

Howard University,

Washington, D. C.,

Dec. 28th, 1897

Dear General Howard:

This is Frank Smith's answer. I think the "Lockemill" place is what we want. And I shall ask Mr. Smith to get the "refusal" of it at the best price he can see sense. I'll see him this A.M.

You see our work is along different lines. I am after "the colored man,"

P.S. However, I am a member of the Mt Pleasant Corp. Ch. & am giving of my money to build a new edifice there. What then Mr. Frankum, my brother, what stand of a helper I am. But, you see, we must all have our large liberty to do what we think is right. I was offered the Presidency of the Corp. but, I declined. You know, if a man does he is cured, & if he does not he is cured. And so I take the curing, & let it go my brother. The Green's trade? I don't know.

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while you are after the "Pilgrims".
I am giving \$100. this year for
a colored church, out of
my own pocket. As to mobility,
you know me well enough
to know, that I want to
live peaceably with all
men, I have no jealousy
of any body. God has
always been kinder to me,
than I deserve. I hope he
will let me work up to
the very end; if not, I
trust, he will give me merit,
& need a patience to suffer
all His will. That is what
I need to pray for.

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they look on at the head of an insect's
-tubercle, which you first great pains to make
pandemonium; an exhibition, which ended
not have a cent of money from Christ, if
not endemonium eternal. You see, if you see,
I must be true to it. I can both make
as man, but not man as demoniacal.
May you run be well.

Wm. Davis,
Holliston

Office of F. H. Smith & Sons,
Real Estate and Insurance Brokers,
1418 F Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

December 24, 1897.

Rev. J. E. Rankin, D. D.,

Howard University, D. C.

Dear Dr. Rankin:-

The piece of land I had in mind to which I referred in committee, is 45 acres at Lanham Station, just ^{West} ~~East~~ of Takoma Park, owned by Dr. Cockerille. It has a fifteen room house, which cost \$8,000. or \$10,000. to build, lies very finely, all excellent garden land, and Takoma Electric runs through one corner. The price he has held it for is \$80,000. It has no mortgage and he is getting old and wants to sell badly. I know he would take \$50,000. and probably \$1,000. an acre or \$45,000. The best improvements are coming up rapidly on all sides. It lies very handsomely for subdivision, and will without doubt rapidly increase in value, purchased at the rate for which it can be now obtained, * if that is any object. There is another tract of 25 acres alongside for sale. I do not know at what price. The land further East within the District can be purchased at very much less price. I had a man yesterday looking up some of the cheaper property, but he is not yet ready to report. Of course the location and direct communication by electric line with Howard University of Dr. Cockerille's tract would be an advantage, but whether enough to justify paying the price, I leave you and Gen. Howard to determine. This is what I have to offer today, and will report further, when I get further information.----- Will you tell me whether "God be with you 'till we meet again," illustrated, is for sale anywhere here. It is the best thing I have seen for a good while, and I want to send some of them away, if you will tell me where I can get them.

Yours truly,

F. H. Smith

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Dear Dr. Rankin:-

The piece of land I had in mind to which I referred in committee, is 45 acres at Lankens Station, just East of Takoma Park, owned by Dr. Cocherillie. It has a fifteen room house, which cost \$28,000, or \$10,000, to build, lies very finely, all excellent garden land, and Takoma Electric runs through one corner. The price he has held it for is \$60,000. It has no mortgage and he is getting old and wants to sell badly. I know he would take \$50,000 and probably \$1,000, an acre or \$45,000. The best improvements are coming up rapidly on all sides. It lies very handsomely for subdivision, and will without doubt rapidly increase in value, purchased at the rate for which it can be now obtained, & it that is any object. There is another tract of 25 acres alongside for sale. I do not know at what price. The land further East within the District can be purchased at very much less price. I had a man yesterday looking up some of the cheaper property, but he is not yet ready to report. Of course the location and direct communication by electric line with Howard University of Dr. Cocherillie's tract would be an advantage, but whether enough to justify paying the price, I leave you and Gen. Howard to determine. This is what I have to offer today, and will report further, when I get further information. Will you tell me whether "God be with you" till we meet again. Illustrated, is for sale anywhere here. It is the best thing I have seen for a good while, and I want to send some of them away, if you will tell me where I can get them.

Yours truly,

Frank E. Smith

P.S. I have torn pages 8, 47, 48 & 71 - of
the catalogue from the rest so as to
enclose them with the other data in
the letter for your convenient perusal and
consideration.

Wm. H. H.

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216 Arthur Place.

Washington, D.C. Dec. 28/97.

General O.O. Howard

Burlington, Vermont.

My very dear General Howard:- I
write to wish you a happy New
Year and to inform you just how
I am coming on with our Agricul-
tural department. As you probably
know I have been pounding away
on the Agricultural idea ever since
I got the Law Department fairly
on its present adequate foundation.

I have been conducting class exercises
and lectures for two years and am
now at the end of my tether. The trus-
tees have no means to carry on this
work and so I have gone ahead hoping
to find some benevolent friend of the
work who would help me with it. I pur-
chased a farm to use in connection with
the practical instruction and went into
it at up to my eyes equipping it. I had

a government clerkship which helped me somewhat but lost it to some one who had greater political influence and the whole weight and expense of the farm school and the University class has fallen upon me and I cannot stand it. Those to whom I look for help tell me that they cannot aid the work but know that I will get through all right because I am energetic and industrious etc. etc. just as if that paid the awful expense. I have undertaken for these poor, destitute and helpless colored lads whom I am trying to make useful and valuable citizens. Since I have been conducting the agricultural work I have spent \$25.00 of my own money for the University and have had \$200.00 contributed to the special work. Now, if I had received the modest sum of \$1200. a year for the entire department and the return of money actually paid out (\$125.00) there would be due me for hard work rendered the sum of

\$2375.00 for this special constructive agricultural work.

If some good friend or friends would contribute that sum towards the special work I am now carrying on in the University and would send it to Dr. Rankin to be given to me it would enable me to pay off a part of the obligations I owe and leave me free to give better thought to the work unimpeded by the debt created in trying to carry it on. I enclose you one of the characterist^{ic} letters that come in answer to my appeals for help in this work. Now General Can't you find some good friend to give this \$2375.00 to carry this work through the current year and pay something on what has been done by me last year? It is a case of "save me or I sink" - else I would make no such final appeal. I enclose a copy of the Post with marked article and a copy of paper containing my oration in the late John Mercer Langston - read it if you have time and quote me if you like it. Yours gratefully and faithfully, N. H. H. Ho

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F. W. LAY. ROTU
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Young Men's Christian Association,

J. G. Withrow
G. W. NICHOLS
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Rahway, N. J., Dec. 28th 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard
New York City.

My dear Mr Howard,

I write to know if it is possible for us to secure you, and if so upon what conditions, to speak to the young men of our little city, Sunday Jan 30th. If not, then some Sunday in February. We are having large Gospel meetings at 4 P.M. every Sunday, and it is at this service we

are most anxious to
have you speak. A
Gospel talk to men only.
Dr Cuyler of Brooklyn
will speak on Jan 9th.
We are on the main
line of the P.R.R. one
hour ride from New
York. We promise
you a good audience,
and a most hearty,
warm Christian wel-
come. Hoping for
a favorable reply, I am,

Very Sincerely

John W. Kittow.

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Mr. Pleasant Iowa
December 28 - 1897

General C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

I should be
pleased to have your
autograph. I am sorry
to trouble you but we
have such pleasant recol-
lections of you and your
visits at Fort Niobrara
Nebraska, where my father
was post chaplain. I

1898

take the liberty of asking
you this favor. Which will
be highly appreciated by
me.

Respectfully Yours
Hattie G. McAdam

Mt. Pleasant
Iowa
610 E. Washington St

Van Wert, O. Dec 28/97

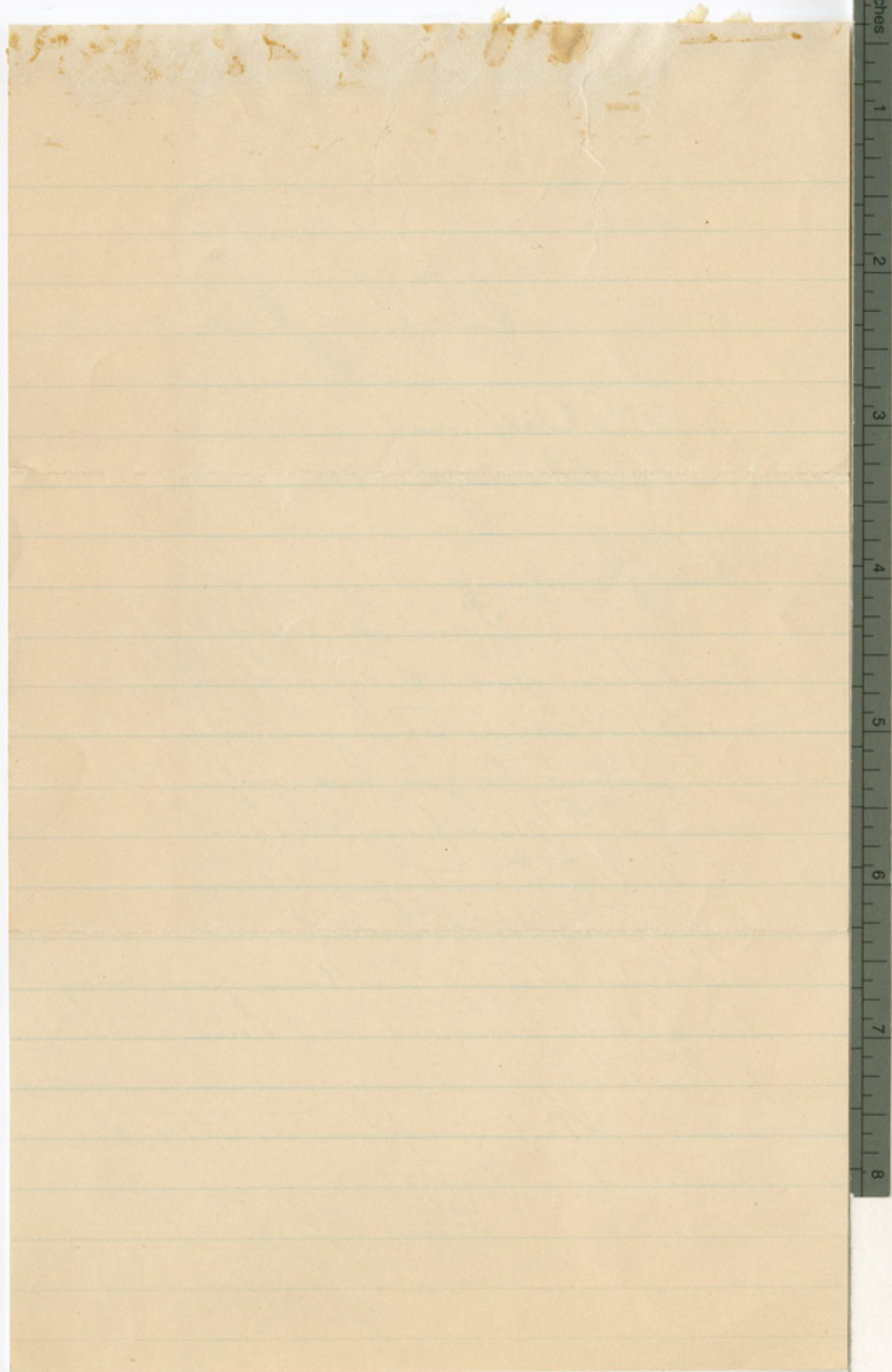
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Burlington Ht.

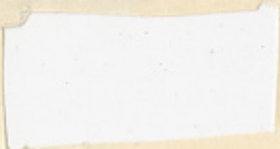
Dear General: I am in receipt of a few
lines from your Secy acknowledging
receipt of my letter to you, of date Dec 13
and stating that you was confined to your
room with slow fever, and could not be
troubled with writing for some time.
I feel sorry to learn of your sickness
and hope, that by this time, you may
have fully recovered, and been restored
to health.

With compliments of the season
I am dear General,

Your Obedt Serv't.
A. G. Lehmann

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Dec. 28th, 1897.

My dear General;-

Your favor of the 24th inst. received. I was sorry to hear of your illness. I have been confined to the house for a couple of weeks myself, but am able to be about again.

I enclose you herewith Annuals over the roads under my control, for 1898.

With the compliments of the season, I am

Yours very truly,

Samuel Thomas

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington.

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Dec. 25th, 1891.

My dear General:-

Your favor of the 24th inst. received. I was sorry to hear of your illness. I have been confined to the house for a couple of weeks myself, but am able to do about anything. I enclose you herewith Annuals over the roads under my control, for 1891. With the compliments of the

season, I am

Yours very truly,

Samuel H. Jones

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Washington.

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EDGAR O. ACHORN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW.

27 TREMONT ROW,

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Gen. O. O. Howard,

Boston, Dec 28 1897

My Dear General Howard:

As you have probably seen I let
my name go in for the Peterstewry position Friday
Dec. 17. I received a telegram Dec 21 of which the
following is a copy

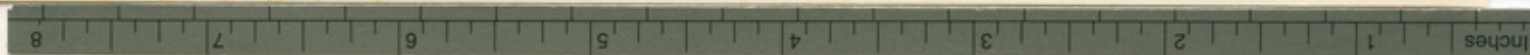
"Edgar O. Achorn

Trust that you will decline appointment as
conditions here will not render it desirable either to you
or myself. " Hitchcock, "

What would you do or how treat such a message
as that? It is in line of what I anticipated

Hitchcock would do what he put out there
Aren't you coming this way soon?
I hoped to see you this winter
I am always
Very sincerely Yours

Reginald Schom



Harrison, S. J. Nov., 29th / 1897.

Major-General Oliver C. Howard, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

Will you
kindly send me particulars in
regard to the necessary qual-
ifications for joining the U. S. A.,
or put me on the right
track to obtain that information?
How? When? Where?

Yours Respectfully,
H. B. Duies,

225 Cleveland Ave.

Harrison, S. J.

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Stamford, Conn. 1881

My dear Mr. Brewster

I have

just sent my collection of

birds to the museum of

the Smithsonian Institution

for your collection.

I hope you will find them

interesting.

Yours very truly

W. Brewster

257 (only one)

Stamford, Conn.

1881

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No. 194.

First National Bank.

J. S. McCullough, President.
F. B. Jennings, Vice President.
S. B. Hall, Cashier.

North Bennington, Vt., Dec. 29 1897

My dear General:-

Your good wishes for the next year, crossed my letter enclosing an annual. If you will be good enough to return me the frank I will add "and me".

Wishing you and yours the Compliments of the Season
I am

Very sincerely and cordially yours
J. S. McCullough

Gen. O. O. Howard.

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Maryville, Tenn., Dec. 30, 1897.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Your name is indissolubly connected with Maryville, as furnishing in the days of its extreme need; indeed the days of the question of its existence; funds from the Freedman's Bureau for the erection of Anderson Hall containing the recitations & other Public Rooms. The Fayerweather Annex, costing about \$10,000, has since been added as an "L", to provide for enlarged demands. The College now has a property of about \$400,000, most of which is endowment & productive funds. Our Annual number of Students is 400. We have an excellent, religious, working, scholarly Faculty. Revivals have been granted to us every year. God has greatly blessed the peculiar position of our College as open to every American Citizen. We have an excellent colored student in our Senior Class. In the last eight years, of nine graduating classes I have signed the diplomas of seven colored men, all taking the full Classical, or "A.B." and all

superior men. I do not know whether those who recend from you
the money have kept you posted as to the progress of the college.

President Bartlett, now about 78, is still residing here. Having
married a grand daughter of Gov. Sumner, of Ala. and imbibed
Southern sentiment, he resigned his connection with the College
ten years ago. I am now on my 9th year. The pledge given to
himself as an officer of the U.S.S., concerned only \$10,000, but
all the large sums since donated have been over & over
pledged to the same conditions. There is, I think, progress in the
South toward right^{feeling} on the Race question, but it will doubtless
take as long to eliminate as it did ^{impose} the sentiment; or
200-300 years. Probably 19/20th of the Southern people would be glad
to have the negro excluded from Maryville College. Numerous
attempts have been made; but have hitherto failed. At one
time, some dozen years^{ago}, the College was obliged to expel 20-30
students who were determined to break down the status of the
College. One Literary Society had to be annihilated. In 1892. Had
the various pledges of Synod, Trustees & Faculty, put in type, & in
close you a copy. Also I take the liberty to send you a folder
of our documents. The Synod voted that "no person should
be excluded" in order to induce you to grant aid. Now no
girl of color has ever been in the Institution. Prof. Lamon
very firm, and very shrewd, as I am told, who died 2 years
before I came, and who was the real Second Founder & Head of the
College, after the war, held that Southern white men, after 200
years of unrestrained use of colored women, were such, that it would
be a crime to expose a Christian young lady, aspiring for education,
of color, to association even in the same class-rooms with these pro-
fessed whites. Therefore as a kindness to the colored people, he
persuaded colored Christians to withhold their daughters from the
College. Most of the Southern friends of the College hold the same view.
Prof Lamon said they would be admitted in time, as, of course
they have a full legal right to be. The Southern people are especially
sensitive about admitting colored women to anything suggesting social
equality. It is 32 years since the war closed. There has been progress, but
of course slow, toward right. "All things," says the Apostle, "are not
of our course, in your view legally and morally right? Would it
be right under the pledge given to you, and more largely to others
to exclude all colored students from our present buildings? Are
we to enter them, as the University of Term (Agricultural College) does its colored

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Maryville, Tenn., 189

in a separate Institution, viz, that of the A. P. Colored Institution in Knoxville? We have about five per cent of our students colored boys. These are more select than the same average number of white boys. I had some acquaintance with one of your brothers who was Editor of the "Advocate", when my cousin Rev. Simon Gilbert was working on it; also some with the Secretary of the Peace Society. The Memorial of your honored mother was kindly sent to me, and was read and perused with interest.

My chief object in addressing you however, is to secure, in some way, a good portrait of yourself for our College, to be, in addition to commemoration of one so conspicuous in the war for the Union, & later at the head of the American Army; a remembrance of the solemn obligations of the College to the U. S. Government & the Christian world. May I ask you for such a picture; or if not, at least for the selection of what picture you prefer, and of the publisher or of whom it can be obtained. I hope to have one of Mr. Thurgut who was born only 10 miles from the College, and of Mr. Dodge, Willard. Thaw & other donors of our funds also exceedingly to raise twenty scholarships of \$1000. each very worthy & need students. and if you kindly remember Magill

as I am sure you do, and should possibly know of any one who
would furnish one or more such scholarships, I should be most
grateful. I believe this college is to live and become a
great factor in the race and social questions, & in the
progress of Christian principle in the South.

In any case, allow me as a private citizen, & also as
the Representative of a Unique Institution of learning, to thank
you for your great service to our common country on the field
and also your sacred service to this Christian Institution.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Samuel H. Boardman, Pres.
(A native of Pittsford Vt.)

Gen'l O. O. HOWARD.

156 COLLEGE STREET,
BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

Dec. 30th, 1897.

General J. G. McCullough,
President Bennington & Rutland R. R.,
Bennington, Vt.

My dear General:

Thank you very much for your offer to put the pass
"General O. O. Howard and One". Will you kindly return it to me
so that I can use it Monday morning, and greatly oblige?

Sincerely yours,

(R.E.)

O. O. Howard

My dear General:

Jan. 5/98

I was called to New York
and therefore missed yours. At the first
opportunity I have added the unit.
Hope this delay has caused you
no serious inconvenience.

With a Happy New Year

I am,

Yours sincerely

J. G. McCullough

Genl O. O. HOWARD.

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Sincerely yours,

O. O. Howard

(R.R.)

My dear General:
I was called to the post
therefore missed your letter. It is
impossible to have a letter this week
but I will try to answer you
as soon as convenient.
With a happy New Year
I am,
Yours sincerely,
John McCullough

Paterson, Dec. 30th 1897.

Dear General,

I am exceedingly
sorry to learn that you have
been sick and suffering so much.
I pray The Lord for your
speedy recovery and hope you
will begin the new year in the
best of health again.

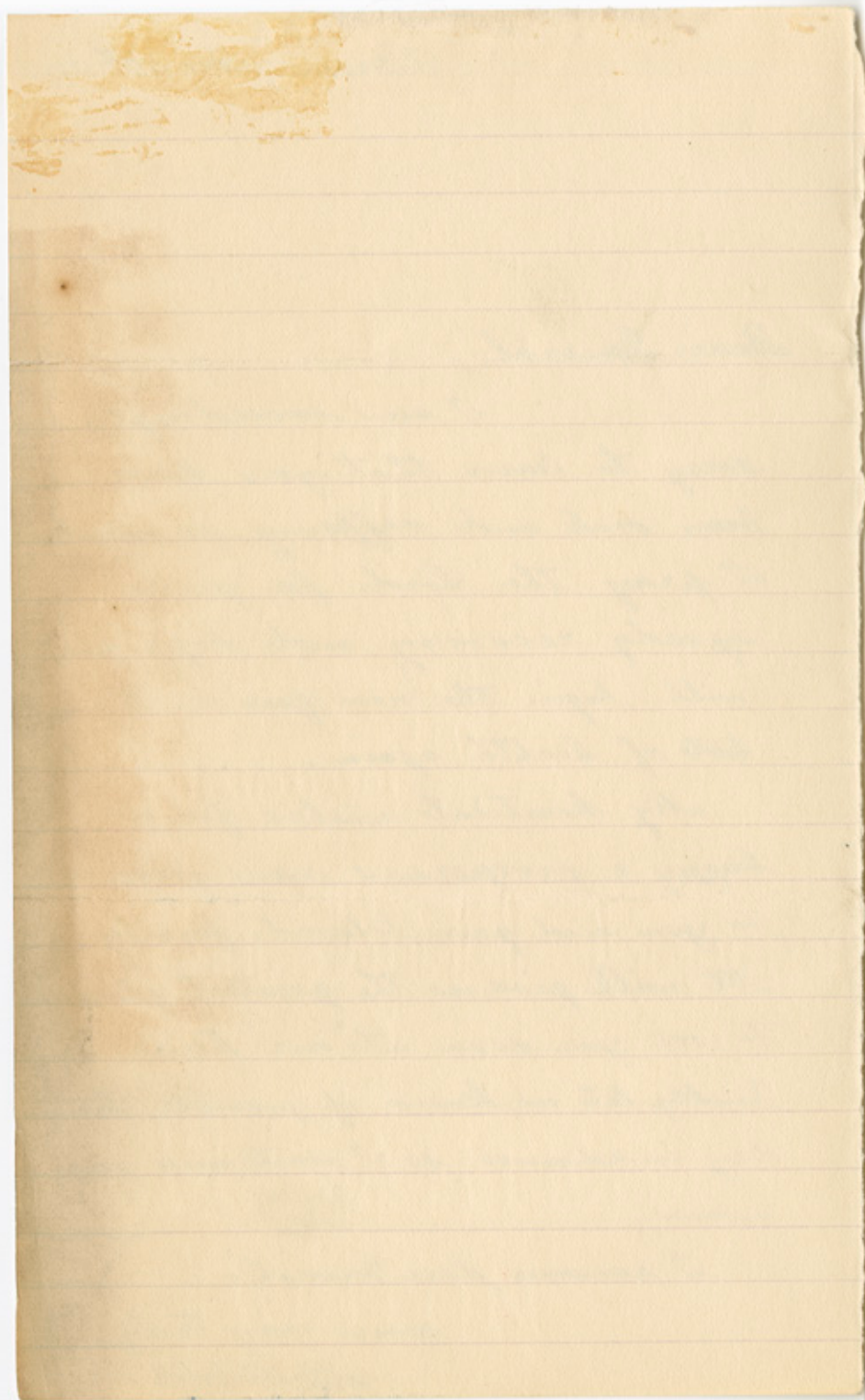
My heartiest wishes for a
happy & prosperous new year
to you and your beloved family.

It will give us the greatest pleasure
to see you soon at our home.
Kindly let us know if possible the
day in advance so I won't miss you
again.

I remain, dear General

yours very truly
M. Nitzler

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Dear Gen. Howard

The ladies of
our Home Miss. Society wish
ed me to write and ask if
you could give your famous
lecture on "Sherman's march
to the sea" in our church in
February or March to aid our
Home Miss. work. We would
like to send the H.M.S. one
hundred dollars to help pay
the salaries of their mission-
aries or let them use it as
they choose. We are very glad
to be able to write you.

that we have just-sent
them one hundred dollars
for their A. M. A. work.

Nearly all of the money was
made from a lecture given
by our pastor Rev. Dr. Newman

May we hear from you soon
telling us if you can give
it- and and what your
terms are. Remember me
to Mrs. Howard and believe
me

Yours most-sincerely
December Mrs. J. B. Johnson
thirty first 2460-6th St
eighteen hundred Washington
and ninety seven D. C.

Dec. 31st, 1892
My dear Gen. Howard:

I enclose
letter of Mr. Smith
this morning received.

With Christmas
and New Years greetings
again. I am,

J. H. Hanks.

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My dear Mr. Howard:
Dec. 31st. 1894

I have been
waiting for the
letter of Mr. Smith
that morning journal.
What Christmas
order from the
store.

Yours truly,
L. Chamberlain.

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Office of F. H. Smith & Sons,
Real Estate and Insurance Brokers,
1418 F Street N. W.,

Washington, D. C. Dec 30 1897

Dear Dr Rankin.

I have in writing a thirty
days option of the Cockeill place at \$50.000
It took me two days to get the price, which
seemed to me necessary, as it would embarrass
Genl Howard to have to say that the price was
\$60.000, but by a dicker it could probably be
obtained for less. This is fifty percent cheaper
than any corresponding tract with equal
advantages can be purchased - indeed I
have since heard that the twenty acre tract
adj. my ^{mentioned} which is simply bottom land which
could not be used except for farming purposes
is held at \$2000 per acre. I hope Genl Howard
may be able to furnish the money

Yours truly
F. H. Smith

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Boston, Dec 31 1897

My dear Emerald:

I received your very kind letter of the 28th this morning. I considered Mr Hitchcock's telegram in quite the same way you did and have taken no notice of it. I thought that if Mr Hitchcock attempted to influence the President against me that I should hear from it through Sec. Sargent in due time as the President would undoubtedly turn to him. If he tried to prevent my being confirmed through Lodge I should have notice of that and until I did get word from them I concluded to hold my peace.

This telegram however is no surprise to me. It is quite in line of his attitude and letter from New York, of which I sent you a copy when I advised you of Lodge's move just before I went to Washington.

I can see through it all clearly.

Mr Hitchcock goes away impressed by the inspired letters he has received from Blaine & others with the idea that Pierce is necessary

To his mission, he reaches Russia a stranger
in a strange land, he finds Mr Pierce perfectly
at home there, with a house wife & family &
familiar with the etiquette of the Court. He is given
a warm reception. Mrs Pierce has been
received at Court and can tell Mrs H. exactly
what she is to do and stands ready to aid &
support in every thing - then Mr Pierce is making
some show on his wife's money (he never earned
a dollar in his life himself, his wife is a Portland
girl & they are going through what she has as fast as
they can) Is it any wonder that Mr Hitchcock
wants to retain Mr Pierce?

I am going ahead & have arranged about
every thing preparatory to starting. Am
taking one & continuing his french
lessons a day, expect to stay over a
month in Paris to still further perfect
myself and while I am already reading french
at sight easily ~~but~~ make myself
understood in a simple way I hope by the
time I reach Petersburg to have made substantial
progress in conversation -

Very sincerely & Respectfully Yours
Edmund Ashmun