

U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

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Jan 15th 1868

By Telegraph from

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To Maj Gen Howard

No letter recd. Anxiously
waiting. Write this day

Geo H Stuart

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Philadelphia, Pa.
Jan'y 15th 1868

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Telegram from
Genl. Stuart



(Private & Confidential.)

THE CONGREGATIONALIST,

No. 15 Cornhill, Boston,

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15th Jan^y.

1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir,

Your note covering an appeal for funds for the Conf. Chh in Wash- ington, has been received; as also one from Miss. Bennister, of Newburyport asking us to modify its language so as not to point to her so directly as it now does.

But my object in writing you is to say that I feel that we need more light upon the general subject, before publishing anything more in regard to the enterprise. Mr. Cushing, N. E. Secretary of the Am. Cong. Union brings very grave charges against somebody connected with the Church and Society - I suppose he understands it to be Dr. Boynton; and they have influenced a many minds here that it would be hopeless to attempt to move another step until they

are cleared up. His general charge is that - the Union having purchased the land, and holding it in fee. The Society nothing ago applied to the Trustees of the Union to transfer the title to them, on the ground that with the title resting in them they could raise by mortgage all the money that would be needed to finish the house, so as to be able to leave the field of appeal clear to the Union, in which way they had been for sometime standing. (I will not say that it seems to me this was a very unwise thing to be asked or granted, as a debt of that amount, it seems to me, ought not to be thought of in connection with the enterprise.) Mr. Cushing represents, however, that the Trustees in that express understanding did transfer the land in fee to the Society, on the express condition that no further public appeal for funds should be made by it; but that within a very short time after, in violation

of this agreement, Dr. Bryant sent out
a new batch of circulars - to which I can
bear witness, as I received one, and based
on it as good an appeal as I knew how
to write - and that, still further, he
inserted in this new circular an affirmative
recommendation of Mr. Langworthy when
he was Secretary of the Union, as if still
in force, and as if he were still Secretary.
The moral effect of which was to make
the public believe that the Union still
endorses further public appeal - and
thus in a very special manner, as a
highly exceptional case - on the part
of the Washington enterprise to the gen-
eral public; when all this is in direct
and absolute violation of the agreement
just made, and on which the deed
of the London has just been received by the
Society.

You will see at once that it would
be unavailing to attempt to move in the
matter of raising further funds, until this

has been explained.

Further, there is a very deep feeling here - especially since reading Dr. Bragut's late published remark, that he is not the man to carry on this enterprise; and of distrust of his entire honesty in the matter of the last circular; which make it doubly wise to pause for consideration and explanation before heraring any appeal which ought to be made final and effectual.

It is too bad to trouble you with all this General, but the fact is I have entire confidence in you, and I since know the people too well, or not well enough to have the same confidence in them; and so I come to you, and ask you to enlighten me, for I know the matter lies near your heart. Your reply shall be considered entirely confidential - as my letter to you is -

With the highest respect
and admiration, I am
faithfully yours. Henry A. Dexter

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76. South Oxford St
Brooklyn New York
Jan'y 15th 1868.

Dear Gen^l

After I parted with you, I presented your letter to Senator Morrie who said that I need have no apprehension - that he would look after my interests in case my name came before the Senate and that he was glad to have your letter in case any objection was made to my Confirmation. Senator Fessenden also assured me of his hearty support.

It occurs to me however, that as my name in case it is sent in, will go first before Senator Wilsons military committee an unfavorable report might be sent into the Senate before our Senators know any thing of my nomination. Will you not do me the great kindness to speak to Senator Wilson, in my behalf, if you have an opportunity. I ^{on arriving here} find that the notes I received in payment for my place may not be paid for some time, in which case you will perform an act of charity as well as friendship by aiding me. Encouraged by your past kindness to believe you will comply with my

request. I remain
Yours Very Truly
Davis Tillson

Genl O. O. Howard, W.S.A.
Comm -
Washington D.C.

16 South Oxford Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.
January 15, 1868

Tillson, Davis

States that he presented Genl.
Howard's letter to Senator
Dwight who kindly con-
sented to look after his
interest, also to Senator
Massachusetts who likewise
promised to interest him
when his case. He fears
that his nomination may
go before the Military Com-
and be unfavorably acted
upon, therefore he desires Genl.
Howard to say a word to
Mr. Tillson



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Bureau R. I. & A. L.

Asst Comm's Office

Northwestern Term

May 15th 1868

Dear General:

Your letter requesting my
photograph was received today.

I send you one that was taken just
after an attack of sickness and
represents me or rather then.

In other respects I believe it is as
correct as they generally are.

If you have one of your own to spare
I would be obliged to you for it.

Yours truly

W. T. Garrison

At my home

Maj's General Howard,

Commander

Washington

D. C.

London N.Y. 18th
with some of the
best of the
day 17-18

Dear General:
I have the pleasure of
acknowledging your letter of the 17th
and am glad to hear that you are
well and in good health. I am
also glad to hear that you are
interested in the cause of
the poor and the oppressed.
I am sure that your efforts
will be successful and that
you will be able to do much
good for the world.

Yours truly
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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Washington, D. C.
January 15, 1868.

Dear Brethren:-

Having tendered my resignation as Corresponding Secretary, I deem it proper to state that, there is no correspondence, parts of which have been in my possession, which is now pending or unanswered.

The sum of \$15⁰⁰, claimed by brother Geo. R. Hill of Baltimore, from our Association, for copies of the report of the Convention held in Baltimore in 1866, has been appropriated, and, I presume, ere this, paid by the Treasurer.

The only bill of expense incurred by me, has been for stationery purchased of brother William Ballantyne.

Yours Fraternally,
Jas M. Sedgwick,
Cor. Secy.

To the
Officers & Members, Y. M. C. A.,
Washington, D. C.

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Young Men's Christian Association,

No. 318 Penn. Avenue, bet. 9th and 10th streets.

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1868.

Dear General:-

I feel that I can hardly forego the privilege of making a few suggestions concerning the affairs of the Association, ^{in writing.} though I hope to see you and have some conversation with reference to the same matters, before leaving the city. I hope you may be able to improve on them in such a manner that they may be useful to the Association.

1st If I am not much mistaken, the books of the Treasurer need overhauling. When the subscriptions of Annual members expire the members should be promptly notified and a renewal solicited. If the Treasurer has not the time, better pay some one to do it than leave it undone. If it was reduced to a system, it would only be necessary to fill up a few

blanks every day. Again, the Treasurer should be present at our Saturday evening prayer-meetings, (the life blood of the Association) and let it be understood that he is ^{there} to receive dues as well as to pray. I presume that half the members who attend those meetings do not even know we are in debt. They only hear about the finances semi-occasionally and then they are startled.

2nd Our Committee on Churches nor the Association have never issued cards or tracts of any kind whatever. In my opinion the cards issued by some Associations with Scripture promises, and the question - Why am I not a Christian? with Scripture answers to the objections which many urge, are calculated to do much good. They make people think Brother Moody had some small ones at Albany, which he called their light artillery.

3rd Let the Association request each Church to appoint two or three young

Young Men's Christian Association,

No. 318 Penn. Avenue, bet. 9th and 10th streets.

Washington, D. C.,

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men, one of whom will always be at the Saturday evening P.M. Let one of this number from each Church be the Com. on Churches, and let them all be active in getting members to join from their Churches. Let them get their pastors interested if they are not already so, so that he will be satisfied that it would be a good thing for his Church if every member of it belonged to the Association. It will then soon be understood that the Assocn. and especially our Saturday evening P.M. are the head-quarters of the religious influence of the city. Let strangers understand, if possible, that at those meetings they will find members from all the Churches, who will be glad to introduce them wherever they wish to go. Then notices from the S. S. Union and kindred associations can be sent to the Churches

promptly.

4th Let ^{notice of} this prayer-meeting be given every Sabbath in every church in the city until every one knows it; then once a month will answer. Let every Sunday School teacher and Supt. know where he can go on Saturday evening (for it will interfere with no service of his Church) and get his strength renewed and his heart warmed for his Sunday's work.

I have been much longer than I expected and have but one more remark to make. Though last it is not least; it is an earnest request that you will not decline a reelect

I cannot sufficiently thank the members of the Association for their interest in me and my anxiety for its prosperity and usefulness must serve as an apology - if is needed - for this long letter.

Yours Fraternally,
Jas. M. Hudson
Cor. Secy.

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Treasury of the United States,

Division of National Banks.

Washington, Jan'y. 15th 1868.

Dear General:-

As I expect to leave the city during the week to be absent until May, I hereby tender my resignation as Corresponding Secretary and as Chairman of the Committee on Mission Schools.

With the warmest regard for the members of the Association as well as for yourself, and for the unvarying kindness and esteem of all, I remain,

Yours Fraternaly,

Jas M. Hudnut

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Pres. Y. M. C. Association,
Washington, D. C.

January 15, 1868.

For Mr. M. M. M. M.

Resignation as

Corresponding Secretary

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Washington, D. C., Jan'y 15 1868

My Genl O O Howard

Sir,

I most respectfully
submit for your consideration the enclosed
letter & order of J. C. Lawson. The order
was left for payment of some ten dollars
promised money to get to his appointment
& the Balance due on his board to
Mrs Harris - I trust general you can
forward his order in such a way that
if as he states it is true he is not paid
that the same may - I further trust that
unless you think better of him than
I do you will not re-instate him
Very Respy.

J. W. Sullivan

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Brooklyn Jan 16 1868
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Gen O. O. Howard
Commissioner
Washington DC
Dear Sir

A friend who has
Capital to invest proposes
to me to accompany him
in a tour through the Southern
States and if practicable
to obtain from your Bureau
such information & advice
as we may need in seeking
desirable property at low
prices

Very truly yours
C. C. Driscoll

Brooklyn N.Y.
Jan. 16th 1868

Duncan, C.C

States that a friend who
has been invited to invest
desires him to accompany
him in a tour through
the South, and if possible
to obtain from this Bureau
such information and
advice as they may
need in purchasing
discrete property at low
prices-



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Brooklyn Jun 16. 1868
Jan.

My Dear General

I send you
today by express a little
box containing some
mementoes of our trip
which I think you will
value for their associations.
There are three small
bottles of water ^{orig} from
the Dead Sea, one from the
Jordan & one from the pool
of Siloam - A cone from
the Cedars of Lebanon,
a Larnon which I plucked
from a tree growing close
by the spot on which the
Saviour was born at
Bethlehem, and a string
of olive beads also procured

by me at Bethlehem

We brought home
a few of such little
mementoes for our best
friends and among
them I have learned
to place you

I see Mr + Mrs Gould
from time to time and
today learned that
ensure success it
was deemed best to
off the entertainment
for the benefit of your Church
for the present

With kind regards to
Mrs Howard & the "babies"

I am your friend
C. C. Bruce

Mrs Geo O. O. Howard
Washington

Memphis - Tenn.
Jan. 16th 1868.

Genl O. O. Howard -

My Dear Sir Brother -

I have had it in mind to write you for some weeks in view of some recommendations of yours to Congress & in view of the present condition of affairs in this region - Will you allow a "looker-on-in-Tenies" to make some suggestions -

1st Chaos still reigns largely in the South. This is due - (a) To poor crops.

(b) To a pervasive rebellion & malignant spirit.

(c) To unfaithfulness in the laborer.

(d) To (in some instances) swindling planters.

2^d Mistakes made thus far in Reconstruction.

(a) In attempting to organize State Com. to some

Military power is wanted. Still before 3 years yet is

(b) It was a mistake to enfranchise colored ignorance.

(C) - Alas to enfranchise white traitors (for 10 years) -
"Virtue & Intelligence" - Not "Crime & Ignorance".
Both Whites & Blacks have been injured by
& made confusion worse confounded.
3^d The present sufferings in the South
These are local & by no means universal.
Where folly & malignity have most
there - they are shorter. This is right.
It is apparently God's plan - that suffering
shall cure this wickedness. Be careful
how you interfere with Providence
in this matter! This may seem
doctrines - but I can see no other way
to break up the old big plantation
system. & teach the blacks frugality
thrift. Be assured dear Brother that
God's hand is in this thing -

"The bad may have a better taste"

But what will be the flower

4th What is to be done?

(a) - Strengthen the military power in the
South. & make these people obey law. Keep the
peace & mind their business. I appear

of Senator Morton's plan - if I understood
it - only I would go further in

(B) - do nothing for the planters & land owners
- only make them pay their honest debts - even
if they must sell their lands to do it. They
won't do this - except at the point of the bayonet.
And this is just what is wanted - & their
unwillingness to do it is the cause of much
of the suffering, & bankruptcy & trouble here.

(C) - do as little as possible for the Blacks.
Devise some plan by which they shall
become land-owners & take care of
themselves - or else their race will soon
be run, in many cases suffering has
been no help to their improvement - intelligent
- financially or otherwise.

8th State Government here are weak at best
& for years will be entirely unequal to the
wants of this region, Tennessee. I fear not
accepted! Therefore the military - to keep
order - enforce law - make them pay debts &
then let whites & blacks "work out their own
salvation" or go under! Most truly
Yours
J. E. Bliss

Memphis, Tenn.

January 16th 1868

Bliss J. E.

In view of Commissioners' recommendations to Congress, and present condition of affairs in the South, requests permission to suggest, as follows:

1st Causes reign largely in the South
A (a) To poor crops, (b) Unfaithfulness in laborers, (c) Perverse rebellious spirit, (d) Swindling planters.

2nd Mistakes in Reconstruction.

(a) Attempting to organize State
Govts too soon.

(b) In enfranchising Cold ignorant

(c) In enfranchising White traitors.

3rd Present sufferings in South

by no means universal. It
is the result of God's providence.
Let the people suffer to cure them of
their wickedness.

4th What is to be done?

Strengthen Military power; give
blacks and whites fair
play and let them work
out their own salvation, etc, etc,



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Fort Sumner N.M. Jan 17
1868

My dear General

When I left W.
the last time. Your brother Charles made
a request of you in your name. for
a promise that I would not drink
any more. I told him frankly
that I had been in the habit for a
long time of drinking with my friends
and while I admitted the wisdom of
such a resolution and your evident
kindness in requesting it. I hesitated
because of unwellness and almost
inability to make it. I have now
been with my Right long enough to begin
to feel at home. And while I am
continually in the midst of drinking
to excess I have now been so long without
it with no inclination to renew the habit
I feel willing to make you the promise.

This post is under the command
of Maj. Whiting of the Regt. & Company
of the 37th Infy. - Since I have
been Acting Commissioner of the post.
nearly all the time I have been here.
We hear by the way that there are
to be quite a number of appointments
in the Com^d Dept. - Would it be possible
for me to get one of them. Now that
I am dissatisfied with my present
position. And in the other I would be
able to be more settled and sooner have
my family with me -

I am another time in W. I borrowed
ten dollars from him which I would like
to send him -

With kind regards to yourself and
family I am as ever

Very Respectfully
Yours &c. &c.
Royal E. Whitman
Capt. 3rd U.S. Cavalry

January 1st 1868

Philadelphia, Royal E.

Dear Sir

I state that on leaving Black-
water you have Ward, in
behalf of the Continuance,
verget him (William) to drink
no more. In the midst of ex-
cessive drinking, he has
retained since returning to
the Regt; take pleasure not in
making the promise to in-
dulge no more.

Borrowed McGinnis Van Chas
Ward, which will be out on
learning his whereabouts.

Heads that many appointments
are to be made in Genl. Webb.
Should it be possible for Ward to get
one of them, etc, etc,

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"Private"

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United States Internal Revenue,

Assessor's Office, 2d District, Arkansas.

Little Rock

January 17th, 1868

Dear General,

In your kind letter, of the 1st of October
explaining how my former letter came to be sent to
Gen Smith, You ask me to write again and to
forget and forgive &c You have done me too many
kindnesses in the past, for me to have any feeling
which your letter did ^{disturb me} disappoint to write simply
& say this and I did not write before because
I have been away for some time & since my
return we have had the misfortune to lose the
mother of my wife, who was also a dear good
mother to me. My success in planting has not
been good though I look for better times now
the crisis is reached & I hope passed. The Constitutional
Convention is in session now. I believe this work
will be done, speedily and moderately done. We
truly hope to carry the State. Give my best wishes
and respects to your brother & your family

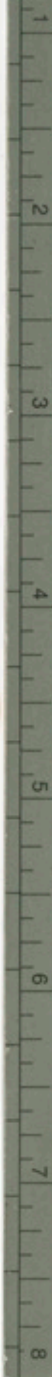
Truly Your obt servant

Ans Friend
John. M. Oliver

To Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Washington Dc

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Philadelphia Penna.
Jan'y 17th 1868

Stuart, Geo. H.

States that he telegraphed
to Genl. Howard on the
15th inst. requesting the
Genl. to write him at once
in answer to his letter
forwarded several weeks
ago, but as yet no reply
has been received. He
is anxious to hear from
the Genl. before Tuesday
next as they have a meet-
ing of the Board on that
day.



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Philadelphia Jan'y 17/68

My Dear General,

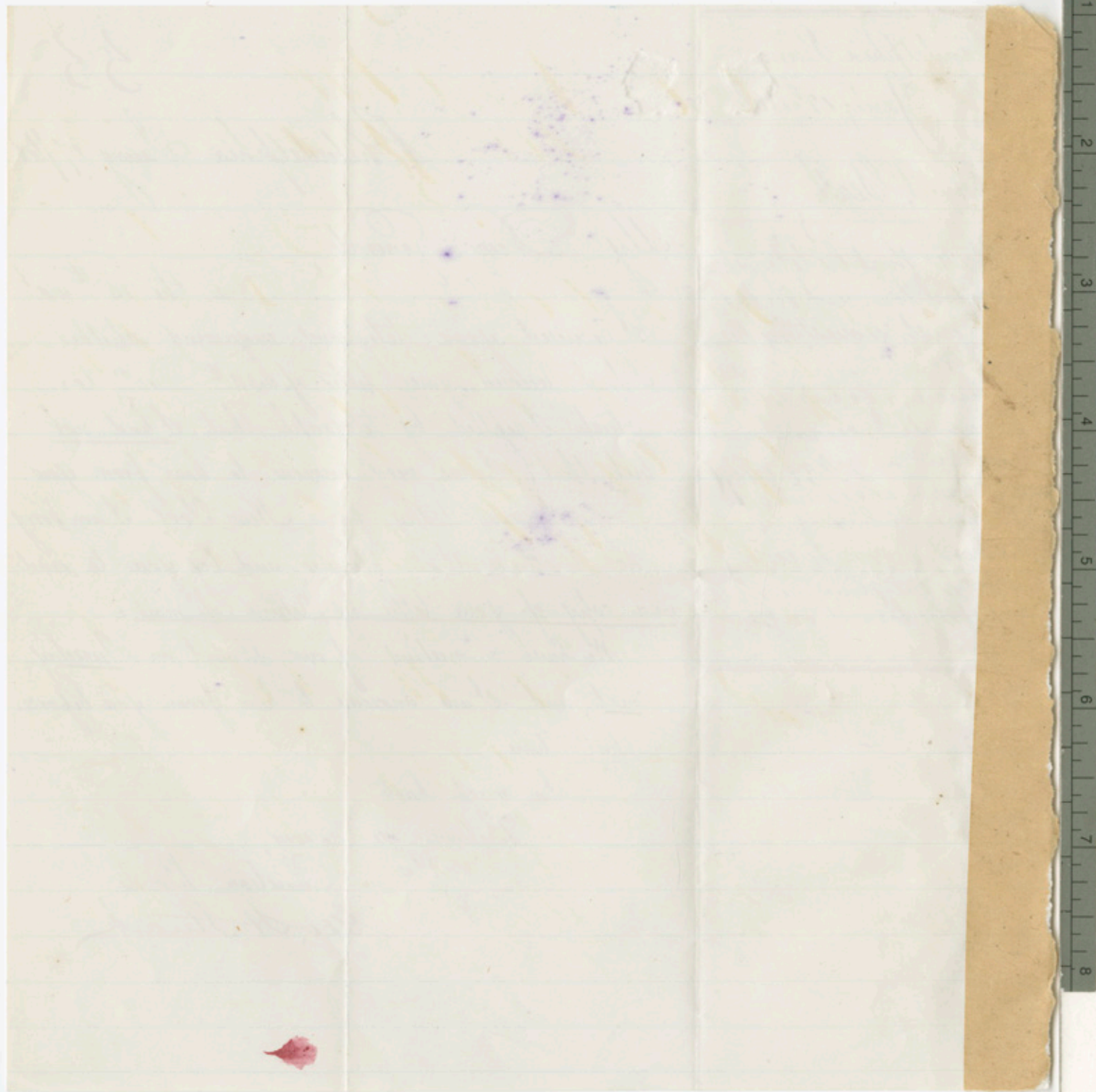
On the 15th inst.
I received your telegram enquiring whether
I had received your letter of 30th Dec^r. to
which I replied by telegraph that I had not
but that I was very anxious to hear from you.
On returning today from New York I am sorry
not to have that pleasure and beg you to send
me a copy of your letter by return of mail.

We have a meeting of our Board on Tuesday
next, and I am anxious to hear from you before
that time.

In much haste,

Believe me as ever,

Yrs in Christian Bonds
Geo. H. Stuart



\$ 53.50

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Springfield Vermont
Jan. 17. 1868

May. Gen. O. O. Howard
Chair. Building Com.
Cong. Ch. Washington D.C.
Dear Brother

The Congregational
Society in this place sends greeting
to the Ch. & Society for whom you
and others are endeavoring to
erect a house of worship.

Enclosed you find draft
for fifty three dollars and fifty
cents. which please accept with
our earnest prayers for the
success of the enterprise in
which you are engaged for
the Master

Yours Cordially
S. A. Cobb
Pastor

Springfield Vermont
January 17th 1868

Cobb, Rev. L. H.

Enclosed \$38.50, a
donation from the Cong.
Society of Springfield
to the 1st Cong. Church
at Washington D.C.

