To his Excellency Abraham Lincoln,
President of the United States,

Mr. the undersigned,

have respectfully and earnestly recommended to the Rev. J. W. Menges for appointment as Chaplain to the U.S. N. Em. Hospital at York, Pa., as we are personally acquainted with the Rev. Dr. Menges, and believe that his appointment would give great satisfaction in this community, as well as serve the cause of the suffering soldiers. Besides this, his known loyalty and deep interest in the welfare of the soldiers, his ready use of both English and German give him peculiar qualifications for this office. Hoping that this application may meet with your favorable consideration, we are your truly your humble servants.

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William Hay
Horace Bonham