LECTURE BY DR. RANDOLPH.

Quite a large audience gathered at Crosby's Music Hall, yesterday afternoon, to hear the lecture of Dr. P. B. Randolph on "What and Where is God?" He stated that if weighed in the orthodox scale, he believed there was no God. If in the more liberal one of reason and newer light, there most certainly was a God. People in ancient times long before the Christian era, believed there was a God, but what and where he was they pretended not to say. When Christ came, the people called him God. The speaker did not believe that Jesus was God any more than that any one of the audience that sat before him was, but he believed that He was nearer to God by possessing more of the attributes of God than any other human being that ever lived. He did not believe in the Christ as presented to day by the orthodox churches, or as taught by the Spiritualists; he believed him much more than that. The speaker said he was to announce the great truth of the nineteenth century—a greater and more potent one than the coming of Christ. The Apostles had no conception of the great truth. That great fact was that God is electricity, is motion and light.

The speaker labored for upward of an hour to impress his infidel notions upon the minds of his audience. So far as the object in view was concerned, however, his blasphemy produced no useful results, and the audience dispersed with no stronger conviction derived from the discourse than that the lecturer was hopelessly confused in his theological reasoning.

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American Missionary Association:

No. 53 JOHN STREET.

Secretaries:

REV. GEO. WHIPPLE, } New-York.
REV. M. E. STRIEBY, }
REV. J. R. SHIPHERD, Chicago.

New York, Nov. 15. 1861

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

You may remember that I expressed to you some unfavorable opinions in relation to D. Ramsdell, of New Orleans. I learn that he had a lecture at Chicago a few days since; and enclose you a slip from a Chicago paper noticing it.

I do not wish to injure D. R., but I would be glad to prevent his abuse of any commendation you may have given him.

Yours truly
G. Whipple
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Marble Hotel Boston Mass. Nov. 15. 1866

Major General Howard

Washington

Dear Sir,

I shall leave to-
morrow for Hartford, where I wish
to confer with Mr. Bartholomew
who stands at the head of the most
wealthy & efficient Emigrant Company
in the country, as soon as I arrive
in Phil: I shall inquire by Telegraph
whether you are in Washington, where
I am desirous of meeting you. I
have only raised here about $300
but friends of mine will be active
after I am gone. This refers par-
ticularly to my Orthodox Congregational
friends, amongst whom, they say, you
have made a clean sweep, but
I suppose there is something left

Your old friend Prof. Longfellow
handed my Subscription list here
with $100.

Your friend
Hermann Bokum

Will Genl. Howard be kind enough to appoint an hour when I may see him to make the necessary explanations relative to my claim - and present the petition I bring indorsed by Genl. Tilson.

Very Respectfully
Georgia King Smith

Thursday Nov 15th
[1866]

Dear Howard,

I have just had a conversation with Senator Wilson. He regretted not meeting you in Boston. I inquired what Church he was going to attend. He replied — Dr. Lunderland's. My reply was: you must go with Howard, and stand by your own Church. His reply was, I will.

He goes to Washington perfectly acquainted with its temptations, and fully fixed in his purpose to honor his Saviour there.

Will you then find him out as soon as he arrives, before the first Sabbath, and introduce him to your Circle and your Service.

I believe in the unity of the Church; but have a growing conviction that we have never been true to

our own principles to take so little for the establish of Churches framed on the pattern of the fathers, a postolical and puritan.

I talked with Dr. Palmer this morning about your Church. He spoke favorably of them trying to get the money to enable the Conf. Union to take all the cost off the lot off your hand.

Yours in the love of Jesus our Lord

Edw. N. Kirk

Boston, Nov. 15. 1866.

James Lorimer Graham, Pres't
Robert M.C. Graham, Vice Pres't
Clinton B. Fisk, 2d Vice Pres't
Henry H. Porter, Secretary.
W. H. Wadsworth, Ass't Secretary
Elliott Robbins, General Agent.

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New York Nov 15th 1866.

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Dear Brother McCormond

I enclose herewith my Check on Nat. Met Bank. $50.00 to apply on my subscription to your church enterprise — I hope to spare you the other $50.00 next month —

God bless you in the good work of erecting a christian church in Washington where a free Gospel shall be preached from a free pulpit —

Yours very faithfully

Clinton B. Fisk

Revd Brother O. O. McCormond
Washington D.C.

New York,

November 15. 1866

Clinton B. Fisk

Sends $50. check for church.

Recd Nov 16. 1866

Congregational Building, Chauncy Street,

Boston, Nov 16 1864

My Dear Rev. Howard,

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Your request for aid from the Am. Cong. Union with which to pay for the remainder of the land on which we are building a house of worship for 1st Cong. Ch. of Washington D.C. that you left with Dr. Palmer in New York, was laid before the Board of Trustees at their meeting day before yesterday. All expressed the warmest sympathy with the object, & with you personally. But the funds in hand, it was strongly felt, scarcely not justify so large an appropriation now to any one place. It is hoped that the next two months will put us into a better condition, when we may be at least able to look more favorably at this request.

I assure you personally, that no effort shall be wanting on my part to obtain the funds; & to no place now available would I prefer to see them large of interest than in our great capital, so completely the door way to all the great region lying beyond.

Yours truly

Joseph P. Langworthy

Jacinto Miss Nov 14 1866

Maj General O Howard

My dear Sir

You are no doubt though your subordinate Officers well informed as to the Condition of your department in this State, It is but due to them that I give my endorsement of the fair, impartial, able, and satisfactory manner in which their duties have been performe, and from the position I occupy, I have a better opportunity perhaps than any one else to judge The Governor of the State in his Message to the Legislature although unfortunately indulging in some reflections upon the Union Soldiery during the war paid a deserved Compliment, to General Howard, and those under his Command.

I have by myself and Commissioners endeavoured as far as possible to relieve your Officers from being troubled with judicial questions, and to aid in securing to the freed people, their civil

rights, I have found a mild but firm and decided course the best, public opinion is now as a general rule in favour of giving these people all the rights provided for by what is known as the civil rights law, it is found that the interests of both classes are promoted by its observance. The Governor recommends the repeal of the restrictive laws passed by the Legislature last year and the securement of their civil rights and if not done by this Legislature, I have no doubt will be by the next, ~~if~~ indeed now they are with a occasional exception dead letters on the Statute book.
The failure of the crops owing not to the want of culture, so much as the wet Spring, and dry Summer will make the ensuing year a very hard one on the poorer classes, both black and white in this State, and from information in most of the South; if therefore Congress will be liberal in making appropriations to your department for the purposes of relief, your institution will prevent great suffering and at last be a ~~favourite~~ popular institution

In portions of the State where the public land is situate, I have appointed Commissioners, who promise me to protect ~~them~~ freedmen in procuring homesteads, and in their enjoyment, I have called the attention of the District Attorney to the subject. The next Grand Jury will be summoned mainly from that portion of the State, with the object of enforcing the law. Since the party contests designed to affect the elections just over, are for a time moderated, I think a better state of feeling may be expected.

I will enclose you a copy of my charge to the grand jury ~~the~~ which I believe is approved by a very respectable portion of the bar of the State, and by what we here call the Conservative men. You will observe that we have radicals South who embrace the disunion city. Conservatism here means Nationalism. I find many of our best farmers are coming to the conclusion that the change in our system will work much better than was supposed, I find a number have engaged for the ensuing year. Looking to the great change made in

our industrial pursuits, the prejudices to be overcome we must think we have done remarkably well.
Hoping that the day is not far distant when all the States may be placed in full relationship to each other when passion and prejudice shall have given way to a christian and brotherly feeling between not only the two races but between the people of all sections
I remain your friend

Robert A. Hill

[Jacinto] [November 16, 1866]

General Howard

In writing you I omitted to mention that not long since I met with Judge B. M. Moore, of Amite City La, an old acquaintance of mine, formerly of Tennessee, Judge Moore informs me that if the free labor system is properly encouraged, and protected in his portion of his State, he believes the community will loose little by the change, Should you need an agent or information in relation to the affairs of your department, you might do well to appoint him, or correspond with him, he is a man of good practical sense and when I knew him in Tennessee a man of standing and character, which I presume he maintains, I was pleased to hear him express hopeful views of the future knowing him to be a sensible practicable man I know nothing of his position or conduct in relation to the rebellion

Yours truly

R. A. Hill

Jacinto Miss
November 16th 1866

Hill - Robert A,
Judge

Giving an account of affairs in Miss, and the workings of the Bureau, the condition of the freedmen &c

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Recd Dec 5th

Portsmouth N. H.

Jan 16 1866.

Maj Gen Howard

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Dear Sir.

We learn from Danl. Hall Esq who was formerly on your staff that the citizens of Dover, 12 miles distant from us are to be honored with a Lecture from you on the evening of February 6th. Our citizens have long been desirous to listen to you in this city and they would most respectfully invite you to lecture here the evening before or after your lecture in Dover. or in fact any evening from the 1st to the 12th of February. Your compensation to be One Hundred Dollars, 100$.

With Sentiments of
Respect & Esteem
Your obt Servants

John F. Rand
Jos. Hiller Foster
Charles L. Tidd
Charles W. Brewster
George T. Vaughan.

John S. Harvey
James H. Dow.
Joseph A. Grace
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Time 12 30 P.M.

Office U. S. Military Telegraph,

Telegram received at WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C. Nov. 11 1865

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From Baltimore Nov. 11, 1865

To Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Can you attend meeting National Offices association here tonight By request of the Lady managers

E. M. Gregory
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Baltimore Md.,
Nov. 16. 1866

Telegram:

Gregory – E. M.
Bvt Brig Genl.

Can General Howard
attend meeting of the
National Orphan Association
on 16th?

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Syracuse Nov 16th 1866

General

Can you make it convenient to lecture here, under the auspices of the "Syracuse Fraternity", on your way to or from Oswego? — we see you announced for the coming winter course there —

If you can please state terms and time & oblige

Yours truly
F. G. McElroy
Drawer 84

Genl Howard
Washington

Nov. 16th 1866
Syracuse, N.Y.

A. D. McElroy

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Concerning lecture.

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Recd. Nov. 19th 1866.

Secretaries:
GEORGE WHIPPLE, } New York.
MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, }
JACOB R. SHIPHERD, Chicago.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

29, Lombard Block;

Chicago, Nov. 17 1866

Dear Brother

I reached here today from Cleveland. Dr. Storrs after consulting some of his Church thought it better to defer all efforts in behalf of our Church till they had completed a similar undertaking in aid of a Church at Indianapolis – Rev. Mr. Nichols of Dr. Boynton's Church was out of town so I did nothing there. Dr. S. seems to think if you would come that something would be done but their ideas range low – small sums – in benevolence.

At Cleveland I saw Dr Wolcott & found they were just talking of building. He & others of the Freedmen's Aid with

you to come & say they will do something — He & Dr. Storrs promised to prepare the way & both showed good interest in our Church. Dr. Storrs was particularly kind — taking me to ride in his buggy &c. — Mr. Brown of Am. Miss. asso. thinks you must come West to attend some meetings for Freedmen's Cause. My Official business at the two other cities where has been very satisfactory — Met the Officers of the Freedmen's aid of Cleveland — They will assist in the Employment business — Mr. Shipherd says Kiddoo wanted to see you. Perhaps he has gone to Washington. Mr. S. says that the Supt. of Education for Texas E. M. Wheelock is not a reliable man & that he is very inactive — Says Kiddoo said he would like for you to ~~consider~~ his removal but that his own social relations were such with Wheelock that he did not like to dismiss him!

I suppose you will be disappointed

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AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:
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Chicago, ...

I have done so little for our Church but it is a matter that requires more time than I felt I could use – especially as it had not been previously proposed – It seems to me you could come out here by & by & make quite a harvest –

Shipherd says so and besides is very desirous you should come & address a meeting for the Freedmen –

I got in too late to go to Cedar Rapids before Monday – Will be back here Wed – and start for Washington that night or next Morning – unless I get a summons to come sooner from you – Love to all the family Yours Affectionately Brother

O. H. Howard

Chicago Ill.

Nov. 17. 1866

Howard, L. H.

Recd Nov. 20. 1866

Nov. 17. 162

Dear General:

Ascertain for me in a perfectly reliable shape, whether the ladies of the Institution for Destitute women & children (colored) have made any arrangements for vacating Mr Cox's house, and let me know. Truly Yrs

E. D. Townsend

Genl O. O. Howard

Inclosed

Washington

Nov. 17. 1866

Shriver – E.

Inspector General

Requests to be informed if the ladies of the Institution for destitute women & children of color have arranged to vacate Mr Coe's house yet.

Answered in person

New York No 734 Maiden Lane
Nov 17th 66.

Dear General

Your kind favor has been recvd. I beg you will accept my thanks for your attention to my inquiry.

Without having the ample opportunities you certainly have of judging of the cotton crop, I had made up my mind to about the same estimate, possibly lower, say 900.000 bales — I have that I may be disappointed in my anticipating

I rest sincerely,

I have the honor to subscribe myself

Your very kind & obt

Max Woodhull

Hon Geo B Norris

U.S.

Washington D.C.

of the evenings of Friday will see the shortness of the crop, of an argument against the new system of labor, throwing out of consideration the other influences that have acted unfavorably — under certain circumstances in my business, a short crop may be advantageous to me, proving the old adage, "'Tis an ill wind that blows no one any good".

With kindest regards,

New York. Nov. 17, 1866

Woodhull, Max

Friendly letter

Reca. Nov. 18th. 1866

Theo. Seminary,
Gettysburg, Penna.,
Nov. 17th 1866.

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Comr. Freedmens' Bureau,

Sir:—

There is connected with the Theo. Seminary, of this place, a Missionary Society, composed of the Professors and students, which meets once a month. The Society is divided into Standing Committees to whom is assigned the duty of gathering all the intelligence they are able upon the various subjects which it is their duty to investigate in reference to the efforts and success of all Christian Churches and associations for the evangelizing of mankind at home and abroad. It is their duty to make a report once a month. Up to the present month there has been no Standing Com-

upon Freedmen. I introduced a resolution providing for a standing Committee to gather all the intelligence possible in reference to the spiritual, moral and mental progress of the colored race in this country, and such other facts as may be of interest in reference to the elevation of this race. This resolution was unanimously carried, and a Committee appointed with myself as Chairman. The importance of such a committee cannot be overestimated. All the students have the ministry in view, and every year a class will leave to commence the active duties of the ministry. In June next another class will be prepared to commence their duties as pastors. They are all earnest, large hearted men, and ready to assist in every good

work. The reports of such a Committee will keep this matter constantly before our minds, and serve to prepare us for an active co-operation with all lovers of humanity in contributing our humble part towards the elevation of a down trodden and persecuted race.
In view of these facts I desire to gather all the material I can for my monthly reports, and I trust you will pardon the liberty I take in respectfully asking your co-operation in this matter. I have the honor to ask, if not incompatible with your duties, that you will please send me such papers and documents as you can from time to time, in reference to the Colored race in this Country, as may come into your possession, and which you may desire to furnish under such circumstances as I have stated.

You would also confer a great favor if you would indicate how & where I may obtain monthly information concerning all religious efforts made among the colored people. I desire to get all the material I can, and all the general information bearing upon this subject. We are all limited in our means and cannot afford to incur any expense in getting documents and material, and consequently we must rely upon christian friends to furnish us such papers and information as we need. I refer you as to myself and the institution to Rev. Mr. Butler, pastor of the Lutheran Church in your city. Asking pardon for intruding this upon you I

remain Resp.

H. C. Grossman

We meet the 1st Wednesday in every month.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Georgia,

Savannah, Ga., November 11th 1866.

Dear General.

Taking advantage of the Steamer's going to Beaufort to break up the quarantine. I visited St Catherines & Sapelo Islands for the purpose of settling the land claims of the Freedmen and giving them warrants for land in South Carolina in compliance with the law of Congress to Carolina this Bureau &c. I have already given quite a number of warrants but it is plainly evident that these claims cannot be adjusted prior to my mustering out of service on the 1st of next month. Some few of the Freedmen are ready to move now, but

the most of them will be gathering their crops up to December 25 at which time the year ends by the customs of the country. I think the settlement of all these claims can just about be completed by the 1st of Jany next. If you still desire it I will remain during next month and complete this work in accordance with my plan while in Washington. I cannot remain on duty longer than Jany 1st as I have purchased a plantation and after that time I must attend to my private business. Indeed, should you retain me, I must ask you to allow me to give a few hours occasionally to my

ours of fairs, in order to do the mechanics who will be repairing my house. My place is only three or four miles out of my track in going to and from the Islands. I should prefer to be mustered out on the 1st of Dec next and be employed by gov. but as the law (Sec 7) requires the Asst Comr of South Carolina & Georgia to examine all their claims I doubt if I could legally do it after being mustered out of service and thereby related as Asst Comr. If you decide to have my muster out changed to Jany 1st please let me know the fact. If not, I recommend that my successor be selected at once, to enable him to

to become acquainted with
his duties while I am here
and can give him assistance and information
which I will gladly do. While
at the Islands several Freemen
asked me if I could not
aid them to get to the
homes they have selected for
next year. I told them I
had applied to you for authority
to hire a small steamer to
enable me to go along the coast
to settle their claims. and
that if my request was granted,
and you would give your consent
I would take them with the goods
and land them at points
along the coast where they
wished to go. This seemed to
please them very much. I
believe it would be not
only an act of charity but
of justice to do this. and
I am satisfied it would

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, STATE OF GEORGIA,
Savannah, Ga., 186

have the happiest effect. It will cost the Government but little ~~and~~ will please both the former owners of land, and the freedmen. and encourage the latter to begin their labors for next year in a hopeful spirit. They are off the ordinary lines of transportation and if compelled to remove at their own expense, they will absorb a large portion of the little they have raised this year and will become discouraged and disheartened. If this aid can be extended to them in addition to giving them warrants for land I ~~think~~ am quite sure I

can satisfy them fully
and adjust, ~~all~~ these
questions harmoniously - Please
let me know your decision
on both these points at
early as possible &

Obly Yours Very Rs
Davis Tillson
Bvt Maj

Maj Genl Howard & Comr
Chf Bureau R.F.A.L
Washington D.C.

P.S. I have not yet heard
from my application for
to go and purchase to his
assistance Stearns.

D.T.