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Boston Mass
June 1, 1866

My dear Gen.

In continuing my reports of the doings of our Church Com. here I regret very much to say that we have to-day been met in several places by very anxious inquiry about the denominational character of our enterprise, particularly as to the status of Dr B. in this respect.

We were much surprised by these inquiries, as we had supposed matters so well settled in that respect that no doubt or shade of doubt could be cast on our Church.

But the inquiries have been

pushed from so many sources and so much feeling seems manifested that we think it may be necessary to answer all such questions at the beginning before a general meeting is held here or our plan for the summer campaign arranged.

We are now pushing our investigation as to the exact nature of these doubts, and the sources whence they come, and trust when we return to be able to give a full & satisfactory history thereof.

We have not abandoned the idea of an early meeting here for you. but it may not be possible to arrange for it before the 17th June

now.

I must add that we continue to hear words of kind cheer and encouragement from those whose face & favor since help us in our efforts.

Since the first intimation as above stated we have had a conference with Mr Alvord. and made such arrangements to complete our work as seem demanded by the unforeseen emergency.

Very truly Your friend
L. Dean

P.S. It may be best not to give much publicity to this matter till our full statement when we return —

June 1st 1866.

Dear L.

Friendly letter.

Recd. June 4th 1866.

Howard Div. No 21 S of T.
Wash D.C. June 2d 1866

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Commissioner etc
General:

I am instructed by this Division, to communicate to you the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, at a regular meeting held May 31st 1866.

"Resolved That the thanks of this Division are due, and are hereby tendered to Miss Mrs E. Dodge, Maj. Gen. O. Howard, and Rev. John Pierpont, for their able and instructive addresses, delivered on the occasion of our Public meeting on the evening of May 23d 1866."

Respectfully and Fraternally
D. M. Duncan
Recording Scribe.

CHARITABLE

DEPARTMENT.

American Tract Society.

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Instituted in Boston in 1814.

Committee of Charities.

REV. E. B. WEBB, D. D. S. G. BOWDLEAR, ESQ.
REV. WILLIAM HAGUE, D. D.
REV. WILLIAM C. CHILD, *Secretary.*

Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, June 2 1866.

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that, at the last meeting of the American Tract Society of this city, held on the 30th ult., you were unanimously chosen as one of the Vice Presidents of the Society

Sincerely Yours

William C. Child,
Sec. Am. Tr. Soc. Boston

Erie Pa June 3rd 1866

Major Gen. O. O. Howard.

General

Enclosed please find five dollars to buy a Hymn Book for the new Congl. church in Washington. I read your speach in its behalf, in Brooklyn with much interest. Please accept this as a mite towards the present of Fifty thousand dollars you wish your friends to make you. I am a stranger to you, but ever since I saw you standing on the steps of the P. M. Office in New Berne N. C. one pleasant morning a little over a year ago I have felt that you were not a stranger to me. As the church is not built yet perhaps it would be better to "buy a brick" with this than a hymn book. Do as you think best. I have two young lady cousins who are great admirers of Gen. Howard. They have his picture & would like his autograph. If not to much trouble when you acknowledge this please enable me to present it to them & also have one myself. Begging pardon for thus occupying your time, I remain General

Your Obt. Servt.

W. H. Calkins.

Cree Va. June 31st 66

Cathin. St. 26.

Send 5 dollars to purchase a hymn-book for the 1st Cong. ch. in Washington.

Raleigh N. C. June 4th 1866

Dear Howard

Please accept my thanks for the kindly expression of your letter of the 30th May. I received the order Mustering me out of service by the same mail that your letter was received. Had it not been for your letter which stated that Gen. J. C. Robinson had been ordered to relieve me I should have thought, in view of my recent assignment anew to duty in this state, that possibly the order for my Muster out was a mistake. Such mistakes have occurred I believe, as the Muster out of Officers when not intended by the Sec. of War or General Grant. As I have endeavored to do my duty I take my Muster out as my turn in the general

reduction. As I desire to remain in service I would have liked it if I could have retained my present position until the matter of the reorganization of the Army should have been disposed of. If you see no objection personally or otherwise I would be glad if, when you may have occasion to see the Sec. of War, you will ask him if my Muster Out was with his knowledge. Please answer this.

Very Truly Your

Maj. Gen O. O. Howard
U.S. Army

Wm. H. Ringen
Brvt. Maj. Genl. Vol.

Avon Pitt Co. N. C.
June 5. 1866 -

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Comr Bur. Refs. &c -

Dear Sir,

On my return from Boston last Saturday I struck Mr. Fitts' trail at Seldon. He told me he had just seen you, and informed me that you had a new trouble or fear about me arising from a letter rec'd from Genl Fullerton impugning my private character. The report went, so he said, that I "had kept a mistress for three weeks".

I guess Mr F. was wrong in thinking you felt troubled by such a report. Let the attacks against your officers take forms so utterly aside from truth or from the shadow of truth as this is, and they will refute themselves

as fast as they can be made.

But as good men who enjoyed fully the confidence of the public have fallen in just this way of ungoverned passions, I proceed to say that there is no truth whatever in the statements just alluded to, or any others of that kind. They are simply laughable, or would be were they not so malicious. I dare them to the proof. Reject with scorn the imputation. Criminal conversation cannot occur without at least two persons knowing it. Let the knowing ones disgorge.

If Mr Fitz did not mistake the story, and gave me a right version of it, I can account for it in only one way. There has lived in New Bern a Rev Mr James (T.B.) Methodist, whose reputation has been shaky, who has been under arrest, of whom stories are told, whether truly or not I do not know, and it may be that this report arose from something connected with him.

As to Mr. Fitz I want to say to you that my view and opinion of his character is this. He is a conscientious but rather narrow minded man. He would have made as good a father confessor and even inquisitor, in a dark age, as any man. His practical judgment is not reliable, but he must be closely looked after. This I used to do when in charge of the E. Dist. containing the Trent River Settlement. I fancy that Capt Saly left him too much to himself, and that his indiscretions and misjudgments grew more numerous.

I had hoped that Capt Saly would take the opportunity when I left to relieve him, and put in if not a better yet a safer man.

The plantation looks well. The cotton is doing nicely, and so far from feeling like a culprit because I am engaged in agriculture, I rejoice in the occupation. Yours very faithfully

Horace James

Avon, Pitt Co. N.C.
June 6. 1866.

James, Horace

Friendly letter.

Recd. June 11. 1866.

Washington D. C. 111

June 5. 1866

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Chief of Bureau of Refugees &c

Dear Sir,

My friend of whom I was speaking to you the other day in the House of Representatives is 1st Lieut Lovett of the Veteran Reserve Corps. I think his name is Alexander Lovett.

He filed an application in your office some 2 or 3 days ago in which he states his present rank &c. I am sorry I cannot give you the particu-

lang. I understood him to say he was reporting either to the Surgeon General or to Major Genl Augur.

I may see him to morrow and will send him up to your office. I certainly thought he said he was still in the Service.

Very Respt. Yours

Chas. O'Neill

Augusta Ga June 5th 1866

Bvt Maj Genl Davis Tillson
Asst Comr Bureau R F & A L

Sir

I am informed that you have publicly asserted that I have deceived the Colored people of this city and vicinity, and that I have charged them exorbitant fees for assisting them before the Court; I pronounce these charges false.

I am also informed that you have publicly made the assertion that I have been guilty of illicit connection with Colored Women this is also a base falsehood

I ask that you will select a Northern Man, or a Colored Man, and I will do the same, and they shall select a Northern Man or Colored Man and I will go before this Committee and meet any charge you may make against my private character, with the understanding that the finding of this Committee may be made public if either you or myself desire it.

If you do not do this, I call upon you to publicly take back all the charges you have made against my character, and if you do not do this I shall publicly brand

you as a liar

I am &c
(Sd) J. E. Bryant

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Official
W W Deane
Capt 7 Cavy

I sent Capt Watson to Bryant to make the following reply to the within letter. "The first Paragraph is true, I am prepared to prove it before any properly constituted tribunal and will waive all questions of rank or Military authority. I did not make the Statement contained in the second paragraph, but stated that Officers on duty here, had so informed me. Third – I will not submit to any arbitration proposed by you, or any intercourse with you in any way or manner".
He replied to Capt Watson that he would publish me as a liar. Knowing that in the present excited condition of the community, and the hatred felt for this man Bryant alike by Citizens and Soldiers, the publication of this letter would probably lead to violence. I forbade his carrying his threat into execution. He continued to defy my authority and as he had already published a gross falsehood upon Genl Brannan and Myself, which had created great excitement, I placed a guard over the Office with instructions to bring me proof of the paper as soon as taken, this was done, and upon finding that he had not executed his threat, I at once removed the guard. Bryant evidently intended to compel me to arrest him or suppress his paper, and make capital thereby

Davis Tillson
Brt Major Genl
Comdg District

CENTRAL PROTESTANT EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY

FOR

THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FRANCE.

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PARIS, 12th APRIL, 1866.

THE BOARD OF THE CENTRAL PROTESTANT EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY TO THE CHRISTIANS OF AMERICA:

The Board, deeply desirous of strengthening the bonds that already bind it to Christians in America, and to form new ones has delegated the Rev. Mr. Pascal to the Pastors and the faithful of the different Churches who will be disposed to receive him in the name of the Lord.

This Brother, who is the author of a remarkable book upon the great and lamented Lincoln, and who has given many proofs of sympathy to the American people, has been employed in the beginning of his ministry by our society as Pastor of the Church in Moulins, the chief-town of the department of Allier. He is well qualified to give to any desiring it all necessary details concerning the work undertaken by our association in more than 190 localities of our country.

Being dependent exclusively upon voluntary gifts, and without fixed and certain resources, our board needs constant help from the faith and charity of all who are zealous for the advancement of the kingdom of God. France furnishes almost all our resources, but the Protestants of France are neither numerous nor rich enough to supply us with all we need. Moreover the task of evangelizing our country is of too much interest for the American Nation not to be invited to co-operate with us.

We rejoice in the hope that the pastors and the people of the Protestant churches of America will welcome our delegate, facilitate his hard task and render his mission as productive as possible.

The Lord, for whose glory we all desire to labor, according to our strength, cause to fall upon you as a dew of blessing all the good you will have done.

We remain, in the bonds of Christian fellowship, your devoted,

GRANDPIERRE, D.D., pastor of the Reformed Church in Paris, *Secretary*.
LOUIS VERNES, pastor of the Reformed Church in Paris, *Secretary*.
THIERRY, *Treasurer*.
GUILLAUME MONOD, pastor of the Reformed Church in Paris.
CH. L. FROSSARD, pastor, general agent.
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Le Baron A. DE NEUFLIZE.
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Le General DE CHABAUD LA TOUR.
L. ROGNON, pastor.
Dr. A. MORICAND.
THOMAS WADDINGTON.
J. DE WITT.
FR. MONNIER, auditeur au Conseil l'Etat.

The Central Prostestant Evangelization Society was founded in 1847, the great doctrine of Evangelical Orthodoxy.

It undertakes and maintains two kinds of operation. With the view of laboring at the internal development of the churches already existing; it endeavors to provide for the spiritual wants of Protestants, so numerously scattered over the numerous points of the soil of France. It sends among them pastors and evangelists, and establishes the exercise of evangelical worship wherever circumstances will permit.

In order to forward the extension of these same churches, it promotes and strengthens religious movements, which manifest themselves among the Roman Catholic population; it endeavors to found among them new congregations, and, as far as its means will allow, provide them with pastors, Bible readers, school-masters, and school-mistresses.

The labors of the Society have already attracted the attention of the Christian public and have called forth many expressions of sympathy both in France and also in other Christian countries. The Annual reports of the Society have given details respecting the greater number of its operations, which proved, that in spite of the weakness of its resources, its labors have not been in vain. With more powerful means of action, everything tends to promote the belief that far more considerable results might be obtained.

The following figures will give some idea of the remarkable and continued progress which has followed the labors of the Society.

The Society, which, at its commencement was only composed of 5 sections, at present comprises 12. Its action is now extended over 50 departments. Divine worship is celebrated by means of its assistance in more than 50 considerable towns, of which 20 are the chief towns of departments. It employs 100 agents, of whom 93 are pastors. 151 places of worship have been already opened under the auspices of the Society. 31 churches have been founded, of which 12 support themselves entirely, and 19 are only composed of converts from Romanism. 24 schools are supported by the Society and 70 churches have been built within the field of its labors by the subscriptions of its members and friends. In 1847, the Society with difficulty collected 19,000 francs, whilst last year the amount of its collections has been more than 160,000 francs. Our friends will be interested in learning that by far the greater part of this sum has been raised among the French Protestants themselves, and will therefore feel encouraged in assisting them in a field of labor to which their strength is so disproportioned.

The great results obtained in 18 years are truly encouraging. But the task becomes every day greater, the demands more numerous, the appeals more pressing, and the resources of the Society are not increasing in proportion to its wants. Even this year a deficiency of 40,000 francs ($3,000) weighs upon the Society and threatens to fetter its progress. In the impossibility to narrow the field of its labors, the Society has diminished the amount of its allocations; but that sad expedient has not been sufficient to fill up the want. Then the Society has applied to the Rev. C. Pascal, which the Bible Society of France has sent to the United States, as a representative to the Jubilee Meeting of the American Bible Society, and it has charged him to solicit the generous help of every Christian in America who is interested in the propagation of the Gospel in the World generally and in France particularly.

The Rev. C. Pascal will receive the smallest sums with deep gratitude.

Letters and remittances of money can be directed to the following address,

REV. C. PASCAL,
62 East 22d Street, N. Y.

Mayor

National Freedman's Relief Association,

New York, 5 June 1865.

Major General
O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of yesterday & anxiously await your further communications.

I now beg to present to your favorable notice the bearer, Revd C. Pascal, Minister of the French Protestant Church of Brighton, England, and Delegate from the Bible Society of France to the Jubilee Meeting of the American Bible Society.

Mr Pascal is much interested in the all-important work of your Bureau, & will be greatly obliged by such facilities for information as will enable him to carry home an adequate idea of its operations, while I shall esteem as a favor any aid which it may be in your power to extend to him.

I remain, Dear Sir,

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with great esteem and respect,
Yours sincerely
Thos Geo. Shaw
Pres

New York June 12. 1846

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Lecr.

Introducing Revd Mr Parent
from France

Recd June 23. 1846 -