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Washington DC
Sept 19th / 69

My friend

Gen Howard

Mr Smith

was at his Office to day & request-
ed my Son to inform you he
wishes you to meet him at his Office
on monday between 12 & 1 o'clock for
the purpose of calling on Gen Cox
in regard to my Son's situation I
feel very anxious for him to be em-
ployed as my Son's are all my depen-
dence for support for thine Mother
Grand Mother & for the Education
of thine Sister, Mr Smith suggest-
ed he would like for you to see
Gen Cox before you saw him, if
you can make it convenient
Excuse me for writing to you

I thought it for the best,

Respectfully

Mary, M. Hollingshead



Toak. D.C. Sept 19. [1869]



Dear Gen.

It appears evident to me that our church has got to use all proper means to fill our Sanctuary and provide the means, also, for supporting the gospel ministrations.

There are many members of Congregations who belong to us in fact - that is at their homes they are good, working members of our denomination. ^{When here} presence among us at our stated meetings would be a strong influence for good to us and, also, to themselves; and who ought more over to contribute so liberally to our Treasury as any of our resident members -

I enclose with this such a

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Rule of 1864

Adopted by the
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from the Congressional branch of our denomination.
But you have such a good way of bringing
practical results from other men's imaginings and
more paper plans that I know you will in the
best manner work this scheme out if there is any

good point in it.

Very truly yours
Beane.

list as I can make in my
room - possibly other names
may occur to you -

I must suggest that you
write a personal and warm
letter to every one of them - asking
them (point blank) to come with
us - take pews and contribute to
our means. We can, I think, easily
arrange that good pews shall
be given to all of them. - For one
I will give up my pew and
take the very last one - and I
think enough others will do the
same.

It is possible that I set my
figures high, but with a proper val-
-uation of our pews we ought to be
able, with a little effort, to derive at
least one thousand dollars per annum

that you are shoulder to shoulder
with me; through doubts & difficulties,
that you stand by me, pray for me,
help me, love me in the Lord.

Here, my dear General, you are
mainly accountable for this decision,
that I have made. You have urged
it so faithfully & prayerfully, that
I felt that God was in it. And having
taken the step, I wanted to pour
out my heart to you.

Aff. Yours in the Lord

J. C. Rankin

Sabbath Even,

Sep. 19th, 1869.

Dear Brother:

I supposed I have
breached my last sermon here.
I wrote it last week, to preach
it your communion, so it will
be my first among you. Of course,
it has been a great trial to
my feelings & to those of my
people; but I made no theo-
retical allusion in any of the ser-
vice. I preached only Christ.
I preferred that my people

should let me go without any effort to obtain me; for I have always felt that I should go. I know where there was most prayer.

Now, dear Brother, I come in my weakness & with much trembling. Oh if God would grant the great blessing, that I might come in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of His Son. Do not expect to find me perfect. I am very far from it, as a man & a minister. But, I love the Lord Jesus & want to honor His name, & save the lost. And I want the brethren & sisters

at Washington to feel that I am utterly incompetent to help them unless they stand by me with their prayers, & personal help.

There are two for the Master has drawn me to you: I feel that I can have in you true Christian, & also personal sympathy. Never withhold anything from me, that is for my good; just treat me like a brother, which I am, & mean always to be. Do not feel that I am trying to say all the good things I can, for I am reserved & uncommunicative. But, I want always to feel,

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Raleigh, N.C.
September 25th 1869

May. Sen., O. O. Howard,

Dear Sen.

I had hoped to hear from you respecting the property in Wash. my son, which you thought you might be able to sell. What is the present state of things? How about the taxes?

Our school will open on the 29th instant. The number of applicants is greater than ever before. Half of the pupils of last session have been engaged in teaching during the vacation and with good success. We numbered forty six last session. I look for an increase this. I boarded twenty six.

What is the condition of the remaining funds, which are to come to our school? Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. Most affectionately,
- B. B. Brantley



State of South Carolina

Executive Department

Col. J. M. Calhoun
Spartanburg S.C.

My Dear Sir,
Dear Sir,

I had hoped to have
from you respecting the prospect of
the cotton, which you thought you would be
able to sell. What is the present state
of things? How about the Texas?

Our school will open in the
2d of October. The number of pupils
which is greater than ever before. Half
of the pupils of last year have been
enjoyed in teaching during the year.
The work with first series - the new
book first six last before. I wrote
for an answer that - I have been
twenty six.

What is the condition of the
renewing funds, which are to come
to our school? Please let me hear
from you as soon as possible.

State of South Carolina, 78

Private and

Executive Department.

Confidential.

Columbia, September 20, 1869.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Sir:

I am directed by Gov. Scott to inform you that Col. Tom Whaley is now here, on his way to Washington City, for the purpose of urging a further postponement of the claims of the Government against the Planters of the Seaboard. The Governor has expressed himself as decidedly opposed to the project, and hopes that no action will be taken upon the memorial at Washington, but that of referring it to him. Col Whaley proposes to have an interview with the President on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Harts

Private Secretary

State of South Carolina

Executive Department

Office of the Governor, Columbia, S.C., 1889.

Wm. D. Howard,

Barren, N. C. & Co.

Sir:

I am directed by our State to inform you that the law relating to the purchase of way to Washington City, for the purpose of securing a further improvement of the river of the Government against the action of the State, the Governor has directed himself as described, appears the report, and hopes that we shall be able to take upon the river at Washington, but that of referring it to you. The law relating to the purchase of way to Washington City, for the purpose of securing a further improvement of the river of the Government against the action of the State, the Governor has directed himself as described, appears the report, and hopes that we shall be able to take upon the river at Washington, but that of referring it to you.

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Headquarters Army of the United States,



Washington, D. C., September 20th 1869.

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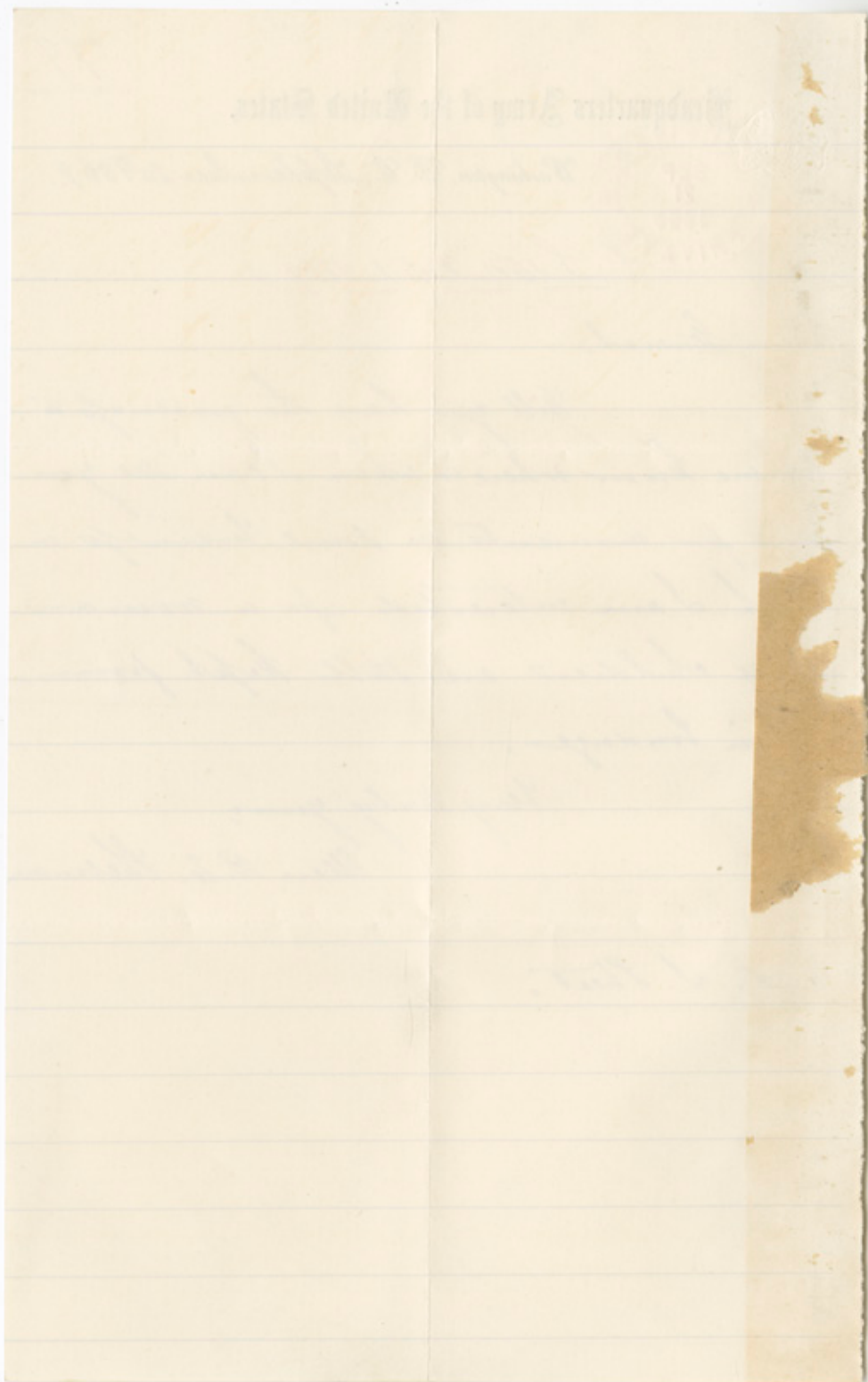
Dear General;

Will you have the goodness to
let me know where & when I can see you
for a few moments on some business in
which I am interested for a woman
whose children are still kept from
her in bondage.

Very truly yours,

Allen B. E. Sherman

646. S. Street.



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Washington Sept 30. 1869
Maj Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir

We received
a notice from Mr Searle this morning
dated the 18th inst. Requesting a bid from
us for Dormitory Building. It is evident
that he has so arranged it as to exclude
us. As he required us to have our bid in
by tomorrow evening. I have been carrying
on business in this City since 1846. and
I think I know quite as much about making
a bid and the time it requires as Mr Searle.
And to make a bid understandingly would
require four or five days.
But to leave that out of the question We
are sorry to see that you have decided
matters in Mr Searles favour. In the
first place you were perfectly aware that
to employ Mr Searle as Architect that

Answered by General Sep 21/69

that you excluded as Therefore it is a decision in his favour. But Contrary to the report of the Commission of which Genl Hardee was Chairman

I have worked under the first Architects in this County. And can if necessary bring the first proof of our ability to carry out and if necessary Construct Buildings of the best and most difficult Character. I have put up under Contract more Buildings and of the first Class than any other Builder in this City. And can refer to any owner that we have worked for. Or to any Architect (except the above named and we don't want his recommendation) under which we have worked for our Character for ability and fair dealing. And in viewing the present situation we are sorry to see that you should so decide. We were under the impression that we had given satisfaction on the

Hospital Building. And if we have not it is the first time in all our Business Transactions that we know of. We are not asking for a Chance on this Job for if my Family was wanting Bread I have too much self respect left to place myself under Mr Searles supervision and direction after what has transpired

I am greatfull to you for past Favours. And if at any time you have any Job you think proper to favour us with independant of Mr Searle. We will be glad to execute it for you. I have not Consulted Mr Evans in relation to this and will therefore take it upon my own Responsibility.

Very Respectfully Yours

Thos B Estwile



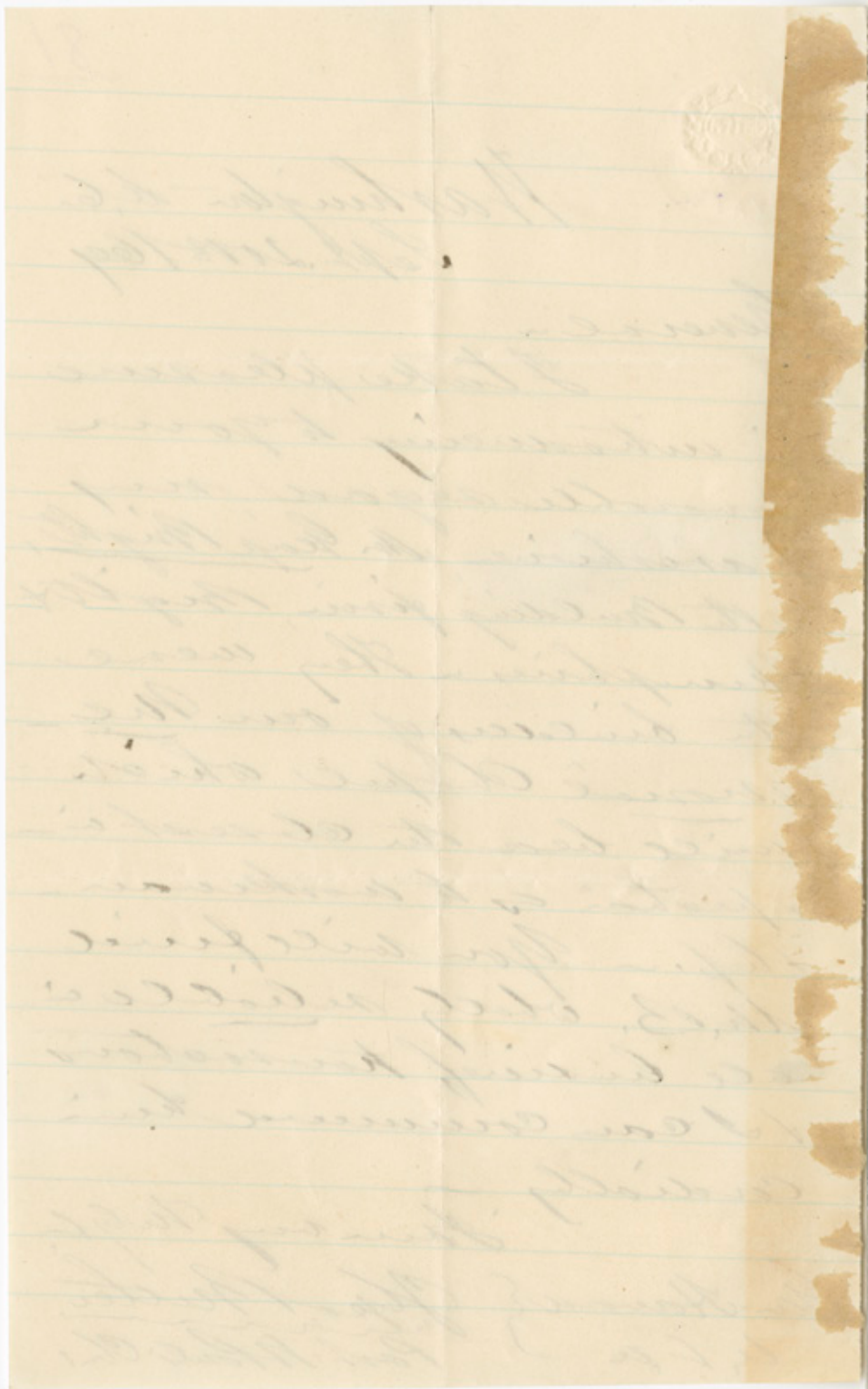
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Washington D.C.
Sept. 20th 1869

General -

I take pleasure
in introducing to your
favorable regard, my
parishioner, Mr. Gap Bright,
of the Building firm, Bright &
Thompkins - They were
the builders of our Me-
morial Chapel which
will bear the closest in-
spection as to workman-
ship. - You will find
Mr. B. wholly reliable in
all business transactions
& I can commend him
cordially -

I am very truly
Yours
Gen. Howard } Wm. H. Miller
W. H. A. } Port. St. Paul, Ch.



*85. Please remember me to the children, & don't
forget to send the all good letter from him. It will be a great
help over the same. I have in my possession a great
many of the same.*

Merchants Hotel.

Mechanicsburg Sept 20. 69
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Genl O. O. Howard

Dear friend

I remember you
having remarked when we were speaking about
the first second brick, that that was the
only thing you knew of people having against
you, in Washington, & it occurs to me that
in as much as you have invested so much & the
fact of you having a hard experience
with them in the falling of the walls, that
it may be of some interest to you to know
that my experiments with them, was in 1857
12 or 13 years ago. And with the exception of a
little trouble at first, the walls of some of the
buildings including one for myself stood the
test of time & storm well, & they are not so
well made as you are, & are solid & I
understand you are hollow. Which makes them
still better in my opinion. This may not be of

A. Smith & Son, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

any interest to you, but thought I would give
you the benefit of my experience —

You also speak of a Paper Introspection in
anticipation or progress in Washington. And
having had some experience in that line also
would simply state that you are probably
aware that the ordinary paper manufac-
turing business is largely overdone. At present
having been greatly stimulated during the war
prices having been extremely high. It occurs to
me & doubtless has to you that you may perhaps
in view of your peculiar relations, succeed in
procuring a contract with the various governments
except first for their old papers on good
terms, which I as a paper maker can see the
advantage of — I am making a specialty
of Steam Boilers which is paying better than
other kinds of the paper business, & is less com-
plicated, & I am further secured by Patents for
my own invention in that line, which makes it
still more desirable for me, it is a new feature
& coming into general use in the West —

I also remember you speaking of an old
gentleman nearly 70 years old telling you that

After the meeting in the eve of y^e 22^d Apr. on
Evening I am so weary & so full of sleep that
hardly it was the old gathering that I accompa-
nied from the Ym. C. A. Rooms after the Golden
Prayer meeting, & a further season of prayer.

And that you may know more certainly
I will leave the envelope, a time which I
write in haste & standing at the Hotel. Corbin
& finally conclude to copy last in night
not be able to send it—

Ohi! God! How good the service of the Lord is!
And how strange it is that the love of Christ
does not attract every one to him.
I am here for the purpose of visiting a sister

Edward will somewhat resemble to mine in
Robert's his cousin. I call Chicago my home
sometimes, it has been virtually for a good deal
of the time. And I have been hoping that
the providence of God would so order events
that I could see my way clear to go there
where I have secured so much good myself
& hope to have thus confirmed my association
there. I have one only son whom I have
given to the Lord all the days of his life
& I am having an eye to his Education for the
work I expect the Lord has before him. And
sometimes when you are in N.Y. & attend Father
& Praying meetings, no doubt you do. I wish you
would go up to the room in the 3rd story where the
praying was originally held & look into one of the
front Boxes. I request for prayer & you will find a
photograph of my Son when a child the Boy, I am never
imparting letters from him, it may be of some interest to
you to know that there is here & there for J. B. F. Child
a son given to the Lord.



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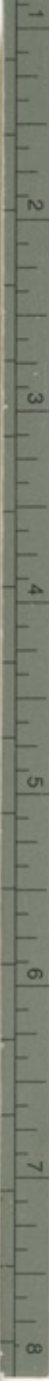
Honored University

Monday Morning
[Sept. 20, 1869]

Dear Gen. Howard

I feel that the thanks
of all good people are due to you for
your valuable selection of a Minister to
supply our pulpit yesterday. In the day
of eternity I believe that it will then be
made manifest that the good word yester-
day spoken by his servant found an abiding
place in many hearts and time will show
its effects in the history of our church - God
bless that good man and abundantly multiply
his labors - God also bless the one who was
instrumental in bringing him here.

Yours with Christian salutations
T. B. Nichols





Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association,

No. 208 Broad Street, Corner West Park;

ENTRANCE ON WEST PARK STREET.

Newark, N. J. Sept 20 1869

Genl O O Howard

Washington

Sir

I understand that you are to be at the State Convention of M C Assn at Jersey City the last of this month.

We propose to hold a mass meeting here immediately after - to enlist the public interest in behalf of a proposed building for our association, and to arouse a deeper interest in behalf of the association in our community.

We expect W. H. Miller to address us and would be very glad to have you present & address us also.



Will you not farm up
this, & we have under
negotiation & expect to
arrange with the Lecture
Bureau for you to deliver
a lecture in behalf of
our association this
winter. Your presence
at our proposed meeting
would tend to interest
our citizens more deeply
in your lecture,
Awaiting your early
reply I am

Very truly
Yours
Chas. B. Smith



Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Sept 21st 1869

Gen Neward
Dear Sir

Mr Lumen
asked me to introduce
him to you as a brick
layer

He built my
house which is well built
& is a skillful workman
& I found him obliging
& pleasant to deal
with

Yours truly

Wm May



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Norristown Sept 21st 1869.
Genl. O. O. Howard.

Sir:

During the ceremony of the laying of the corner-stone of the Soldiers monument at Gettysburg, I had the pleasure of meeting you at the house of my brother-in-law David Mills Esq. I was then a Cadet at the Penn^a Military Academy, when we had a conversation regarding my appointment either to the Army or West Point; when you very kindly offered to lend me your aid if I should waver for either. My purpose in now writing to you is to know if there is at present any law relative to the appointment of civilians to the Army & if not if you will be kind enough to wait on the President with me I expect to be in Washington either during the first week of October or after the Senate meets, if you are thus at either of those times & will go along with

me. you will oblige

Yours truly.

Jno. D. Snuger.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Washington

D. C.

Addres. Jno. D. Snuger.

Genl. Judge D. M. Snuger.

Harrodsburg

Ind.

Bath Sept. 21. [1869]



Dear General

To our sur-
prise and his own
disappointment Mr.
Patten still lives. Every
night we think he
will ^{not} last till morning
and every morning we
think he has begun
his last day on Earth.
He is very tranquil
and submissive waiting
patiently for the hour
when he shall de-
part and be with Christ.

(E)
Euler & Hule.



I feel troubled about
my work in Washing-
ton. But I must make
up for the absence by
extra diligence bye and
bye. I saw Mr. Monite
in the street yesterday
looking as pleasant
as ever. I hope the
Governor may appoint
him to fill the va-
cancy in the Senate.

My regards to Mrs-
H- and all.

Yours truly
C. J. Wesley

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Lamington Sept. 21. 1869
Dear Brother Alis

Ben Church was
dressed, Sabbath & I both
occasion to go to Rangely (40
miles) & preach. When I
got home Monday night I
found Ella in charge of
her nurse & a nice little
bag of 7 1/2 lbs beside her. He
gave his mother much
less trouble than either
Olis or Daniel and she
is wonderfully well - for
all which help us
to thank God -

Her mother came up
Monday - My mother is
visiting Aunt Fanny
in Montville - When
will you be in Readfield?

(E)

Ente & file.



Much love to Lizzie &
the children -

I was very sorry to be away
but a good God ordered
all things well -

Charles has bought a
house in Chicago & now
we all have got house
& pay for except Sel. He
is more thrifty -

Your aff. Brother

Amos -

I wrote you the other day
I address a St. Pic Nic in
the Bates Grove in Leeds
tomorrow S. P. -

Try not that your engagements
will prevent your attending
the opening of the school

Very Respect. frs
W Gordon Meunick
Scottsville
Va

Encl. 7 file

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Ans. by Genl
Sep 25 1869



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Sept 21st 1869 -

Genl Howard

Dear Sir.

Mr Scott leaves
us for a week or ten days
vacation at the end of which
time I hope the school house
will be completed. We are
very much pleased with Scott.
His discipline is admirable
and he has a good influence
over the people, at their
religious meetings. He was
married a few weeks ago, to
a girl of the neighborhood.
She is able to read & write
very well I believe. I know
nothing of the matter until
the following day. I should
be glad to know what salary
he should receive.

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that it would make her unpopular
among the rebels!

Mr. Weld has, at a long
distance from the field where a
large majority of freedmen reside
and can only make hasty visits,
when his constant presence is needed.
The Academy building contracted for
at this place is making slow progress
and has no prospect of being
finished soon. So one is here to
urge the contractors forward.
This demonstrates the necessity of the
presence of an agent whose heart
is in the work.

Can you not send an efficient
organizational agent to superintend
Mr. Webb? He certainly much needs
relief and the cause much needs
an efficient representative.
Yours truly,
J. M. McKim

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Istanbul ^{Jan} Sept. 21. 1869.
Genl. O. A. Howard.
Dear Sir,

Don't publish this.
than once in regard to damage to
P.M. by war of law. The matter was
handed up, and covered over by
intermittent ex-slaveholders, as
much as possible in order to
force their labor at low prices,
to keep the laborers from starving;
but there has been and is now
no small amount of suffering
from that cause. Most of the
aid sent on that score has come
from the North.

But my main object now
in writing is to call attention to
the neglect of their educational &
evangelical condition and wants.
Do not want the office now held
by Rev Mr. Webb but, ought to be
in the hands of some one who
will give it more attention - of one
whose whole time and talent shall

be given to that a important subject
viz. the mental moral & spiritual
improvement of the freed man
Mr. Welch is an aspiring
young clergy man of the Methodist
Church & holds an important
office in that Church and
has a character to build up
in connection with his office
as a Methodist Presiding Elder
Paul asked in relation to the
Ministry a question "Who is sufficient
for these things?" I do not think
that man in the servant day
of grand improvements had
acquired sufficiency for more
than the duties of the Ministry.

Besides Mr. Welch belongs
to the most unpopular denomination
in Texas! The A. M. C. is viewed
with distrust and dislike by all
other sides and by all "outsiders"
Why, I suppose Mr. Welch
is apt to a Congregationalist.
Does not most of the con-

tribution to A. M. C. come from Calif.
and a Foreign Church and the largest
I have from the Foreign ^{Why then}
I should not the denom. ^{which} could be
most have the only ready paying
office in connection with the
cause of Freedmen, Education in Texas.
How many Freedmen teachers has Mr.
Welch been the means of inducing
to come to Texas? Any? Of even Methodist
teachers I have heard of none. Indeed
Mr. Welch told me himself that the
sacrifice required in a female teacher
in coming to Texas was such that he
could not advise such a course!
And yet to my knowledge several
noble Calif. & Foreign Female Teachers
have come and labored diligently
in Texas for several consecutive
years with honor to themselves & usefulness
to the freedmen; and these same ladies
intend coming again & continuing to
labor for the northern Methodist lady
whose husband held a lucrative office
under military govt would not
visit them; giving it as a reason

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Proctor W. J. Sept 21st 69
 Genl O. Q. Howard

Dear Sir

I am now publishing the "Young Men's Monthly". It will be changed to "Beecher's Magazine" for the young men of the age, to begin the year '70. I wish to secure you as an occasional contributor - for I think you have a way of saying things that will bear much fruit to the good of young men. I am aware that you have already heavy responsibilities & much labor - but can you not say - I will write for you now & then when I find time. I don't want studied article but those off hand efforts which have made your name a synonym of ~~your~~ earnestness & power. May I put your name among my contributors?

Please reply at once. stating price ^{per page} articles like "Onward" Yours truly

Wm. Beecher

May \$1.00 per yr.

