West Point N.Y.
Oct. 26th 1870
10 A.M.

Dear.

I went to the Brooklyn Y.M.C.A. meeting last night Miss Emma Buck showed me the way. I got there when the meeting was about half through. Rev. Dr Bridgington was speaking, after him came W.E. Dodge Jr. then a collection notices & music. I spoke last. They propose to add university privileges to their other work for the benefit of the poor of both sexes. Teaching in classes. I shall go to Mr Bucks tonight. Could you not come up friday to Mr Bucks? They would be most happy to see

you - Mr. Mrs B. Miss
Emma all inquired for you
& Mrs Whittlesey very kindly.

If you can come
telegraph care R. P. Buck
South Street New York
and I will meet you at
the Ferry (Jersey)

I shall be most happy
to know you come - if you
can come -

Love to all at
home - Affy. Your husband
Otis

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Washington Oct. 26. 70

Dear General

Your report is Copied, and enclosed herewith for your corrections and signature. I have not time to read it as it is just completed and must go at once.

I have no news of importance to communicate. All well.

Yours truly

E. Whittlesey

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Atlanta Ga
Oct 26th 1870

Major Gen O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

I must again take the liberty to recomend to your favourable notice the bearer of this Louis S. Smith he is a young man who has been employed as assistant messenger to the House of Repts, and so far as I know, is a very deserving youth. I have always found him honest, sober, and industrious, and he is desirous of entering your University. He will come to you endorsed by the Hon W. Sims of Savanah, and also by the Hon. J. Porter from the same City. Any service you may do him will be appreciated, and considered by me, as a personal favor to

Yours respectfully
Alfred J. Ketchum

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Oct. 26th 1870.

Industrial Home School
Georgetown D.C. Oct 26th 1870.

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a letter asking for an endorsement some two weeks since, but have since learned that you had left town.

The managers of the Industrial Home School have offered me the position of General Supt. of the Institution, the offer was unsolicited by me. I have entered temporarily upon the duties of the position.

More funds will have to be raised and the institution enlarged I am seeing some of our prominent citizens and endeavoring to get their

to attend a meeting on next monday evening at the lecture room of the Young Men's Christian Association building if you are in the city the managers would very much like to have you attend the meeting. it will help the matter General if you will write us a good letter if you cannot be present and the managers are strangers to me if you would write me a letter of endorsing me it will help. This is a good work, and as I am in want of employment will suit me in every way, and give me an opportunity to show that I do not lack energy. If you write the letters please send them to A.M. Gangewer Vice Pres. Indianapolis

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Yours very obdt Servt
H. S. Rothery
A. Supt

Gt Clerk

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VERY SAD.—R. E. Pattison, D. D., sends us this question: "What must be the piety of those colored churches whose preachers never read and cannot read to them a chapter in the Bible? I heard one such preach a few Sabbaths since who did not even open the Bible."

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

Room 12,
No. 39 Park Row, New York, Oct. 26, 1870

For Freedmen's Education and Southern Work, Address,
Rev. JAMES B. SIMMONS, Cor. Sec'y.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

My Dear Sir: I heard you with delight last Eveg in Brooklyn. Your Speech strengthened me. My wife said it seemed to her that the Speeches grew better & better to the end.

I did not deem it proper to speak to you at the close, about the enclosed letter from Gen. Ballock under date of the 20th.

If it is indeed so, I am in trouble. There surely must be some mistake. There are still due from the Bureau to our Schools, sums as follows

(1) For New Orleans, (Leland Univ'y) $25.000
minus perhaps $5.575.
(2) For Augusta Ga. 5.000
(3) For Raleigh N. C 3.000

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All these sums you have as-

THE HALF-MILLION FREEDMAN'S FUND.

GOD makes us to hear the pleading voices of four millions in the South, and of the uncounted millions of Africa beyond, who need, above all things, a well-trained ministry of their own race to guide them heavenward. Hence the Home Mission Society determined at its late Anniversary:

FIRST, to attempt the founding and endowing of one first-class trainin school for preachers and pious teachers in each Southern State.

SECOND, to enter upon the raising of a permanent fund of $500,000 for th purpose, to be expended in grounds, buildings, endowments of teacherships a scholarships, and in the purchase of libraries and apparatus—the endowme fund to be kept separate from the moneys raised for the ordinary runni expenses of the schools, and carefully invested, the interest only to be used.

THIRD, to employ all proper means to attach the hearts of the colored peop to these schools as rapidly as possible—assuring them in each State that t school is theirs, that they should assist in its management, send to it their pio youth and adults who desire to preach or teach, and contribute to its support.

At least $100,000 of the $500,000 named are already secured and invested valuable school properties in the Southern States.

Another denomination, that, before the war, had scarce a church among t colored people of the South, is asking for half a million for this freedmen's wo in *one* year! How modest then is *our* request.

FIFTY DOLLARS supplies plain food for one colored stude for one year. If we had 5,000 fifties, we could easily have fi thousand students. The interest of $1,000 supports one stude perpetually. A Church, a Sabbath School, a Bible Class, or a individual can easily raise $50. Let alms and prayers go togethe Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these, ye do it t Jesus. You would not deny Jesus were He here.

Drafts should be made payable simply to the order of th AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

JAMES B. SIMMONS, Cor. Secretary,
Room 12, No. 39 Park Row, New York City

Be sure to write ***"For Freedman's Fund."*** *If not, it goe to the general work of the Society.*

Form of Bequest.

If you would help these poor friends of Christ after you reach heaven, say i your will:

"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society..... dollars for the Freedman's Fund of said Society."

Three witnesses should state: "We witness to this instrument, consisting of one sheet [or two], as the last will and testament of ———, by his [or her] request, in his [or her] presence, and in presence of each other."

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sured us we should have. At all these points we have raised & actually expended, corresponding sums much larger than the above named amounts.

We expected to have to wait a little for the remaining $3000. for Raleigh. But we are sure, that we have not one scrap from you to indicate that we could not go right on with our work at N. Orleans & Augusta, and send in our vouchers.

We lack a building at both those points. We have not even a roof at either point. We have teachers under appointment at both places. At N. Orleans we paid in Cash, as papers in your office will show $25,000. for the grounds & at Augusta $5600. for grounds. Please write me.

Yours fraternally James B. Simmons

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Washington, D.C., Oct 20th, 1870.

James B. Simmons

Dear Sir

The vouchers for $3000. from Raleigh have been received and will be paid as you direct

Nothing more can be paid on any account unless Congress makes an appropriation, as by combination of circumstances beyond our control we suddenly find ourselves out of money.

Yours Resp'y
Geo. W. Balloch
Brev't Brig Gen & Chief D.O.

A true copy

Office of Blymyer & Brother,

Mansfield, O., Oct 28 1870.

Gen O. Howard,
Washington D.C.

Dear Bro -

If you will write your name in the enclosed cards and return them I will endeavor to see them. We are doing in the cause of the Master.

Yours truly L. J. Bonar

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Berea College Ky,
Oct. 28. 1870,

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Bro,

Please give us your private ear a moment. In anticipation of receiving money from the Bureau for our Ladies' Hall; and with the understanding from you, that we could receive installments, from time to time, as the work went on, we made contracts for materials to the amount of over $2,000; which materials are already delivered. Five weeks ago we forwarded vouchers to Gen. Runkle, in due form, furnished by him, for about $2,000; and, by dint of much borrowing, have succeeded in satisfying our creditors thus far, hoping every day, for three weeks, to receive the money.

Yesterday we received from Gen.

Rankle, a confidential note, stating, that owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Bureau subscription to Berea College cannot be paid before the last of December, and stating that any publicity of the matter might work a forfeiture of the whole subscription.

Now, if you can, without danger, will you not tell us, or me, what the trouble is, and whether we may, with certainty rely upon the subscription of $7,000; and whether nothing can be done to relieve our present embarrassment.

We are collecting some on other subscriptions; but our plans embraced these collections, as well as the $2,000 expected from the Bureau. The truth is we are seriously embarrassed, and it is very difficult to borrow.

I am sorry to press our wants upon your over burdened mind; but perhaps a word from you would relieve us.

Please let us hear from you very soon. The school is prospering.

Yours truly,

E.H. Fairchild.

P.S. We are not able to treat our creditors with our usual frankness, if we are obliged to conceal the reason why we need to borrow money.

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Govt. Hospital for the Insane
St. Elizabeth, D.C. Oct. 29. 70.

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Board of Visitors will be held at the Hospital at 2 P.M. on Tuesday next, November 1st 1870.

A carriage to convey you to the Institution will call at the Howard University at 1 P.M. on that day.

Yours very truly

R. W. Gill
Secy &c

Bvt. Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Visitor, Govt. Hospl. for the Insane
&c &c

entirely different from
there at the anniversary meeting
at Lawrence.

I shall expect to make
a small speech and
one of the eminent
clergymen of the city
will probably assist.

The meeting will be
got up under the
auspices of the Soldiers
Memorial Society of
this city — reporters
will be present to

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Parker House
Boston Mass.
Oct 31st 1870

My dear Gen Howard:

As you are to be
in Lawrence on Wednesday
the 9th can you not
do me a little service
by way of making a
brief address to a
small gathering on
Thursday or Friday the

10th or 11th (10" or 11")

~~Nov 7~~ Nov. at say half

past three P. M. in one

of the public halls of

Boston? On that occasion

the audience will be

very select — will ~~comprise~~

be invited especially to

meet your — will be of

rich & generous ladies

and gentlemen whose

interest in your own

University as well as

in the Hampton

Institute which is but

an outpost of the

University, will be

well worth securing.

People here need waking

up. Our institutions

after all depend on the

general interest of the

public in southern work.

By speaking, have you

will read a class

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take notes for
publication in the
City papers.
The speeches will
not be long but short
and ringing.
Your expenses
will be borne by the
Soldiers Memorial
Society.
Do come and

help us. I am making very great efforts to get money for the Hampton School so we can live through the year, and a few words from you would be a great help, & at the same time bring your own cause up clearly — I don't care how strongly you talk up your University at the meeting.

Please telegraph me at my expense at Parker House Boston Mass. whether you can be present on the afternoon of Thursday the 10th or Friday the 11th inst. ~~or early the week for~~

Yours very truly

S. C. Armstrong.

Reading Pa. Oct. 31. '70

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: I am instructed by our "Young Mens Christian Association" of this place to invite you to come and speak to us at our Anniversary Exercises to be held in the First Presbyterian Church Thursday Evening Nov. 17th next. Our Exercises will consist of a brief report of our work for the past year, and addresses calculated to stir up our people to the importance of active Christian work. We need help very much from out of town, and our Assoc. would be very glad if you could find it convenient to be here. We could not offer you a very large compensation, but would

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at least pay your expenses both ways.

We have a population of 35.000, and need an active association here. We organized one year ago, and have worked since without much help from the City Clergymen. We hope to get them all interested with us.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing favorably from you.

Very truly &c

J. H. Sternberg
Secy Y. M. C. A.

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Brooklyn N.Y.
Oct. 31, 1870

Dearest

I have not written you for a few days from lack of a favorable place to write - Hoping to gain sympathy & aid as well as do good in seed-sowing, I made Sunday a very busy day. Before church I went to Miss Leonard's Mission School on this street gathered principally from the Germans and addressed them at the close of their session - Then I had the great pleasure of listening to Rev. Ten Bushuck whom I have long wished to hear in the morning on "The Throne of God & the Lamb" and in the evening on "death once for all & after death the judgment" I must not forget to tell you about this odd man & his discourses when I get home. After dinner I went with Capt. Donovan first to the Bethel where Mr Bell is superintendent and addressed the children a fine large school upon a personal Saviour - then while they were going on with their exercises, we stepped below & found a large class of men & women, I should think

sailors and women sitting separately — a tall one armed soldier was his teacher — he jumped up & greeted me heartily & said he lost his arm at Williamsburg & I at Fair Oaks — After a few words with their pastor — I went with our good brother Hemenway to his own school & perhaps a thousand children in her Beecher lecture-room — here I was called upon suddenly to open by prayer — and afterwards to say something on "Stand up for Jesus" which I did — The Bridlington carriage stood at his door & his son for driven to take me to his church where after a pleasant introduction he introduced me to his people — I spoke by a previous appointment — His house was quite full — Mr. Hoeme & his ~~wife~~ family were present — after service I went to spend with him — I had called at his house before — they wished me to dine with them yesterday. This I did — At their house he has two fine children, his wife seems to be a constant infusion of democratic politicians — I must tell you more about them (his family) when I get home — Hoeme is not yet much of a "democrat" and many republicans will vote for him — Mrs Buck & Miss Emeline seemed disappointed that you could not come — yet they appreciated the reason — I found you could not. I hope your journey to Baltimore did not tire you too much. Today is Tuesday & I hope the children are going to think of him today — I made a little headway yesterday — It is hard work & cross-bearing to do this — The presence of Brother Rankin aids me very much even if he only silently prays & does not speak aloud. I do hope Walter is getting better — Harry will be so big that I shall hardly know him — I shall go Saturday to Elmira & Monday to Binghamton N.Y. (Mrs. Volente) Tuesday at Orange (Western N. College society) & Wednesday to Lawrence. You will need money — Col. Eaton will supply you — I hope Mrs Wilkinson sold her house — much love to all the children and a great deal to your own dear self

Your loving husband

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