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

Dear Sir:

As you were kind enough to refer the matter of the appointment of a third chaplain for the hospitals in this District & vicinity to me, I take the liberty of saying, that it seems to me highly important that a chaplain should be appointed for the benefit of the sick and wounded in Alexandria. More than two hundred are in the hospitals there, and there is no minister of the gospel to visit them and minister to their wants. I hope, therefore, you will appoint the Rev. Mr. Hopkins to that service, giving him the same kind of Commission which you gave to Messrs. Toff and Butler. Of his qualifications for such a service
there can be no doubt. His heart is in the work.
As you are probably already aware, he is a son of the Rev. Mark Hopkins, D. D., the gifted and well-known President of Williams College. Most earnestly, heartily do I commend him to your confidence.

Yours respectfully,

P. D. Gurley