the Gospel,

W. E. Schenck, Cor. Secy

