His Excellency,
A. Lincoln,
President U.S.

Sir: I respectfully request the appointment of Rev. J. C. Stewart of Iowa, as additional Chaplain at the U.S. Hospital, at Keokuk, Iowa.

The number of sick and wounded soldiers at this hospital varies from twelve hundred to two thousand. The Chaplain, heretofore appointed, find it impossible to give as many the attention which the common impressions of a Christian Minister prompts. He is, I think, a Presbyterian Minister. Mr. Stewart whom I recommend is a Methodist, who has spent twenty odd years in the service of the church in this State, is universally loved and esteemed, and will make an excellent Chaplain.

The Patients, occupy two or three different buildings.

Hoping and expecting that you may find it practicable to appoint Mr. Stewart,

I am as ever,

Your obedient servant,

Jas. Harlan.
I cordially recommend in the matter incumbent of my colleague, Mr. Horton. I have known Mr.
Horton more than twenty years.

Know him to be a devoted, sincere
person ever uncompromising the principle
of the freedom of all men. Know
him.

His Address: North of
Madison, county, Iow,

Res. I. I. Stewart.