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The
De Ray Congl Church Aug 20

Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

Your Circular came
to hand two weeks ago yesterday. While at Church
Worship Service I read the Circular & offered
some of us to make up the amount, & offered
a while, some giving one dollar and some
fifty cents. I obtained the amount of ten
dollars, & first gave in the creation of your
Church which you will find enclosed.

Yours respectfully
J. M. Phillips
Pastor

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Cong. Church
per Rev. S. Phillips Pastor

Enclose contribution of
ten dollars to 1st Cong.
Church Washington D.C.

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Executive Department
Tallahassee Florida
Aug. 20. 1867

Major General O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

General, The object of this is to
make you acquainted with
the 12th 1st Div? Bishop Young of
the success of Florida and to
ask you to give him all the
assistance you can in the
execution of a plan, which
he will explain the details
of to you, for the elevation of the
black people of this State through
the means of moral and religious
instruction -

Hoping you will give the
Bishop's suggestions an impartial considera-
tion and contribute as far as possible to their
successful execution remain
yours most respectfully D. S. Walker

- Copy -

R. M. Hall Esq.

Agent for Sale of Howard University Lots.

Sir, At a meeting of the Trustees of Howard University, Aug. 14, 1867, the Executive Committee of the Board were authorized by special vote, to make an arrangement at their discretion for the sale to Gen. O. O. Howard of the lot on which he is erecting a house. In pursuance of which, the Executive Committee on the 19th instant, passed the following vote.

That, the business Agent is hereby authorized to give Gen. O. O. Howard, a bond for a deed of Lot No. 11, in Block No. 4, of the Howard University grounds, for the sum of One thousand dollars, payable in five years, with interest, ~~and~~ in consideration of his taking a full acre of ground and also in consideration of his erecting on said lot a house of the value of at least ten thousand dollars.

Respy yours.

(Signed)

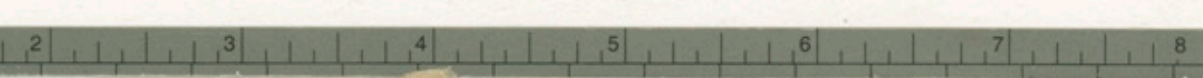
E. W. Robinson

Sec. of Ex. Com.

Howard University

Washington D.C.

Aug. 20, 1867.



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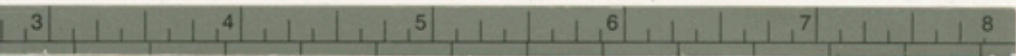
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Washington D.C.

Dec 20 1867

Maj' Genl Howard

Dear Sir

I am of the opinion that if you will go to R.M. General and make a strong appeal in Mrs Bursley's behalf you will succeed in securing her a situation, I understand that there are no ladies from Maine in that Dept. I certainly know of no one more deserving than she is. She has sacrificed her all for her country, is left with two little children dependant on her for support. I know they have heretofore



made places when there
were no balconies I hope
they will do so in this
case. I would not ask
your aid if it was not
a meritorious case

Hoping you will
make the effort
& remain

Your Obedt Servant

A. C. Wiley

Washington D.C.
Aug. 20th 1867.

Wiley A.C.

States that it is his
opinion. that if Genl.
Howard will go to the
P. M. General and make
a strong appeal in Mrs.
Bursley's behalf he will
succeed in securing
her a situation.

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The National Temperance Society and Publication House, 163.
Office No. 172 William Street.

J. N. STEARNS,
Publishing Agent.

New York, August 20, 1867

Major Gen. Howard

Dear Sir,

The Grand Division of Eastern New York (Sons of Temperance) had appointed a Committee to arrange for a great Mass Meeting in this city on the evening of Tuesday October 22^d to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Order in this Country -

That Committee desires I should communicate with you, and ascertain if you could be present on that occasion, and speak.

The importance of such a meeting in this city just prior to the fall elections cannot be overestimated.

Hoping to hear from you an affirmative Response.

Yours truly,
James B. Dunn
Chairman of Com.



The National Temperance Society and Fellowship House
100 N. 1st Street
St. Paul, Minn.

J. M. STEARNS.

Dear Sir,
Cedar Rapids, August 24, 1897

My dear Mr. Stearns,

Thank you for

the letter of

the 22nd inst. (long & interesting)
of course the fact of my
affectionate & generous
heart was working in this case on the
basis of friendship. But I do not
wish to discuss the value of this

letter. I am sure that I shall be
able to communicate with you and
that I shall be able to do so in the future.

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Calais, Me. August 20. 1867

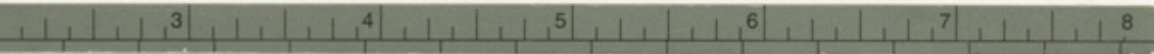
Gen. Howard.

Sir enclosed please find a check on the Globe Bank. Boston. for twenty one dollars, being the amt. contributed by the Cong. Church & Society and Sabbath School in this City, we have delayed sending since the contribution was taken up, hoping there would be more paid in.

Please rect for this in your usual way & oblige.

Your humble Servt.

James Robbins



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Celine M. Lynd 20 1907

Dear Mother

in answer to your

letter a check on the State Bank

has been sent for the money

for the rent of the house

and I have also sent you

the money for the rent of the house

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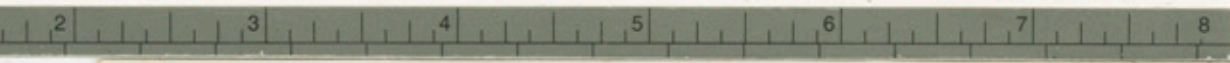
and I have also sent you

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Ed. Qrs Nelson Encampment Post N° 19
"G.A.R." Columbus O. Aug 20, 1867.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by a
Committee of this Encampment, to enquire whether your
arrangements will permit you to deliver a lecture at
this place during the coming Fall or Winter under the
auspices of this encampment and for the benefit of our
charity fund. You are probably aware that the main object
of our order is the protection of disabled soldiers, widows
and orphans, and we are desirous of raising as large a
fund as possible for that purpose. There is a general
desire upon the part of our order and our citizens
generally to see and hear you, and your compliance
with our invitation would give ~~a~~ great pleasure to



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our Encampment which numbers in its ranks many
of your old command. Of course any sum you may
ask for expenses &c will be cheerfully furnished. Please
address me at your earliest convenience stating whether
you can comply with our invitation and if so when, and
upon what conditions. We shall leave to you the choice
of subject and endeavor to comply fully with your wishes
in all respects. I am Sir

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

W A Knapp

Late Capt 19th Ohio Infy

Address

P.O. Drawer 1323

Columbus O,

Columbus

Aug. 28th 1867

Stonahs W. G.

Friend Genl. Howard
to lecture some time
during the coming fall
or winter for the benefit
of distressed soldiers,
widows and orphans.

And leaving Aug 24th ny

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Bro J Tyler of you
Ch is a personal friend
Yours P.H.

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Peter Hobart Jr.

10 Ash St.

Boston

Harvard Place August 20 1867

Genl Howard

I find in your note
 reminding me of my duty, were duly noted
 but on account of the sickness of my only
 Son I was called away to attend him &
 therefore in a measure the answer has
 been withheld until now. I feel
 deeply interested in the success of your good
 enterprise & I cannot but feel confident that
 it will succeed not only because the Object
 itself is important for the cause of Christ, but
 also because with the energy & prayer & labors
 of such a self denying Servant of Christ, who has
 been so signally blessed of God in the service of his
 Country when in Service, that God will I cannot
 doubt, crown your efforts with success. is the
 Prayer of my heart. May the Lord reward you
 Genl Howard Personally; is my Prayer, enclosed is
 my offering &c. Yours truly Peter Hobart

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Hallowell Aug 20/67
Gen Howard
Sir

In response to
your letter of June 7, I send
enclosed twelve dollars for
your Military Honor. I regret
that it is not more, but we
have had constant calls
for a long time past and
can do but little for each
case.

May the Lord bless you
and keep you where you
have been so highly ben-
eficial to thousands of those
sands. Please just
give me a sign a pair
of paper. In I have from
me a friend your autograph
Truly Yrs
J H Gorman



Medfield Mass. to
August 21st 1867.

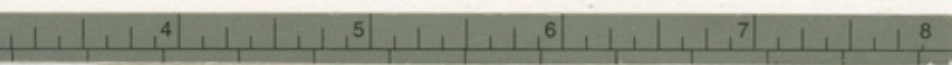
Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir,

In response to your
circular, asking aid in building
the Congregational Church in
Washington, our Sunday School,
though quite small, cheerfully
contribute ten dollars, which sum
please find enclosed.

With this small contribution
please accept our earnest wishes
that full success may attend
you in your noble work.

May the Congregational
Church, now being erected in
Washington do much toward
maintaining, in its purity, in



My dear Mr. Horner,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the proposed new family bible. I am glad to hear that you are so much interested in the subject, and I am sure that the new bible will be a most valuable addition to your family. I have no objection to your using the new bible, and I am sure that it will be a most valuable addition to your family. I am sure that it will be a most valuable addition to your family. I am sure that it will be a most valuable addition to your family.

the capital of our country, "the
faith once delivered to the
Saints,"

If not asking to much it would
gratify our school to know that
their contribution has been received

Francis S. Wright.
Supt. of Tab. school,
Est. Congre. Church,
Medfield.

Medfield Mass

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Wright Francis S.
Supt. Cong. S. S.

Encloses contribution of
ten dollars toward the
1st Cong Ch. Washington DC

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New England Branch Freedmen's Union Commission.

No. 8 STUDIO BUILDING,

Boston, Aug. 21, 1867.

Mr. Mc Kim,

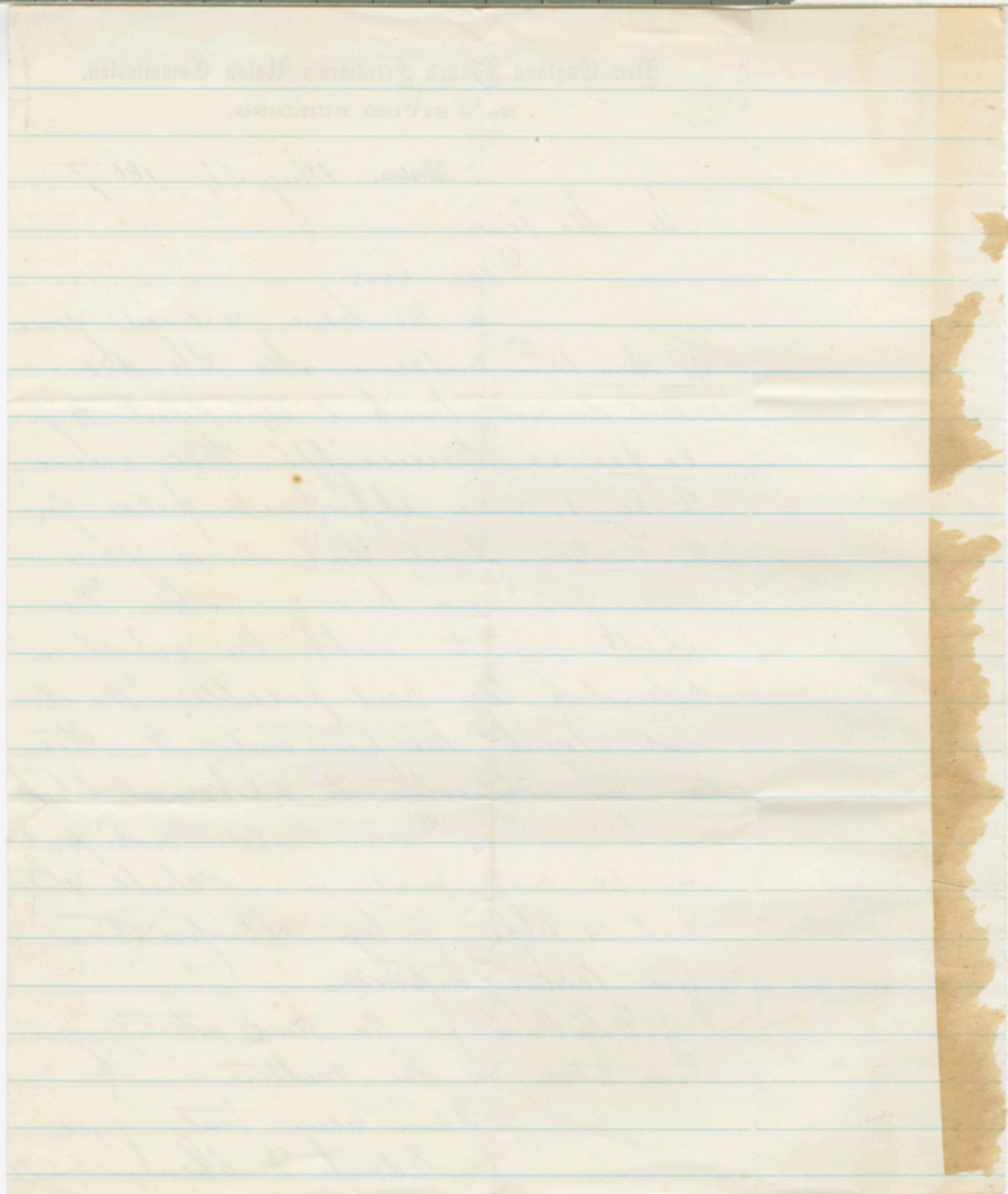
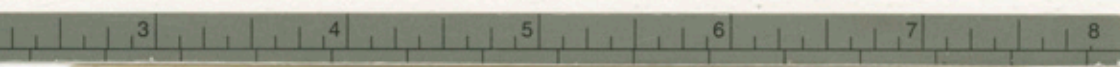
Dear Sir,

We have received yours
of Aug. 15th enclosing Mr. Abund's.

We do not think it expedient to go
as far as Mississippi. That seems
to be a more appropriate field for
a Western Society. And it is far
away from our line of work. We
shall try to make the school in
Columbus the best possible. We do
not think the proximity to Atlan-
ta an objection to a Normal School
in Columbus, - there would not prob-
ably be any rivalry; & we shall still
wish & hope for an appropriation
for that purpose.

With thanks for the kind interest you
have taken in the matter,

I am very truly yours
Ednah D. Cheney by C. S. H.



New York Aug 21. 64
357 Park St -

My Genl O Howard
Washington D.C.

General

You will not I hope
cast aside this letter without
notice when you see what
object it is for as a word
from you or any action would
be the means of doing much
good for that once downy
troubled race who now thank
God can obtain Education
and truly read for themselves
the word of God and become
good Citizens.

This little Bank
"Birds Nest Bank" as you

perceive by the enclosed copy
was started by a band of
ones the oldest I think 9
of age in 1864 and from
stitutions from all parts of the
country have done nobly and
could they get any aid from
your department how much
good it will do and trust
the prayers of the little ones
will ascend for you and those
that are connected with you
in bettering that race
never did any one harm
and who cry for an Education

I enclose a certificate to
show you that all that ^{children} ~~children~~
will get one of those.

I was in the
Army when I first took hold
of this and have up to

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the present time sent this
little Institution over \$120.⁰⁰
and lately have placed in the
hands of several Superintendents
of Colored Sabbath Schools in
Williamsburgh & this City
the same and have favorable
reports

I will forward certificates
in receipt of names & money
to parties applying for same
and send the money on to
the Birds Nest Bank free
of cost to them - this I
do as my share in the enterpr-
ise in a point of philanthropic
view it is I know but a
small item still it aids the
cause

You will excuse me
for intruding on your valua-
ble time but suffering

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humanity demands us
all to devote a small
portion of our time, to
call

If you think this
worthy of an answer you
will confer a favor by
addressing

Gabriel W. P. Hale
Care
Turnalds Champion & Co

257 Pearl St

New York City

You can ask for reference

Mr Wm H. Leonard Secy of
about me & my family
as the family of Gilbert P. Hale
is well known to him.

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STORY OF THE "BIRD'S NEST BANK."

What is "THE BIRD'S NEST BANK?" In answer to many enquiries, we would reply: "THE BIRD'S NEST" is the Infant Department of the Congregational Sabbath School of Kalamazoo, whose Motto is "Live to be good, and to do good."

One Sabbath, a Christian Soldier, belonging to the First Michigan Cavalry, visited the 'Bird's Nest,' and when the plate was passed around to gather up the weekly pennies, he handed out one, saying, "Here is a penny I found in the bottom of my pocket, and it won't grow there;" now I want to deposit it with the "Bird's Nest" and see if it will grow there.

The teacher took the penny, holding it up before the children, repeating what he had said, then added, "Now we must see if we can put this into a soil where it will take root and grow."

"LITTLE KITTIE ROOT," one of the wee Birds, came up to the teacher, saying, "My ma says she will give you ten cents for that penny."

We were a little surprised, but there was no mistake about it, the "Penny" had taken "root," and "Root" had taken the "Penny."

The next sabbath two more tens were added to its growth, soon another, then another.—Finding it promised to be a very pleasant thing, and having this motto in our "Bird's Nest," "Live to be good, and to do good," we concluded (after talking the matter over) to put the thing into shape, select some good object which the growth of our penny should benefit, then we could act intelligently.

This suggested the idea of a "BIRD'S NEST BANK," the books of which are now open for subscription for the benefit of the Freedmen.

ORIGIN AND RULES OF THE "BIRD'S NEST BANK."

WHEREAS, a Soldier of the First Michigan Cavalry deposited with the "Bird's Nest," in February, 1864, a "penny," for growth, the following rules will be observed in carrying out this object:

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- II. Any individual becomes a stockholder in this Bank by paying ten cents to the teacher, and will receive a certificate for the same.
- III. All moneys received from the sale of stock will be used for the education of "Freedmen," under the direction of the teacher.

The soldier referred to above, has since laid down his life for his country; but the penny is *growing*. Truly, though dead, he still lives, and his works do follow him.

Friend, will you not take one or more shares, and thus secure to yourself the blessing of those who help God's poor.

Bank address,

"BIRD'S NEST BANK," KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN.

P. S. The "Bank" has assumed (under the American Missionary Association) the support of the school at "Jefferson City" the "Capitol of Missouri." Photographs of the "Soldier" and "little Kitty," can be furnished at twenty-five cents each, by enclosing a postage stamp, and addressing as above

Care *Gabriel N. P. Gale*
Journalist Champion
257 Pearl St. N.Y.

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Martin & Leonard, Printers, Chicago.

CONGREGATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL--INFANT CLASS.

BIRD'S NEST BANK.

CAPITAL STOCK.

A "Penny" deposited with the "Bird's Nest,"
for growth, by a Soldier of the First Michigan Cavalry,
CHAUNCEY T. CARRIER, who died July, 1861.



Kalamazoo, Mich., *April 15th 1861*

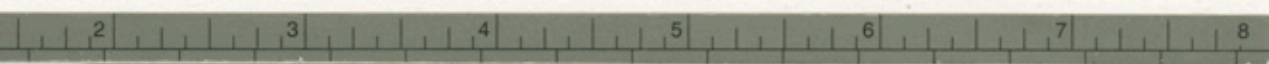
This Certifies That *Mary Jane O. Howard*
is entitled to *Five* Share in the "Bird's Nest" Bank.

No. 6864

{ All Monies received appropriated }
to the education of the Freedmen.

A. Montague, Teacher.

Wm. H. Hale



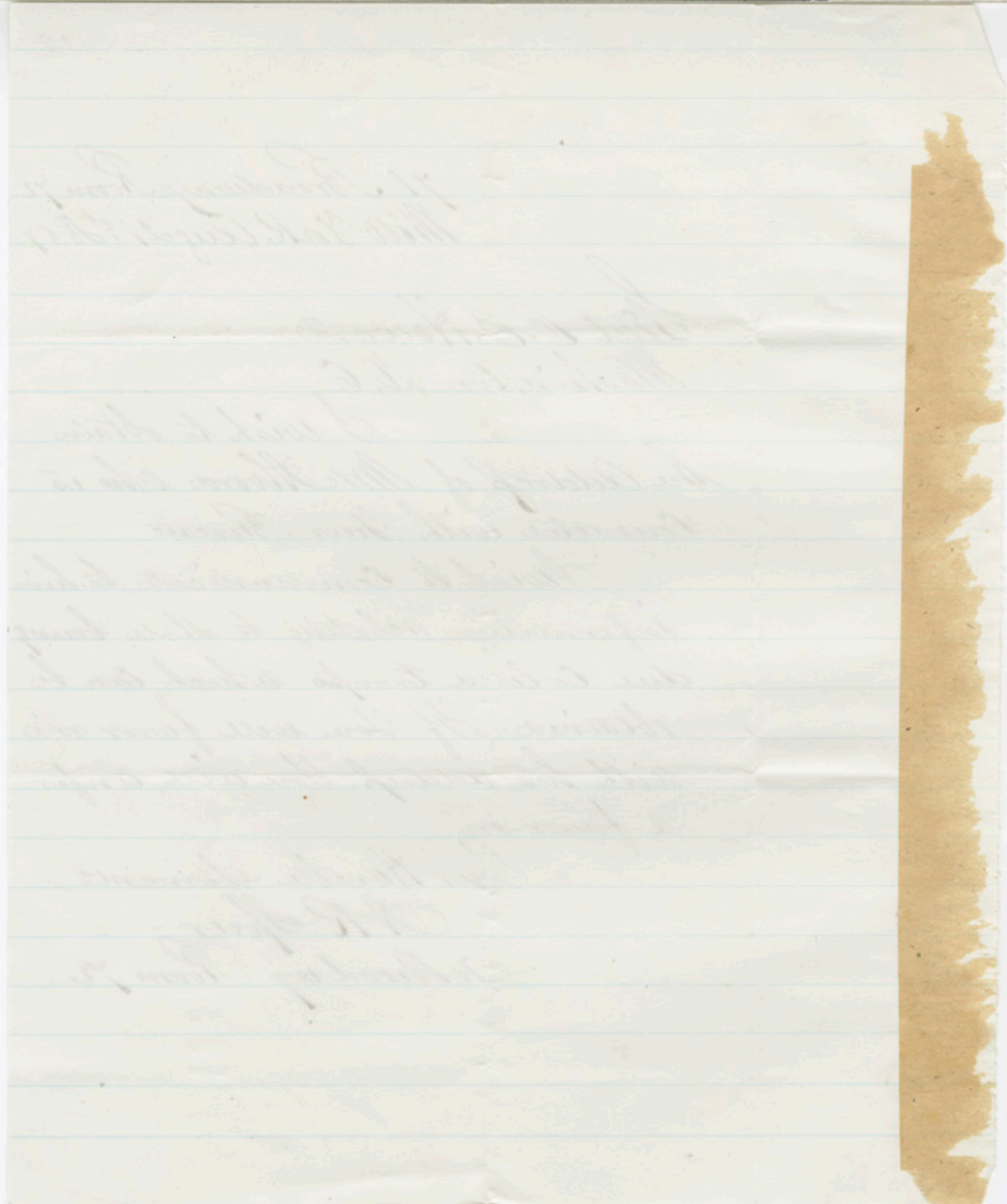
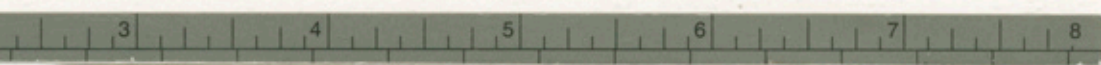
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71 Broadway Room 72
New York Aug 21st 1867

Genl C. C. Howard
Washington D. C.

I wish to obtain
the address of Mr. Moore who is
connected with your Bureau

I wish to communicate to him
information relating to state bounty
due Colored troops which can be
obtained. If you will favor me
with his address you will confer
a favor on

Your Humble Servant
A R Speer
71 Broadway Room 72



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Washington D. C. Aug. 21st /67

To our respected Friend

Major Gen. Howard

and his Associates in the cause of Temperance,
Sir

at the annual communication, of the R. W. N. National
Grand Lodge I. O. of G. S. & D. of S. for North America,
held on the above date in Woodward Hall
situated on D Street.

the following resolution was unanimously adopted.
Resolved, That the R. W. National Grand Lodge of
Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria in
annual session assembled, would not separate without
giving expression to its grateful recognition of the
great service rendered to the Temperance^{cause}, in the noble exam-
-ple set before the nation by members of its highest legisla-
-ture in organizing the "Congressional Temperance Society" within
the walls of its capitol. And especially to Major General
Howard would we tender our thanks for organizing—
Temperance societies among our southern fellow citizens,
and lending the influence of his name and position

to the spread of the principles of sober living.
we welcome all such aids, and return thanks to the
giver of all good. for the blessing.

Charles A. Street

R. W. W. J. Linn

Henry Russell

Thomas J. Linn

Moses B. Cross, Chairman,
Henry Russell
Wm. H. Thomas.

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Private

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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL FREEDMAN'S COMMISSION,
10 Bible House, New York.

August 21st 1867.

May. Gen. O. O. Howard,
My dear General,

I have been expecting a letter from you for some days. You must pardon me if I seem anxious about our Manual School at Raleigh after the efforts that were made to prevent you from aiding us, and in view of the change in the War Department. I hope the \$5000. which you ~~you~~ promised should be paid as soon as our school was chartered, has been placed in the hands of Kemp P. Battle, Esq., the Treasurer of the institution, ~~where~~ a certificate

Private

August 21st 1867.

Atty. Gen. U.S. Howard,
My dear General,

I have been

expecting a letter from you for some
days. You must pardon me if
I seem anxious about my affairs
and of course after the office
has been made to prevent you from
coming up, and in view of the
change in the two departments,
after the 1st Nov. which you have
should be paid or given
in school was obstructed, has
placed in the hands of Messrs.
Booth, & Co., the Treasurer of
the institution, ~~and~~ a certificate

of whose election and authority
to receive all moneys I placed
on your desk, as I was leaving.
Please, my dear friend, inform
me what has been done, and
whether there is any difficulty
in the way. Let hear from you
as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
Wm. Smith

New York City

Aug. 21st 1867

Smith J. Brinton

States that he has been
expecting a letter from
Genl. Howard every day
with regard to Normal
School in Raleigh.

Wishes to know whether
any thing is in the
way.

Will submit B

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