

Washⁿ D.C.

Nov 24. '16

Dear Gen.

Gen Kiddos has placed fifty-dollars in my hands as a donation for our church building - I will hand the same to you at an early moment.

Yours very truly
L Deane

Maj Gen Howard
Washⁿ D.C.

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Sunday 16 Nov, 24/5

Gen. O. O. Howard, Please answer this

No man can conceive ¹⁹⁸ the
inespensible horror that I felt when the
malice of a. Kesswhating reporter
published such a horrible story to the
world as that sent to you as the
truth about my lecture - a lecture
written and delivered dead against
Pantheism, Atheism and infidelity
of all sorts. The paper took back
the libel and yet the story goes on
that I, ^{denied God & Christ} who above most men
reverence deity, and believe in
Christ, not as an abstraction or
the being of 19 centuries ago, but
as the living, pleading, interest-
ing Christ of the ages and Now,
without whom my soul surges
against the bleak rocks of dam-
nation, to be engulfed if the
stratagem of this hand to
save. In a few days I return to
my temporary home, Chicago, and

they send you my printed
reply. This bad man reported
what I used as an illustration
of infidelity, as being my opinions
and even their pet sentences in
my mouth never uttered by
me. I know that in past years
I clung to certain ultra, level
but a denial of God or Christ was
never one of them. I have the
evidence in my soul that
my prayers for pardon have
been heard, and that I am here to
fight the good fight against all
Sin and Error. In that spirit
I sought to rebuild our
shattered schools, to form
our normal institutes,
to defeat the Opposition in the
late Political Campaign
and to walk out through
God's mercy, my salvation.
Last March I married a Christian
woman, and together we have
kneelt and together have we
asked pardon and grace.
Whatever may have been my
faults in years gone by, I am
now trying to live up to the
Christian doctrine as laid
down in the four Gospels. I am
not a sectarian because I believe
God accepts all who seek

Him in Spirit and in Truth
& believe in Conversion, Communion
Baptism Regeneration and
justification; I believe in
immortality and that men
will be hereafter rewarded
and punished. I said and here
repeat "I do not believe in
Christ because of his name,
but because He is all in all,
- because I am swallowed up in
Him, because He fills me
and is to me its center and its
circumference, and outside of Jesus
I am lost in the fog and
swamps and fires of Hell."

But this reporter left the hall
in ten minutes after I began
and while examining the
objections to God and Christ,
I care not for the slander so
far as my soul is concerned,
but it hurts my poor wife,
and deprives us of bread, as it
closes the avenues of work to
me.

General. I am forced to
ask you to publish the Spirit if not
the letter of this note, for I wish
the whole world to know that
I stand up for Jesus and will
not let I die; I did in that
lecture as the hundreds that
heard it through will testify

New Brunswick, N. J.
Nov. 24. 1866.

Maj. Gen. C. D. Howard,
Commr. Bureau R. F. & W. S.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a communication from you in reference to Gen. Ely's lease of Mrs. Hopkins' plantation at Hopkins Turn Out, S. C. In that, Gen. Scott, the Upt. Commr. for S. C. states that as soon as the fact that Gen. Ely had attempted to make the Bureau responsible came to his knowledge, he at once informed Mrs. Hopkins that she must take charge of her land, & get the rent out of the growing crop. I can not but think there must be some mistake in the matter, as when I first saw Mr.

Hopkins, (the son of the owner,) on Oct. 3rd he told me that he had written to Gen. Scott, & up to the time of my departure, Oct. 26th no repl^y had been received. The negroes all this time were picking & selling the cotton so that a great part of it was disposed of.

It is certainly a very hard case, & I would most respectfully request, that it may be re-considered, & a part, at least of the rent be paid them. They saw Gen. Ely in the service of the U. S. as Supt. of the Bureau he told them he had authority from you to rent the place, as you wished the experiment to be made, whether the negroes would work; he drew up the lease to read that he rented it "for & in behalf of the Bureau of R. I. & A. S.;" he signed it, "Ralph Ely, Supt. Bureau R. I. & A. S.;" he fed his workmen

on government rations; & in all ways led them to believe that he had your authority for what he did.

Had they been informed at the beginning of the year, that he was acting without authority they might have taken the place into their own hands, but I know that up to the end of Oct. they had rec'd no such information. They have been looking forward to that rent, to defray their expenses for this winter, & it will be a lot they can ill spare, if they should not receive it.

I would therefore most respectfully request that the case may be re-considered.

Very respectfully,
 Your obd^t serv^t.
 Chas. D. Snydeman, M.D.
 Late Surg. 34th N. J. V. I.

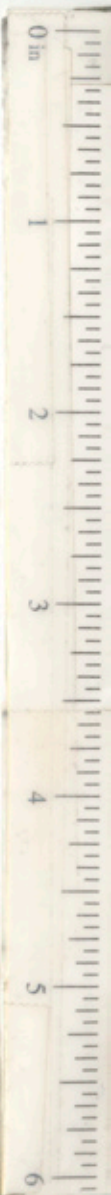
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New Brunswick Ct. J.
November 28th 1866

Suydam Chas H
Late Surgeon 34 N. J.

Concerning the claim
of Mrs Hopkins for rent
of plantation

Ans^d Dec^r

Matter will be reconvened



Rooms Young Mens Christian Assⁿ
Indianapolis Ind^a
Nov. 26 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.
General:

Our Association
has in prospect a course of public
lectures in our city, the coming winter & spring.
Positive arrangements are already
made with John B. Gough & Fred. Doug-
lass. We are expecting favorable answers from
others to whom we have written. -

We desire, very much, to have you
lecture for us. If your duties and in-
clination permit, please advise me,
at your earliest convenience, of the

time you can be here, the sub-
ject of your lectures, and the
expense to us. — We would like two lectures.

You will, of course, understand
that we charge an admission
price, to these lectures: this being
one of the means we adopt
for raising money to carry
on our work of taking the
Gospel to the poor, whom we cannot
not induce them to come to the
Gospel. — We have a wide field
here for this good work, and are
doing our best to fill it.

Yours with

great respect
& Christian esteem

W. H. Gray
Pres. Ass.

P.S. My old friend Dr. Gurley,
would be glad, I know, to have
you visit this, the field of his
labors, many years ago. -

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Indianapolis Ind
Nov 26 1866

Young Men's Christian Assoc.
Hay W. A. Presdt.

Request Sub Howard to
lecture for them during
the coming season

Say I see no way to make
any. now. — might make
any to do so in future
already conditionally engaged to
go west by the winter.

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Recd Nov. 30 1866

Germanstown 11/26 .65.

Philad^a. Pa

Dear Friend

The Ass^{ns} of Friends of Philad^a for the relief of Freedmen, have extended their educational work into places so remote from Washington D.C. that we wish to dispose of our large school house in that city; it being too much isolated & expensive for us to maintain under present circumstances

Wm Evans Jr. a member of our Executive Bd will write to thee on this Subject, with a view of suggesting the use of the building in some way for the education of the Freedmen. I most poignantly regret that the decline of contributions (now that the work has become an old thing) has also reached us, and somewhat curtails our operations. But the hope we have is resting on the revival and permanence of Christian Philanthropy; and still trust that our work will long live on this basis. I have been asked to have an interview with the war department in connexion with thyself to see if that building can be appropriated in some way for a Normal School or College for the Freedmen. Should this suggestion thou take hold

of thy mind in a way to result in any practical movement, I will be happy to act for our Assn in aid of the same.

If a wise endowment could be proposed in a detailed plan I think that there are Philanthropists who would contribute largely to so noble a purpose.

Why should we not have at Washington a Freedmen's National College. (a name I venture to offer -) Chartered by Congress & officered in a manner consonant with such a title? The building we offer wd be but an unpretending beginning: but ~~efficiency~~ efficiency would ensure success, and success wd ensure enlargements in time. How does this idea strike thy mind? I have already cogitated over some of the minutae.

I could attend at thy rooms only at times which my engagements allow on 5th days and 7th days of each week.

Thanks for the Statements of Suffering we sent to me by mail: they were too late for presentation to our called meeting but are still valuable to our Board. They have been placed in proper hands. Shall I return them to thee?

I had sent the same questions to other officers⁺ which were promptly answered by them except by the officer at Raleigh. From those answers produced at the Meeting on 25-ult (referred to in the enclosed address,) a Committee prepared the appeal. We shall be glad to have these additional facts.

I was thankful for one thing more than for the above mentioned, viz for having heard the Chief of the Freedmen's Bureau declare in the hearing of all present at the Meeting called by the Penn^a Branch of the "Union Freedmen's Commission" held last week in Philad^a, that the one animating motive and ground of hope for consummating the work for the Freedmen is this viz that it is a Christian work: and to be done only by Christian hands, Christian teachers, Christian agents, Christian workers, who as Christ's bidding nor their own aside from His: and such as go with their lives

x & to some not connected officially with the F. Bureau.

in their hands. The Reporters did
but little for this. I know that God
will do more - infinitely more. I trust
in Him at all times. This Grand
progress toward ^{the} ~~the~~ practical & realiza-
tion of the first truths of the Declaration
of Independence is not to be locked
by the waywardness of party impulse.

The forces lie far deeper - down
in the treasury of Omnipotence: and
they shall in His own time & in His own
way be laid with "righteousness to the
line & with judgment to the plummet"
unto the complete uprearing of that
edifice of Christian liberty begun by
our fathers, in this land of ours.

The other circular to our teachers
was prepared out of the materials so
in experience, & is fully sanctioned by
our Board as shown by the Chairman's
name attached. We have been obliged
to relieve many who did not come up to
our standard. Respectfully
Mary Warner

Washington Nov. 26th,
 General O. O. Howard
 Sir

Your note has been received, we have consulted the other ladies of the Board all agree, that it is entirely unsafe to move the children before the middle of December.

We are beginning to move, tomorrow a number of new goods will be sent out, there is much to do before the children and the few articles of furniture at the Home can be brought from that place

Yours Respectfully
 Mrs. Gen. W. M. Lellan
 Vice President
 Eliza Hancock Secy

Washington DC
November 26th 56

Mrs. Geo. W. M. Bellau
Mrs. Eliza Heacock

Concerning moving

D.C.
+
Ad. pr. Ass-Com
Washington Nov. 26

Respectfully forwarded:
Transportation was pro-
vided and declined
by the Secy of the Ladies
Association for removal
of the "Home" today. Two
teams will commence
the removal of a portion
of the furniture tomorrow
and a larger number
of teams will be furnished
whenever required.

C. H. Howard
Br. Pr. Ass. Gen.
Ass-Com
D.C.

Tallahassee Fla
Nov 26. 66.

Maj. Genl W. Howard.

My Dear General:

I beg leave
to introduce to you, Major
Dennis Cox, who has served
as Disbursing Officer of
the Bureau, and is now
mustered out of service.

The Major has
proved himself a most
excellent and deserving
Officer, and I wish, if
possible, that you will
secure him an appointment

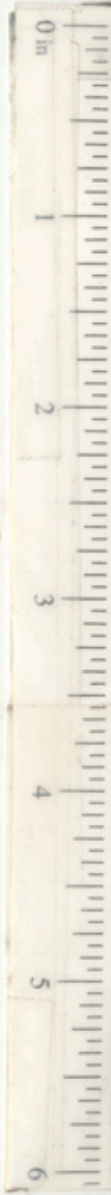
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in the Veterans Reserve
Corps. - He is thoroughly
posted as to affairs in
the state, and can
give you all the infor-
mation that you may
desire before my
arrival.

Respectfully & truly
Yours

J. J. Foster.

Mr. sub. use.



American Tract Society,

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28 Cornhill, Boston.

Instituted at Boston, in 1814.

13 Bible House, N. Y.

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, Nov. 26. 1866.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

*I enclose my check for
\$100, a donation of Rev. E. N.
Kirk, D.D. of this city towards the
erection of the Cong. meeting-house
in Washington.*

*Yours truly,
H. Hill*

