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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, Dec 1. 1866

Major-Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

I learn that you contemplate making a tour westward this winter. I am requested by my associates to inquire whether you cannot take occasion during that trip to make some addresses, at important points, in behalf of the Freedmen, and of the work the Am. Miss.ry Assoc.n is doing in their behalf.

If you can do so, we hope to be able to get Rev. R. S. Storrs, Rev. H. W. Beecher

or Gen. C. B. Fisk, one or the other of them, to take part in the same meeting with you, and ourselves to take the labor of arranging in the several places, for the meeting.

We are anxious, if possible, to secure your influence in behalf of the effort to combine religion, the religion not of a sect, but of Christ, with education in the culture of the Freedmen, and the people of the South.

The points we had in view are, Worcester Mass, Hartford Ct, Albany N.Y. Troy, Utica, Rochester, Buffalo, and perhaps Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

If you can give us your aid, in some of these places, in the way indicated, I will esteem it a great favor if you will give me a list of the places you can visit, and the times when you can be there.

Hoping to hear from you, at your earliest convenience, I remain, dear General,

Your brother in Christ,
Geo. Shipple
Bar, Me.

New York City
53 John Street
Dec. 1st 1866

Whipple Rev Geo

Learning that Genl Howard is to deliver lectures next during the winter, asks him in addition to speak in behalf of the freedmen

and

Recd Dec 3rd

Wood – T. J.
Brt Major General.

Forwarding a copy of Bishop Green's Pastoral Letter to the Episcopal Church in Mississippi

As in the case of an address issued a few weeks since by another distinguished divine in this state, this one is objectionable in the attempt to justify slavery, and, to say the least, uncourteous and unnecessary in its recrimination about the so-called fanaticism which caused the emancipation of the slaves.

But the address is commendable in acknowledging the finality of slavery, and in pointing the duty and interest of Christians and citizens in the new order of things.

Th: J. Wood,
Brt Maj-Genl
Comdg

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HEADQUARTERS

District of Mississippi,

Vicksburg Miss., 186 .

Major Gen. Wood

Ass't Commissioner &c

Dear Sir

I owe you an explanation, if not an apology, for my delay in acknowledging your favor of Oct. 3d, in relation to the instruction of those who were recently our slaves, and who now, more than ever, need our sympathy and fostering care

Your letter reached my home some time before my return from the North, for the restoration of my health. I was compelled to take to my bed immediately on my return, and without being sufficiently recovered, to enter upon a visitation of the Southern portion of my Diocese. Your letter I took with me, hoping to find a fit opportunity of replying to it, ~~and~~ or (if disappointed in that hope), of acknowledging it in

person, and expressing my warm approval of your benevolent designs.

I reached this City last evening but in such feeble health as to forbid my leaving the house to day.

Let me hope therefore that, instead of my calling upon you this morning as I intended to do, you will do me the pleasure of spending a few moments with me between the hours of twelve and two.

Yours very respectfully
W. M. Green Bp. de

Dr Balfour,
Dec 1st. 1866.

Reply forwarded
for the information
of My Good Reverend
I have just had a
long and interesting
conversation with
Bishop Green. He
promises a warm
and cordial co-operation
from the work of
educating the freed
people. — Rev. J. Brooks
and other [illegible]

West Chester, Penn^a.
December 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Sir,

A number of the Ladies and Gentlemen of this place interested in the condition and improvement of the Freedmen, with the view of attracting the attention of the public to their efforts, and securing more efficient action in that direction, propose to hold a public meeting here ~~on~~ ~~about~~ at an early day. ~~of~~

Aware of the interest you feel in the subject, and knowing the attention which will be given to every thing that may come from one possessing your high military, moral and Christian character, they desire to secure your services to deliver an address upon the occasion. We write you therefore to inquire whether it will suit your convenience and inclination to do so. If it will,

please name what day will be most convenient, and the requisite notice will be given.

With the highest esteem
We remain
Yours respectfully

Wm Darlington

John Bolton

Jno. Hickman

Wm Butler

Wayne MacKeefe

Wilmer Worthington

Wm B. Waddell

David Meconkey

Addison May

Union Theol. Sem.
New York Dec. 1
1866.

Genl. O. O. Howard:

Dr. Sir:

I take the liberty of recommending to your kind & Christian offices, my friend, Miss Woolsey of this city, who has charge of the Lincoln Industrial School in Richmond Va., under the auspices of the New England Freedmen's Relief Association.

Miss Woolsey has been moved to assume this charge

by her strong personal
interest in the cause &
carries it on chiefly at
her own risk & charges.
She belongs to one of
the best families in this
city, & is in all respects
highly connected. She
leaves the circle in which
for her intelligence & virtues
she was highly honored, to devote
her time & means to the
elevation of the uneducated
& needy. I know you
will be glad to aid
her in this noble work.
Last year she was in Ric

send in the same email;
& she had before that had
a long experience as a
hospital nurse.

Tho' I do not know
you personally, yet I am
sure you will give this
introduction due attention.
I am per. the same state
with yourself, & have been
for sixteen years in this
city

Yrs. most respectfully
& truly
Henry B. Smith
Professor in the
Union Theol. Sem.
New York.

Miss Woolsey is a member
of my church and is one
of my most highly esteemed
and beloved friends.
I concur with all my heart
in every word Professor Smith
has written.

Geo: L. Prentiss
Pastor of the
Church of the Covenant

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

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

29, Lombard Block;

Chicago, December 1st 1866

O. O. Howard
Maj General Com^m Bureau R.F.&A.
Washington D.C.

My dear General:

I have yours of the 28th.

I visited Dr R's school in New Orleans and satisfied myself of his incompetency even to teach, much more to manage a school.

I have the testimony of parties who were intimately acquainted with him, that he was in New Orleans, personally vicious and theologically at sea, as his lecture here showed.

Finally, less than two weeks since, he lectured in the village where I reside on Spiritualism to a Congregation of Spiritualists, upon the invitation of their leading men and to their great satisfaction (over)

Dr. P. B. Randolph in Self-Defense.

To the Editor of The Chicago Evening Journal:

In the name of that justice which all men are entitled to, I implore you to take your heel from my neck. You are crushing what little of life remains out of me, and this is wrong. In the name of Right, I ask you to undo this fearful injury you have done me.

The agony caused me by your article is inexpressible, and may you never suffer as you made me. I am no Atheist, Pantheist, anti-Christian or quack doctor. I am a believer of Christ's Gospel as preached upon the Mount and died for on Calvary—a worker for the world, no sectarian, nor infidel. Being no sectarian, therefore, I attempted to found a school based on the truths of the four Gospels, and free from sectism altogether, and within these last three weeks wealthy gentlemen have resolved to establish such a school, thus relieving me forever from the necessity of begging for it and being abused for trying to do the best I know how in the cause of education and franchise, just as I did in the late campaign—speaking till my saliva was more than one-half blood, and lo! my reward!

I have *not* received checks from bankers or brokers. I have, in behalf of my school, traveled thousands of miles and spoken scores of times, printed thousands of pamphlets, one of which I send you, written hundreds of letters, at a cost of not less than $1,200, and I have collected by my lectures and donations in cash an aggregate of $430.50, and should have kept on lecturing for money to build my school had not noble men, who have known me many years, dissuaded me, both on account of the difficulty and expense of so doing, and the certainty that speedy death must follow my continued vocal exertion without the necessary rest. I never spied any commission, never antagonized any school, and, save the amount named above for printing expenses and necessary travel, never collected a dollar, but ever directed donations to be sent to the gentlemen named as Treasurers in New York, New Orleans, Chicago, and Bennington, Vermont. If these gentlemen have received checks for my school, which they had not last week, I desire said checks to be returned, as they will not be needed, for the amount necessary to found the school can now be raised without their aid—most gratefully acknowledged.

I cannot return General Howard's letter, it not being at hand, but I assure that good man that I am thankful for his aid, as to all others, but shall use no man's name, save my own, in the future. I feel thankful on being relieved of labor in this field, and that normal schools are being established for my people—true Christian schools. I am daily admonished that my life on earth is rapidly drawing to a close. I am prepared to go when my Master calls, and being weary in this valley of unrest shall sleep well, for, although I have been a sinner, of late I have fought the good fight, and throw my poor, weak soul on God's sustaining arm. While I live I ask the world to believe me true. I try to conquer my eccentricities, correct myself, and lead a good life. Trusting in His mercy whom I adore, and to time, to correct me, living and dead, I beg leave to ask the press to publish the antidote, that printed the error.

Freely forgiving all men, as I hope to be forgiven, and devoutly praying for more light and strength as I grope through darkness unto God, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

P. B. R[illegible]

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☞ During the late canvass in Ma the Democrats in one of the interior projected a grand procession, one fea which was to be a negro riding on reau. The piece of furniture was purchased, but the man was not to b although the most needy and most less colored men in the neighborhoo applied to. Not a negro could be who would be seen in a copperhea cession, and one of the Democrats personate a black man by the aid o cork.

RAILROAD PROSPECTING.—Pr Trowbridge, Superintendent Bel torney Jerome and several gentlemen connected with the I and Milwaukee Railroad Con passed over the road yesterday. They stopped at the House at Grand Haven last night, ar be at Muskegon to-night. They ha subject of a branch road to Muskego der consideration, which is the occa their visit.—*Grand Rapids (Mich.) 22d.*

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A horrible acc which has resulted fatally to two pe occurred at Woodhull on Friday. Stickney and family were accompa the remains of Mrs. Wier to the bu ground when their horses became fri ed and ran away, throwing the inmat Mr. Stickney was instantly killed, little child so severely injured that i yesterday morning.—*Cambridge (Ill.) icle, 20th.*

☞ Snow has fallen to a great de the region of Fort Benton. The were covered to the depth of thre and several westward bound trains women and children, were enduring sufferings. The Indians were taki vantage of their helpless conditio over twenty women had been carri their husbands and children being ously murdered.

☞ An exciting affray occurre Windsor, Shelby county, Illinois, on day week, between Democrats and bers of the secret society known Grand Army of the Republic, who holding a meeting in that place. were three radicals wounded and Democrats, besides a man named who died the next day. J. L. Storn member of the G. A. R., was arrest killing Horn. The examination ca on Wednesday, and the defendant w leased.

☞ The Paxton, Ill., *Record* says: J. E. Davis, of Dix, exhibited to us, day, a crane which measured six fe six inches from the tip of his bill feet. It was killed in that town on day. Dr. D. has sent it to parties i ada, who will prepare it and send it Paris Exhibition. This species of said to be very rare in this section country, and is really very beautiful plumage."

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I enclose you a le[illegible] the same time. You can draw your own inferences. I will only add that when the delegation of Southern Loyalists were here, members of the delegation took pains to explain to our leading citizens that this member of the delegation held notions affecting practical morality for which his colleagues desired not to be held responsible, even by implication. It was a subject of general comment that such a character should be going about the country with the endorsement of a christian gentleman whose spotless integrity has come to be the ideal of the American people, and the expressions of profound gratification which greeted the publication of General Howard's recent letter, were of the most significant character.

For myself, if I have been even indirectly instrumental in dissociating Dr Randolph and General Howard in the public thought, I shall count it one of the gratifying successes of my life.

I remain, dear General,

Your faithful and most obedient servant

A R Shepherd

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Chicago Dec 1st 1880

Shipherd J.R.
Secy V.C.

Concerning Dr. R.
Enclosing copy of Dr. R's vindication published in the Chicago Evening Journal

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The Sandusky *Register* says the late Lake Erie grape crop this year was fifth the average. About 200 tons of newspapers for table use have been shipped

1216 Washington Avenue

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Philadelphia Dec. 2nd 1866

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I regret to be under the necessity of troubling you again on the subject of lecturing. But we cannot fully complete our arrangements untile we accertain from you the time you can come and the subject upon which you will speak.

Frederick Douglass will deliver the 2nd lecture in the course, Jan. 3rd. You can select Thursday evening Jan. 10, 17, 24 or 31st. We would be glad if you can find it convenient to fix upon the 10th, but if any of the other evenings named will suit you any better please say

which and we will arrange our plans accordingly.

Please answer by telegraph and greatly oblige

Your Obedient Servt

Wm Hill

Chairman &c

New Haven, Ct. Dec. 4, 1866.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington,

Dear Sir,

Through my only living son, I learn that you have kindly offered me an annuity of Fifteen Dollars making, with Eleven others, the annual sum of $235, & through my good friend H. Hill, Esq. I have received in a time of need, your first advance of $15.

I had the pleasure of
seeing, hearing, and cor-
dially saluting you, at
"Music Hall" in New Ha-
ven, to honor you a
a soldier, patriot, a
philanthropist, and m
as a personal friend.

Accept my cordia
thanks for your timely,
generous, and very ac-
ceptable assistance; and
also a copy of the Em-
barkation Ode used on
the departure of my
loved and loving
children, from Bost
for their life work
in the far off Isles of
the Pacific.

I offer it as a small
token of my grateful

remembrance of you and your benevolent work in which I wish you great success.

Let us do justice to the race our whole nation has wronged for two hundred years.

To our immortal Lincoln, I expressed my regret, that while he wisely & faithfully sought the rightful emancipation of the slaves of rebels, he and the nation did not say, "As a matter of punitive justice to Rebel slave holders, & of protective justice to the loyal & law abiding citizens and their families, & of remunerative justice

to the slaves for the wrong they have suffered — "They are, and of right ought to be, forever free"

Thus we might as a nation have availed ourselves of the "military necessity" that made the Edict of emancipation Constitutional, to take the higher moral ground and shewn the nation's magnanimity, and justice as well as a due regard to self preservation

Had the British authorities one day before the 4th of July, 1776 ordained & declared "The United States of America are and of right ought to be free" how the noble & magnanimous words would have rung in peals of joy throughout the Universe!

Respectfully, cordially & gratefully yours
H. Bingham

Missionary Life Boats.

BY R. BINGHAM, SENIOR.

Written for the occasion, and chiefly sung at the embarkation of the Author's children on board the MORNING STAR, Boston, Nov. 12, 1866.

TUNE—Missionary Chant.

" A little ship " did Christ desire,
To bear salvation's choicest stores,
To souls involved in ruin dire,
Around Genesareth's storm-press shores.

Then bounteous hopes in prospects stare,
Not unanxious ships upon their wait,
And ev'ry the children's " Morning Star "
Shall do work so great.

Go, angel-winged, bless " Morning Star."
Seven fearless o'er the mighty deep,
Safe every plank, and part, and spar,—
And all on board, may Jesus keep.

Should dangers throng and surges roar,
Then trust your Pilot, skilled and true,
Timely to bring his friends ashore,
As on that " Lake " where tempests blew.

The winds and waves his voice obey—
If heathen rage, he calms the flood;
Faith's prayer he hears and clears the way,
Lest tribes to reach and bring to God.

Then to the breeze your canvas spread;
Ten thousand prayers each sail shall fill:
Give famished men God's living bread,
And help them learn his glorious will.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington
with the kind regards of
the Author.

Send out your gospel life-boats sure,
Where fearful billows roll amain;
There, for the lost, prompt aid secure,
And throngs of shipwrecked souls regain.

Dwellers in far off isles shall hail
The rising of their Herald-star;
For their Redeemer will not fail,
His chosen sheep to bring from far.

When all his flock cross Jordan's flood,
Some precious souls, resplendent there,
From those dark shores, shall bless our God,
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Let numerous ships upon them wait,
And ev'n the children's "Morning Star"
Leap forth to aid his work so great.

Go, angel-winged, blest "Morning Star,"
Sweep fearless o'er the mighty deep;
Safe every plank, and sail, and spar,—
And all on board, may Jesus keep.

Should dangers throng and surges roar,
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* The Angel Spirit of Mission is personified in the figure head of the Morning Star, in the eager act of taking, with the right hand, from under the left arm, a Bible to give out to some sought out starving tribe of the Northern.

Norman Buck,

Attorney at Law, Judge of Probate,

And Licensed U. S. Claim Agent,

Office in the Court House. Winona, Minn., Dec. 4th 186[illegible]

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Sir:

In behalf of the Soldiers Union of Winona Co. I have the honor to address you to invite you to address that association in this City during the present Lecture season

The Objects of the association are to aid disabled Soldiers and their families, and to promote the social mutual and intellectual improvement of those who have done honorable Military or naval service in defense of the Union during the late rebellion. To accomplish these objects we desire to have a course of lectures as far as possible from those who have done service in the army. We are informed that you are engaged to lecture in Madison Wisconsin and we shall be greatly obliged if you will continue your tour to this place. You will find our communication with Madison by rail to La Crosse and a three hours ride from La Crosse to this point on the river by sleigh. If you will consent to speak to us we will send a private conveyance to meet you at La Crosse

If you can accomodate us please give us your time

Respt. Yours

Norman Buck
Sec of Soldiers Union

To Gen O O Howard
Washington D.C.

Winona Minn
Dec. 4th 1864

Buck Norman
Cor Secy &c

Desires Gen. Howard to
lecture for them during
his coming tour in the
West.

Private

Philadelphia,
December 4th 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
My dear General,

I am here to arrange for one meeting on Sunday night next, in St Luke's Church, at which you promised to speak. You are already announced. As you suggested, you can leave Washington on Saturday afternoon, and return again Sunday night, so as not to be absent in Office hours.

Your presence is very important, I may say, essential to our success. The two points, Christian teachers, and the co-operation of the Southern people, are the great points of our Cam

Philadelphia Pa
Dec. 4th 1866

Smith, Rev. J. Pointon

Reminds Secy. Howard of his appointed visit Sunday the 9th inst. and states that Mr & Mrs. James desire the Secy. to stop with them - No. 400. South 9th St.

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inspire, and they can be made by you more strongly and more effectively than by any clergyman. I have made arrangements for the meeting solely on the ground that you promised to speak; but for that I should not have moved in the matter at all.

Of course, dear General, we will pay all your expenses. I am requested by Mr & Mrs Thos. W. James to ask the pleasure of your company at their house during your stay in the city. Mrs James is the President of the Women's Branch of an Association for Pennsylvania. Their residence is 400 South Ninth (9th) Street, one door below Pine.

I shall return to New York tomorrow, and will be here

again on Saturday. Please write me at once, directing to the "Care of Thos. W. James, Esq. 400 South 9th Street, Philadelphia." Please specify by what train you will come, that is, at what hour you will leave Washington, and also whether you will accept Mr & Mrs James' invitation.

Praying that God's blessing may rest upon yourself and family and prosper us in our respective fields of labour for the Redeemer

I am, Dear Brother,
Yours faithfully in Christ,
J Brinton Smith

Private

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Savannah Georgia
December 4th 1866.

Dear General

Being desirous of completing the work assigned me as soon as possible I have, before receiving your telegram authorizing me to charter a Steam Boat for one month, taken advantage of my military authority and used the Steamer Potter, chartered by order of the Dr Waste Bureau for Military purposes, to enable me to visit certain of the Sea Islands and adjust the land claims of the Freedmen. In this way I have already given some hundred Warrants to Freedmen. On the 1st inst orders were received to discharge the Potter and I have made arrangements to charter the little Port Royal from and after the 6th inst, to the end of this month. Within which time I hope to complete the work before me. I am fitting up my house, and my wife who is North has sent me two pieces of Furniture, a Stove and a crate of Crockery. These articles are liable to injury from careless handling and I desire to take them to my place

on the Steamer when I visit the Islands on duty. I shall be compelled to stop at my landing to get my pilot who lives five miles from my house. So that taking these articles will occasion no delay, loss of time, or expense to the Bureau. Still I have no right to use the Boat for my private purposes. and I will therefore pay to Major Watson, chief A. Q. M. the full price which it would cost me to get the goods to my place on any other vessel. thereby lessening the cost of the Boat to the Bureau and accommodating myself. To Estabtish the fact that I pay a full, fair price and take no advantage of my position, I will get from the Captain of some coasting vessel, engaged in this business, a statement of the price he would charge for carrying the goods to my place. giving a list thereof, and will forward the same to you, together with Major Watson's receipt for the money paid by me. As this will benefit the Bureau and at the same time enable me to prevent injury to my property. I hope it may not seem objectionable.

I am Very Truly
Dan'l Tillson
Bvt Maj Genl
+ asst Com

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

Savannah Georgia
December 4th 1865

Tillson Davis
Major Genl. U.S.C.

Desires to convey certain furniture & crockery - his private property to his home on the Steamer Port Royal - chartered by the Bureau - and is willing to pay the price of the transportation - the object being to prevent injury to his property by careless handling,

No objection
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