

## Good Words for C. C. Carpenter

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not been preserved. It is not yet known whether he discarded all materials he received. If he destroyed his own, yet saved the compositions of his correspondents, they may be assembled and organized into an invaluable portion of the record of the career of Mr. Good.

At first it may seem that the touch of Mr. Good is gone when his outgoing autographed materials are lost. But, in his long, active and consistent career, he must have been most certainly and frequently addressed by important men and interests upon important matters. These incoming missives inevitably carried their contributions of intelligence into his equipment for discharging duty. They must have been inevitably responded to by oral or written word. If then an important question of or suggestion to Mr. Good exists in writing, his response, though literally lacking, is easy of inference. At least, the writer of the query and his text fixed the position and importance of Mr. Good in that one instance. Multiplied by the number and varied by the character of mere incoming missives, the correspondence, even fragmentary, sets out the public figure of Mr. Good among his fellow men. What though the substance of Mr. Good be missing, incoming materials pressed against his life compose his mold. They form a matrix from which may be perfectly cast the form and symmetry of his noble figure.

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It always gives us pleasure to note the success of a true and worthy man. C. C. Carpenter, being such a one and one of our true and tried friends, we take solid pleasure in announcing that an appointment of commissary of subsistence with rank of captain has been conferred upon him by the United States Senate, and that he has left us for St. Louis to report himself ready for duty. This we learn is one of the most responsible positions in the army and one requiring great prudence and honesty. For every requirement "Cy" has an overplus of capacity. We have every confidence in his making a most capital officer. Success to him. After his return we propose sending him to Congress.—*Fort Dodge Republican*, republished in *Daily State Register*, Des Moines, Iowa, May 3, 1862. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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