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Springfield Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1871

Genl O. O. Howard -  
Washington City D.C.  
Dr Sir:

Your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> is at hand and in response will say that Saturday Evening is the most unfortunate one of the whole week for us. It will be hard work to get out an audience to hear any Lecture there. Our Committee dare not assume the responsibility, at full price. If you could come & divide the proceeds - We paying the expense of Hall & advertising We will do every thing possible to make it a success - our expectations will be there in person here it is probable & such an arrangement might prove remunerative. - If you feel to assume that part of the risk let us know at once & give your subject & any favorable Newspaper comments that we may thoughtfully attend to. -

Very Respectfully Geo A. Scullies



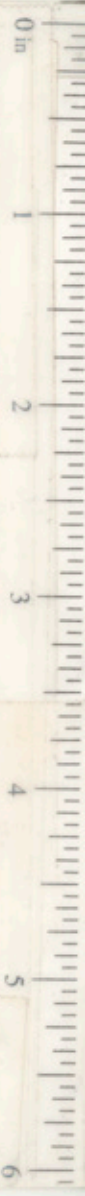
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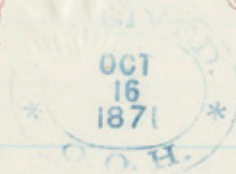
October 12/71

Genl. O. O. Howard  
Washington City D.C.

Your favor of the 10th inst. and in response with  
that dated 10th inst. is received. I am  
glad to hear of the interest that you  
take in the cause of the colored people and  
in the work of the Freedmen's Bureau.  
I am not assuming the responsibility of  
the Bureau. I have no doubt that  
the Bureau will be able to do  
all that is required of it. I am  
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Dear Sir, Oct 14

[1871]

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

Dear Sir:  
The date you mentioned  
in former letter for  
your letter below at  
New York is entirely  
correct. — I thought I  
had written to that effect.  
We have your answer  
for Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please inform us of  
your subject soon.  
Yours truly  
H. R. Gray





ROOMS OF THE

125. Young Men's Christian Association,

South-West Corner Eighth and State Streets.

Enc. Pa., Oct. 14 1871

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

Dear Sir:

Fear that  
my note scribbled at a  
Way station on yesterday might  
fail to reach you I would  
say that your date—

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> is satisfactory

Let us know your subject.

Yours truly  
W. R. Gray





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Office Evening Star,  
Oct. 14, 1871.

Dear General -

I send you the  
five dollars for the Y. M.  
b. A., promised you several  
weeks since.

Please acknowledge receipt  
and oblige.

Yours friend,

J. C. Gray.

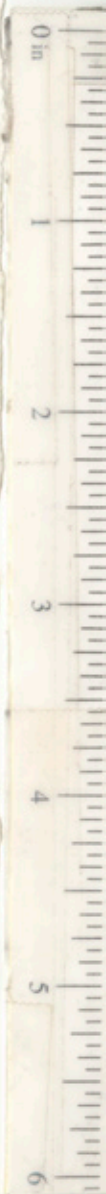
Gen. O. O. Howard,

Washington, D.C.

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*Chicago, Oct 14 1871*

*Gen O. O. Howard*  
*Dr Sir*



Everything is  
 swept from us. Our lines were  
 saved only by crouching beneath  
 the bank of the lake for 12  
 hours. Our "Soldiers Friend" must  
 live again. Can you help us  
 a little in this hour of trial?

*Yours truly*  
*C. Augustus Haviland*

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Washington Oct 16th 1871.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Genl Sir,

Taking your advice I  
saw Gen Meigs, in reference to Mill property,  
I found him very much engaged, desired me to  
Call again, I then Consulted with Mrs Fitch,  
he having my papers, and account against the  
Government. - He advises me there is very poor  
chance for getting any thing thru' Gen Meigs,  
as he has had much such matters before him  
for a long time, and never disposed of them, &  
Cited Master <sup>Chinn</sup> Kumbul, & your Order, and says  
could I succeed in inducing him to act, he  
would doubtless cut down my accounts, as has  
been the case with others, and cited an instance where  
the bills had been accepted, & price agreed upon <sup>for them</sup>  
\$3 per cord. - The number of cords was considerably <sup>reduced</sup>  
& price put down to one dollar per cord. - So I  
felt disheartened, & concluded there was no hope <sup>from</sup>  
that quarter. - If General I could induce you to inter-

Cede with the Board of Lighthouse Engineers  
I think they might give me employment,  
as I am familiar with their work I certainly  
think as the Government has bereft me of my  
means of support they should give me some  
employment by which I can provide for my  
family - had I ever been disloyal, or unsatisfactory  
in the discharge of my duty whilst superintending  
the Mill, as I have certificates from the Officers  
in Command of Cavalry Bureau, showing that  
I faithfully performed my duty, I might think  
it reasonable that I was considered unworthy  
of the favour I now ask. And your kind rec-  
ommendations true I have no political Friends, as I never  
muddled with Politics the only time I <sup>for President</sup> voted was  
for General Harrison, in Maryland and since  
the Municipal Elections of the District, have been  
political, I have not voted, being mostly away.  
So I have no claims as a Partisan, but the simple  
promise, that I will be true to any position of  
trust, or honor, Confided to me.

With much respect, Yours truly  
Wm. H. Arnold



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Address \ Chicago - Oct. 16 1871  
(204 West Madison Corner Green)

OCT 24 1871

Dear Brother; Your kind letter was delayed in the fire - I shall arrange to meet Gracie this week & start for Washington Friday via Balt. & Ohio - reach there Sunday morning or possibly Sat. night - I cannot tell about connections or time that way but I have '22 yours that route - We were reduced to ashes like all the rest - My safe has been as yet too hot to open but I have little hopes any thing is saved - Only 85 Cts. cash in it - some \$4000 notes <sup>(Personal)</sup> and some deeds - Books only pay 15 per cent now - We had about \$1000 in them which we saved - Unfortunately our debts were not consumed.

Upon this disaster comes loss of election in Texas which throws support of several tractors upon us. Please get John O. Stevenson re-stored to his clerkship in the Custom house if possible - He is our Principal and an excellent unobtrusive Christian



gentleman - a Scotchman by birth, but  
only alleged offense is that he voted  
for Maj. L. W. Stevenson for Congress  
instead of for Clark. Most of the  
Colored people favored L. W. Stevenson  
and John O. thought the latter a  
more honest friend to them and voted  
to him on principle. It will relieve  
us of his salary if he can be re-  
instated & he will have ample  
time to superintend our school  
as heretofore. I will soon see you  
both over the fire, anniversary  
& your love in Minnesota. There  
will be more need of such generous  
service from you than ever. We have  
the support of eight missionaries. I  
can hardly make up my mind to  
withdraw them. If you could do better  
might send a new man in Stevenson's place.  
It will be better for the school & those here -

Very Effectively C. H. Howard



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Washington Oct 16 71.

May: Genl O. Howard

Dear Sir

Some months ago I sent to you a letter with a small picture of "Castle" at Vicksburg. The matter referred to in my letter has been referred by the Secretary of War to the 3rd Auditor. It now becomes important for me to receive the picture especially in reference to certain statements about the destruction of the House by the Rebels.

The House was destroyed by order of Genl Grant. The grounds about 10 acres in the heart of Vicksburg were occupied for government, partly in connexion with your Bureau.

I desire to know the present address of Col S. Thomas and hope you can furnish it. Rent was promised me but so far I have not been able to receive it.

Your attention will oblige

Yours truly A. B. Sewell







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Portland, Oct. 16 / 71

Major Gen. C. C. Howard

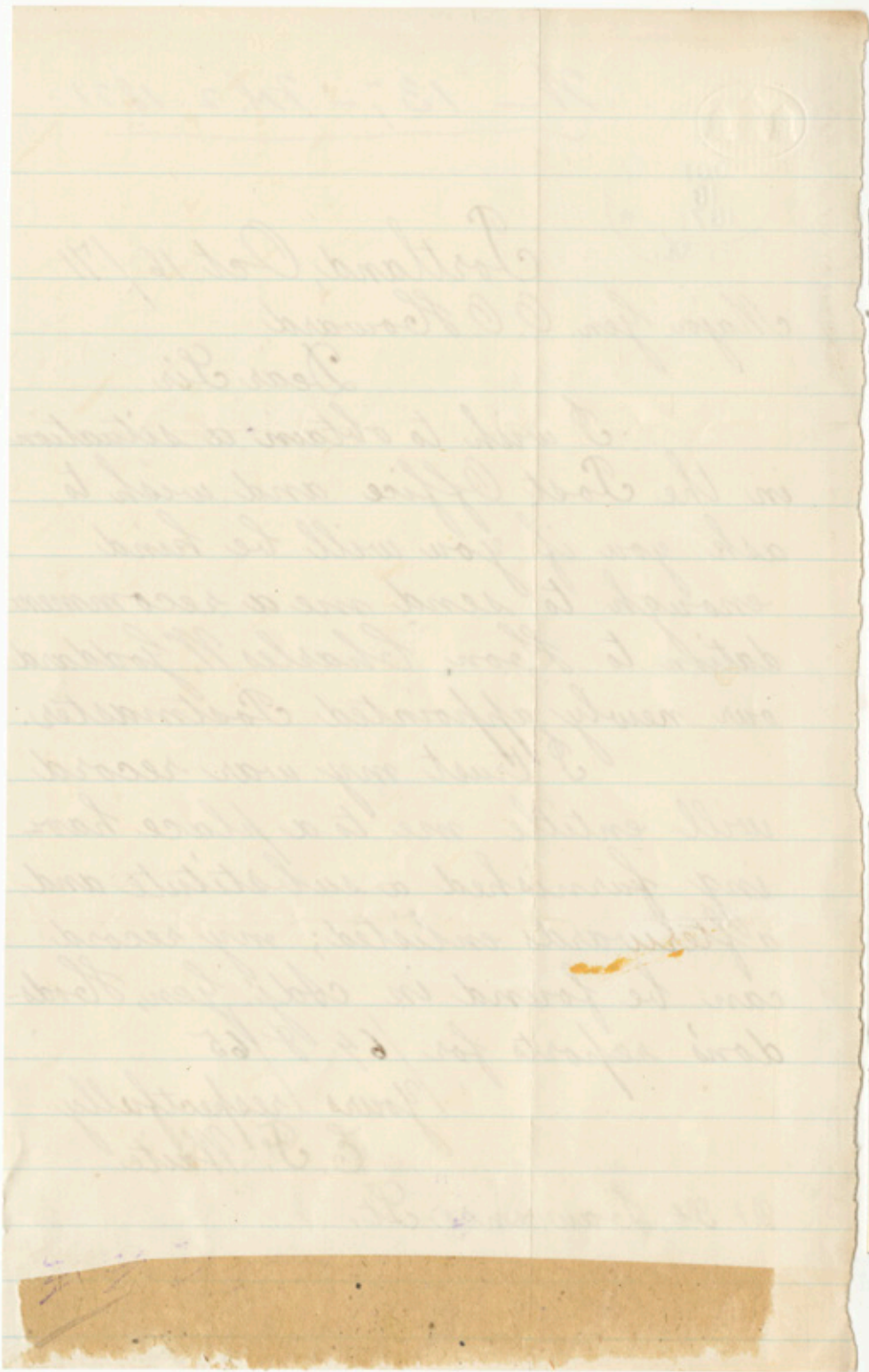
Dear Sir

I wish to obtain a situation in the Post Office and wish to ask you if you will be kind enough to send me a recommendation to Hon. Charles W. Goddard our newly appointed Postmaster.

I trust my war record will entitle me to a place having furnished a substitute and afterwards enlisted; my record can be found in Adj. Gen. Hodson's reports for '64 & '65

Yours respectfully  
E. F. Waite

21 St. Lawrence St.





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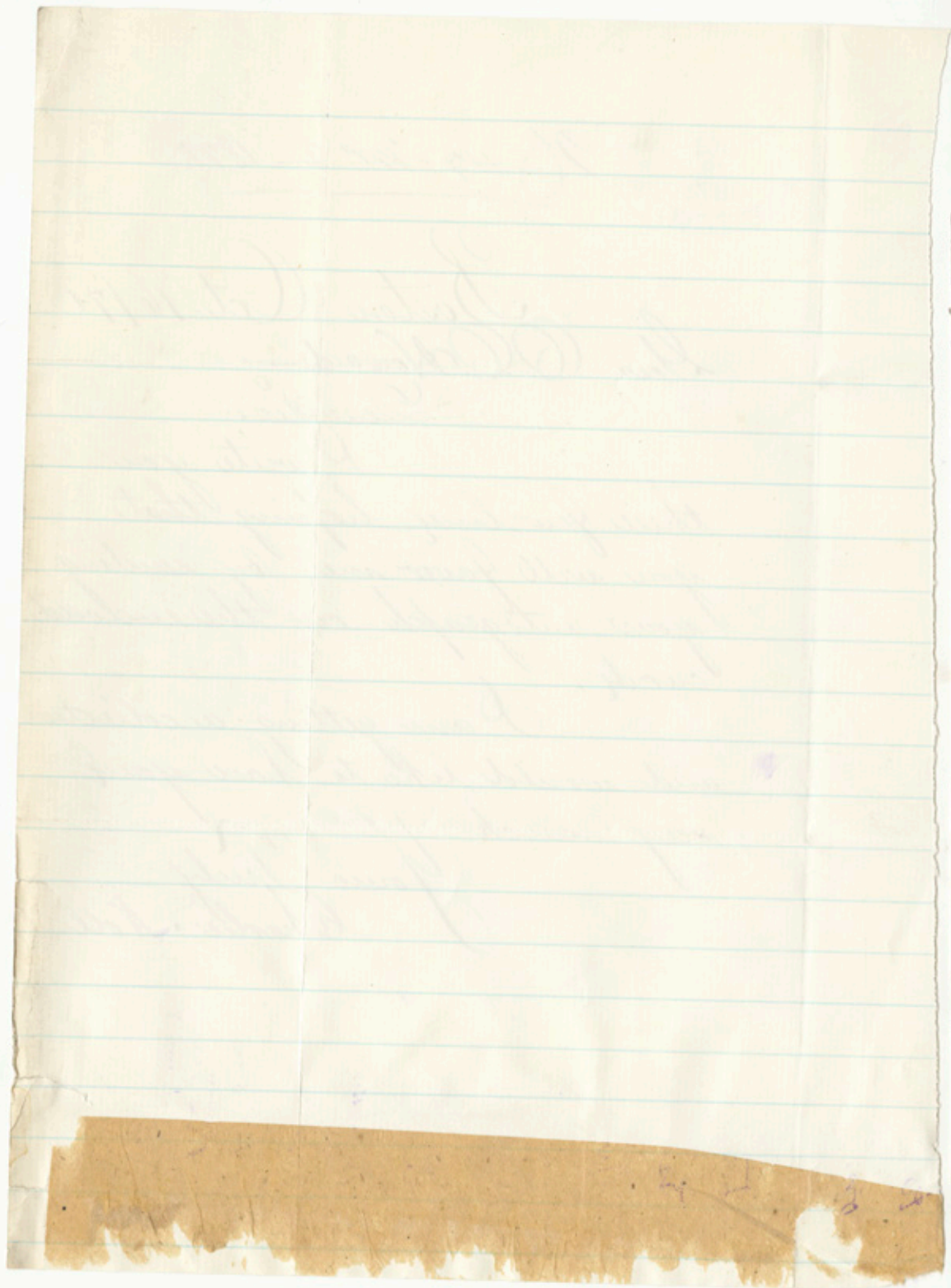
Ms. A. 1. 1. 2 - 1871

Boston Oct. 16/71  
Gen. O. O. Howard—  
Dear Sir:

I write you  
these few lines, hoping that  
you will favor me, by sending  
your autograph on the enclosed  
card.

I am getting a collection  
and would like to have yours  
very much.

Yours Truly  
Charles. Kell.







Oct 16 - Wed. 1871

Northboro-mass., Oct 16/71

Genl. Howard

My Dear Sir

When in Washington

I said something to you, about coming to see me, and address our people for the benefit of our free library - Sometimes, this fall, or winter when you was going to be in Boston or this vicinity, we are only a little over an hour's ride from Boston -

I should not expect you to use any time that would interfere with your lecture engagements - for I believe I mentioned, we could not pay the ordinary price. Still, we did not expect a lecture for nothing.

I know our people would delight to see <sup>& hear</sup> you. And I have thought of you very often, since I attended the meetings in Washington - I have the <sup>Republican</sup> nomination

to the Gov's Council, from my district - "I may spend the most of my winter, in Boston at State House - I met you there, when in the Senate, <sup>1865</sup> if elected, as I probably shall be - I shall be most happy to meet you in the Executive department.



Please write me if you  
are coming this way, and  
what are the prospects of your coming  
to Northboro. We are trying  
to get up a course of lectures and  
if I could add your name it  
would help very much. We  
have a nice <sup>new</sup> Town Hall, to speak  
in. We can arrange to have you speak  
any time, that ~~is~~ will suit your convenience.  
Only we would like a few days to  
post notices - say a week - but could get  
a good audience in less time -

If it so happened, I should  
like to have you stop over ~~Sunday~~ with me.

Please remember  
me to Mr & Mrs Alvord & their family -  
Also to your family. I had an intro-  
duction to Mrs Howard, but she may not re-  
member me -

Wishing you much success  
I remain very truly yours

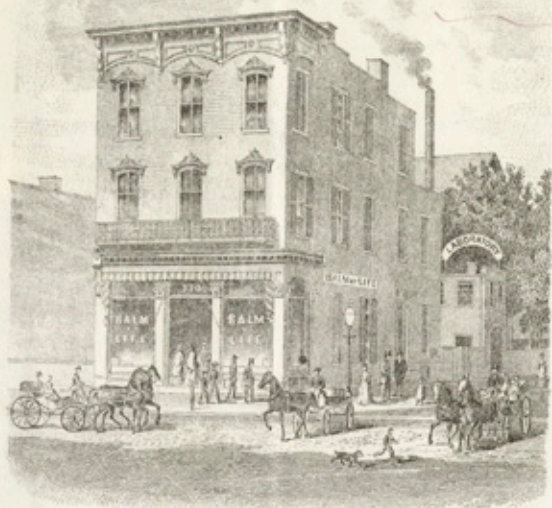
Milo Hildreth

P.S. - I have not seen  
a printed copy of our meetings -



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105 1/2 Langman, Ogden & Co. Wash

PROF. COOK'S  
Wholesale & Retail  
**BALM LIFE DEPOT**  
Corner 9th & H Streets  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, Oct. 17th, 1871

Dear General.

Your letter dated Oct. 11th. was not rec'd  
until this morning.

Enclosed please find ten dollars, for which  
please cause me to know of its receipt.

Yours very truly  
W. A. Cook

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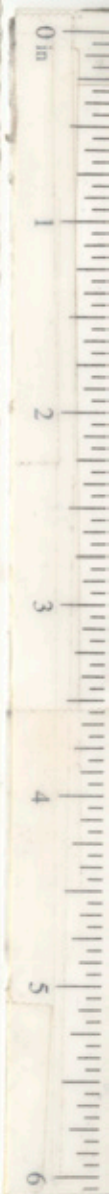
1412 H. St.  
Washington  
Oct 17/71

My Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith  
five dollars, the  
amount of my sub-  
scription to the  
Young Men's Christian  
Association Stock.

Yours truly  
J Hubley Ashton

Genl O. O. Howard.



*[Faint, mirrored handwriting is visible through the paper, likely bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is illegible due to fading and mirroring.]*



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Dover, N.H. Oct. 17, 1871.

Gen. Howard,

Dear Brother,

The words "Council of Reference" were adopted by Convention Dec. 21, after full discussion, - & our Committee has no option. Suppose your church case had gone to a "National Council;" it would have counseled the denomi-  
nation. Whereas, the piece which Dr. B. aimed, "kicked" badly!"

I do hope you will be at  
Oxford. I am sorry to find  
(by indirect means just rec<sup>d</sup>) that  
the "Army of the Cumberland"

meeting, is at Detroit, same  
day.

I am "off duty": have  
been so, for two months, nearly  
by reason of over-work - but  
I am fast getting better so  
as to go to Berlin.

Very respectfully & warmly  
As ever,

A. H. Hunt.



Clarence H. Clark,  
President.

Jay Cooke,  
Chairman Finance & Exec. Com.

Henry D. Cooke,  
Vice President.

Emerson W. Peet,  
Secretary & Actuary.

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My Dear General

You are, as I understand, about to have a new Professor appointed in the Theological Dept. of your University, the especial chair I did not hear about. There is a gentleman in the West, brother of a particular friend of mine, whose fitness for the position I do not question and of whose merits I bespeak your very careful consideration. I refer to Rev. J. D. Peet, now of Chatham, Medina County, Ohio. Mr. Peet is in active middle life being 41 years of age or thereabouts, of Mass. descent if not of Mass. birth of Puritan ancestry, a graduate of Beloit, and subsequently of Andover Theological Seminary, a man accustomed to pioneer life and pioneer service in the Christian Ministry so as, in many particulars, to be especially fitted to infuse the spirit of enterprise among the students of your University. He is a son of Rev. Stephen Peet, a Congregational Minister of high repute in the North West and to whose unflagging labors in the establishment of churches and schools and especially later in life, in behalf of Beloit College, the whole North West is indebted. If there is really a vacant chair in your University, and especially in the



Theological Dept., Rev. S. D. Peet would like  
to be considered as kindly disposed to the place,  
and will readily furnish you such letters and give  
you such special reference as will enable you and  
your associates to pass understandingly upon the case.  
Write me please and let me know of this.  
Dear very truly yours,

A. R. C.

Gaul. O. O. Howard  
Washington D.C.



Harlem Oct 17. 1871. 138.

Gen: O.O. Howard

My dear friend

The papers to day (the Sun and the Eve. Mail e.g.) are reporting the case of Gen. Ballock in a very sensational manner, and I think, from what I heard when lately with you very unjustly. The Mail heading is "Another defalcation. Half a million stolen from the Freedmen's Bureau;" and yet its own article shows all the principal accounts for leaving only the impression that interest had been reserved by Gen. Ballock on the plea that it was to refund money he had been defrauded of by payment of bounty money upon forged papers. This part of the ~~story~~ report wants explanation, much.

It is painful to friends to hear such things and with the interest I feel in the cause and in you and your officers





and in recollection of what I so  
lately heard when with you in  
Washington I venture to trouble you  
with an inquiring, what this means?

Evidently Gen. Ballock  
ought to have deposited the funds  
in the U.S. Treasury. But was  
that omitted with the object of tak-  
ing the interest as these papers  
say? And how can Gen. B. (I  
have thought) be at once placed  
at the head of your City Street  
Department, if he is to be con-  
sidered guilty of a criminal act?

But I stop. I feel grieved  
at this new trouble and see

by it another proof of the great  
carefulness with which we should  
handle trust funds every where.

Don't take any trouble to answer  
this - but only send me a line when  
quite convenient -

The Branch in Bleeker St. is very  
happy in the new arrangement made  
at the last meeting of the B<sup>n</sup> in Wash-  
ington.

A.P. and myself have the pleas-  
antest impressions of our late visit  
to you.

Yours faithfully  
Edgar Ketchum





Dr. 58 - M. 2. 1871



Seneca Oct 17, 1871

My dear Sen

During the life of Pat Leeenden-  
son & I were operating to have an altar  
Brooks, a very worthy, Christian young man,  
appointed post master at Seneca. Pending  
the affair, we recd a letter from Pitts with  
an enclosed, signed by him from Brooks  
offering him 500<sup>00</sup> if he would secure  
him the app<sup>t</sup>. You can imagine Pitts  
giving indignation, the sudden destruction  
of Brooks' hopes. On inquiry I learned  
that some sagacious man had advised  
Brooks that these things went in  
that way & that he had neglected his  
duty in that regard - hence his  
action. So be sure he was a fool



is that, but he was nevertheless an honest  
well meaning young man, that I am well  
served. You Marshall is well spoken  
of in his native town, & in my opinion  
he never dreamed of the dignity of  
his office. If you happen to see  
Marshall, please say this to him from  
me. Of course I commend the course  
of Mr Marshall, much I had good  
assurance that all public officers  
were in the habit of acting in this  
commendable manner. As to Harriet,  
though guilty only of folly, he must  
pay the price.

Very truly

Yours

Wm Lloyd Garrison



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My Dear General

It is with mingled feelings of sorrow and shame - that I write these few lines to you. but I cannot stand the strain no longer - conscience that inward Monitor of mans misdeeds and missteps will not allow me either peace by day or rest by night - and something must be done to relieve me of this weight which is crushing both soul & body to the earth. Debt the curse of mans existence, and when brought about by his own foolishness and weakness a still greater curse is eating the very life from my body. I called on Capt Beam Tuesday and made a statement to him and he has promised to see you



and give me an answer by Thursday my Effects you think but - If this is  
morning - I am willing and I think not accomplished in Two Weeks all  
I can say that my Wife is also is lost. In the name of Him who  
to transfer the property into your went about doing good - may I not  
hands at once to be sold for ask you to consider this matter  
the benefit of Creditors - but and see if I cannot be saved from  
action should be taken at once what seems to me a living death  
or all is lost and I bring disgrace or must I bid farewell to my  
upon the Church - upon the family and all near and dear  
M.C.A. upon my wife and in some place unknown - End my  
Children - cannot some Christian Existence - Do General here my  
men take this upon themselves request for the sake of a loving  
to save me this - or must I be Wife and Children listen to my  
dragged down by this deimon Ever with heartfelt appeal - I shall  
Debt, when I have enough - if it wait anxiously for a reply  
could only be brought into use.  
This could would save my name  
would bring peace to my soul  
would make my home happy  
and I could once more face  
the world - I stand ready to meet  
you at any state all the facts  
and make my disposition of

P.S. One request I know you will  
grant Pray for me

Wash. D.C. Oct 1877

Yours truly  
Geo. T. Cooke



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521 34<sup>th</sup> St. N.W.

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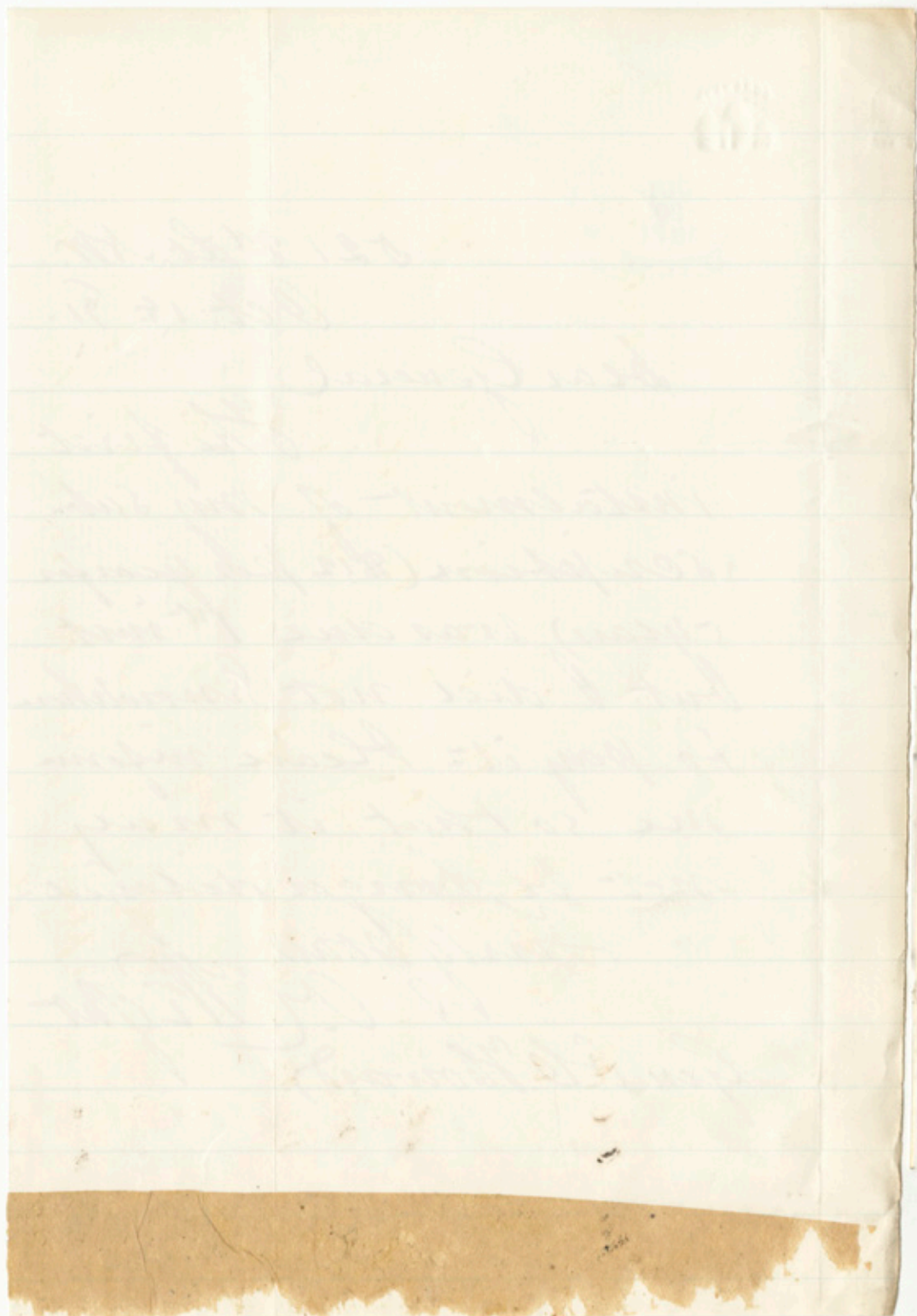
Dear General

The first  
instalment of my sub-  
scription (\$12 per year for  
5 years) was due 1<sup>st</sup> inst.  
but I did not know when  
to pay it. Please inform  
me so that it may  
not be longer delayed.

Truly yours

A. C. Wright  
Gen. O. C. Howard







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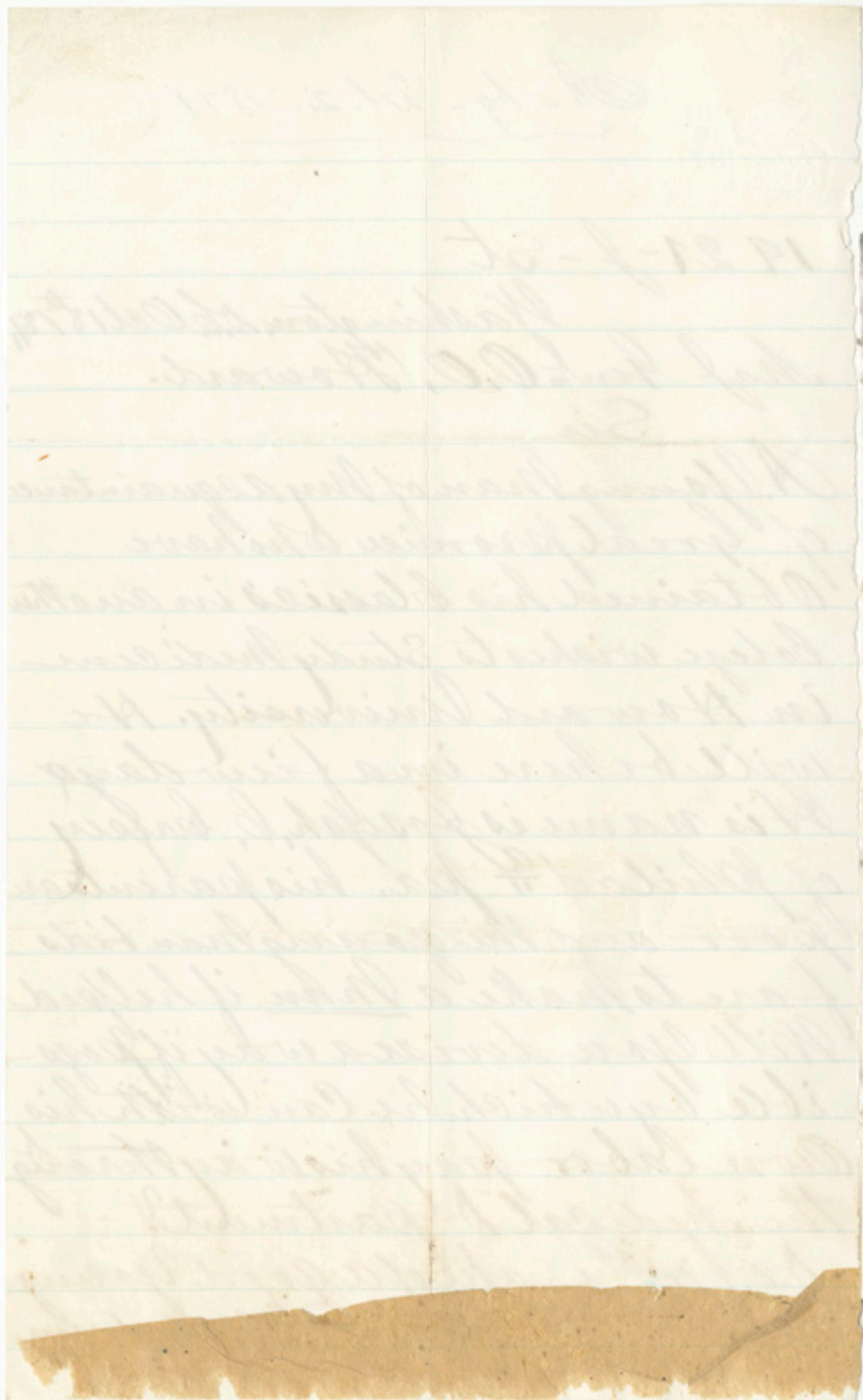
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Washington, D.C. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Maj Genl. O. O. Howard.  
Sir

A Young Man of my acquaintance  
of great promise who have  
obtained his Classics in another  
College wishes to Study Medicine  
in Howard University. He  
will be here in a few days  
His name is Joseph, C. Casey  
of Philad<sup>a</sup> Pa. his parents are  
poor and the young man bids  
fare to make a Man if helped  
Will you devise a way if poss-  
ible by which he can with his  
own labor pay his way through  
the Medical Department?

Do for the sake of a good Young  
Man. Yours Ever D. W. Anderson



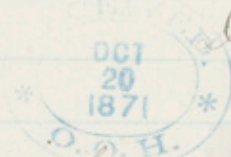




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9 Charter Street.

Boston. Oct 18 1871  
Gen. O. O. Howard.



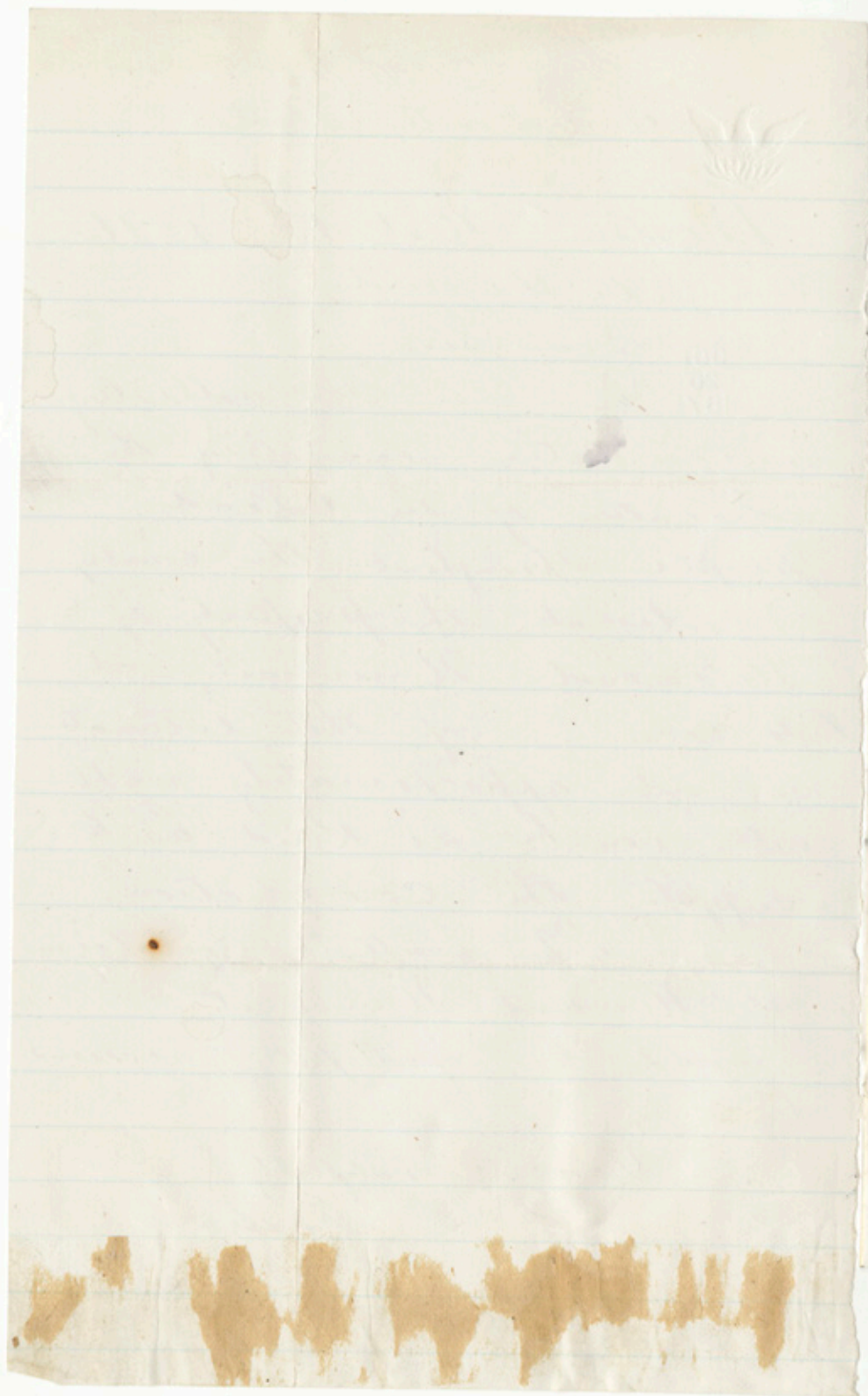
Dear Sir,

In collecting information regarding the education of the colored people throughout the country, I estimate the property of Howard University at \$400,000. If that estimate is not approximately right will you be so kind as to supply the correction.

The latest Catalogue of Howard University would be gratefully received by

Yours gratefully  
R. B. Foster







Office of Edgar Ketchum,

No. 83 Nassau Street,

New York, Oct. 18 1871

Carl O. O. H. errand

My dear friend

Is not the new paper different from the old one in substance? The 1.<sup>st</sup> item <sup>of latter</sup> is "For printing report in N.Y. \$400" This was paid to the N.Y. Tribune. The newspaper has it "Preparing" and publishing reports \$400" This implies personal service of S. K. in preparing as well as (possibly) printing reports, (plural), but this is not clear. The whole \$400 might be (in this statement) personal service in preparing and publishing reports, without a disbursement for printing. But S. K. did not prepare what he did publish in the sense of procuring the printing by the Tribune: and the whole \$400 was paid to the Tribune.

The old paper in its first lines says "in defence of himself (O.O.H.) and his Bureau" &c. The new one says "in defending Bureau R.T. & A.L." &c.

Is this exactly right? The charges of word were ag<sup>t</sup> O.O.H. personally - the acquittal was of O.O.H. personally. Would I not claim too much to pay as is here said in new paper? I re-enclose one new paper and the old one for your comparison. Yours ever Edgar Ketchum.







Leeds. St of Maine

Oct<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1871

Mast<sup>r</sup> Chancy Howard  
My Dear nephew

I write you a few lines that  
you may know of your aged  
uncle now more than seventy  
six years old, and also of his  
son your cousin who is of your  
age eight years old. he now  
attends school, walks more than  
a mile over high hills, he is a  
good scholar, reads to his infirm  
and aged father is happy to wait  
on him catches and harnesses his  
horse is generally kind good  
to every body, last Thursday  
was a very rainy day <sup>the</sup> that he missed, he sat all the  
fore noon husking his pop corn  
whistling or humming a tune.  
after dinner he said he would  
trace it up & offered to do it for



he said no he wanted to do all ~~the~~  
himself. he had planted & hoed

& thus far harvested it. After more  
than an hours trial he gave up and  
suffered me to show him. He has the  
care of the cows & horse and trains them  
to be docile an obedient

I write you this that you may remember  
your distant Cousin. also that you  
may know of your aged and infirm  
Uncle and a tender and affectionate  
Aunt Laura tell your Brothers and  
about your Cousin Ensign Otis In  
your affectionate

Uncle Ensign Otis