

Gen'l 0. Howard, Burlingtion, Vt.

MY Dear lir. Howard:- I have sent you a copy of my paper eontaining an account of Commencement Exercises at Cumberland Cap. I intended to ask you to write out your address as you wanted it published for the public, you will notice that I refer to this subject in the account that I gave and promised the address later. Can you not write it out as you would like to have it appear, and forward it at an early day to me? I enclose an interview that gives incidentally my views with regard to Manual Training Trainine Schools.

Yours respectfully,
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THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, 287 FOURTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK CITY
the forward movement.
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June 24, 1899.

General 0.0. Howard, Burlington, Vt. Dear General Howard:

As you are aware, the American Board at its Grand Rapids meeting appointed the above Committee to launch and conduct a Forward Movement in Foreign Missions. The Committee has formulated a plan of operations, engaged a Special Representative, Mr. Luther D. Wishard of New York, for many years identified with the Christian movement among students, and has inaugurated a campaign whose first stage consists in an appeal to selected churches which are believed to be able to assume the entire salary of a missionary. The record of the first four months more than meets our most sanguine expectations. Our Special Representative has visited seventeen churches whose aggregate resident membership is 7349. Last year these churches gave \$4194. aside from the gifts of the women through the Women's Boards. This year they have pledged $\$ 13,575$. or an increase of over two hundred per cent. These increased pledges have been made with the full expectation of their annual renewal. Every church which Mr. Wishard has visited has assumed the full salary of a missionary and every Sunday promises to be filled for a long time to come. We believe there are not less than 600 churches which are as well able to provide salaries as many of those which have already done so. If this is true, it is evident that the Board has at length found a method which will eventually yield a largely increased permanent income.

Your Committee is also inaugurating several other lines of work which have been followed with excellent effects by other Boards. The results of these will be reported to you from time to time. We have asked Mr. Wishard to prepare a statement of the principles and methods of the Forward Movement. You will find these in his booklet which he is sending you entitled "The Students" Challenge to the Churches". We bespeak for it your careful perusal.

The only shadow upon the outlook is the deficit, of $\$ 40,000$ carried over from last year, and a further threatened Geficit of $\$ 60,000$ for this year occasioned by the serious shrinkage in legacies. We cannot truly enter upon a Forward Movement until the present necessary annal expenses are provided for. If the increased interest shown by a few churches and friends could be felt by all, the needed funds would be speedily provided. To secure this increased interest will require the united efforts of every friend of the American Board.

It seems to us that this is a time of emergency when we may properly appeal to the Corporate Members of the Board for their co-opera-

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It appears to the Committee that the following considerations justify the appeal for your personal co-operation at this time. 1.-- The Forward Movement has already met with such favor as to justify the belief that we are on the highway to a greatly enlarged income and work and that we are to be permanently delivered from the annual deficit, whose incessant appeal has almost worn out the patience of the churches.
2.-- The Forward Movement must be freed from the drag-net of debt in order to become a vital force.
3.-- If we can signalize the first year of the Forward Movement by meeting our annual expenses and clearing the debt, enthusiasm will be awakened throughout the entire denomination and a confidence will be created which will carry everything before it.

In view of these considerations, we earnestly appeal to you to secure in any one of the ways suggested, or in other ways which may occur to you such an amount as you are able and send the same to the Treasurer, Mr. Frank H. Wigging, Boston, Mass. not later than July 15 th. If you will do this you will thus put the Board in a position to grapple effectively with the population of a hundred million heathen who are mainly dependent upon the Congregational Churches of North America for the Gospel. We should be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience as to what you think of this proposition and what you are willing to undertake to do.

In behalf of the Committee, I am,


Very sincerely yours



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\＆EVERETT HOUSE，CORNER 4TH AVENUE AND 17TH STREET，NEW YORK．子


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Gen．0．0．Howard， Burlington，Vt．

## Dear General Howard：－

I have just received a letter from Mr．Wagner，who has booked you for Saybrook，Ill．，saying that he had received your telegram notifying him of your subject．I enclose the contract between Mr．Wagner and the Committee．You will see it is for $\$ 200$ ． After deducting your fee of $\$ I 00$ ，and expenses，send the remainder to Mr．Wagner as his commission，to Shelbyville，Ill．

Yours Very Truly，


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LECTURE CONTRACT.


- James B. Pond,

EVERETT HOUSE, NEW YORK.

The Undersigned hereby agree to engage of JAS. B. POND
Mr. Gen. O. O. Howard,
to appear in $\qquad$ Hall, Saybrook, III.,
on Tuesday -

July 4th, $\qquad$ 189
To furnish Opera House, Hall, or Church, well heated, lighted, and in good order, with necessary attaches, stage accessories for entertainment, and license (if any be required), do all advertising, and announce attraction as having been secured through Gas. B. Pond, New York.

The Undersigned further agree to pay for the attraction aforesaid One hundred dollars (IO0.00 ) and railroad fares. ashortaderes Ed a lecture Dollars, settlement to be made on the evening of the entertainment, before eight o'clock, in currency, with. $\qquad$ Gen. Howard.
Find in Consideration thereof, the said JAS. B. POND hereby agrees that the said attraction shall be furnished at the time, place, and upon the terms above written. If, on account of sickness, accident, or unavoidable circumstances, the party engaged fails to appear, this contract shall be considered null and void.

It is \#nderstood that JAS. B. POND is simply agent for the parties to this contract, with no proprietary right therein.


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