

New Orleans La.
June 20th. 1867.

Dear General:

I have been slow to write a word about the Bureau here for I know too well how many bad elements are to be contended with.

I have traveled over the state somewhat and find matters with the Bureau in tolerable shape.

Gen. Mower is doing pretty well. The only serious complaint I could make is in regard to his removal of Dr. Harris the Surgeon in chief for this state. I visited the Hospital of which the doctor has had charge, and I find it the best I have found conducted by the Bureau anywhere in the south. Good men in Louisiana - those who are friends of the Bureau and its work express great surprise that the General has seen ^{fit} to remove the best man in the Bureau. I most sincerely hope that you may find some way of retaining the doctor. Dr. McKees conduct since he has had charge of the hospital needs investigation.

The several persons whom I met while in the hospital last sabbath say that he has appropriated at least a gallon of the best liquors ^{belonging to the hospital} to his own use since he has been appointed and that a portion of it was carried from the hospital

1857
June 24th

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Dr. W. E. the Commandant since he has had so
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Hospital last October say that in some
approximate at least a gallon of the best
liquor to the bottle and since he has been
and that a portion of it was given to the

to some other point within the city limits.
This fact, with others connected with the present
administration of the hospital, needs attention.
Dr. Harris is the only moral and religious
man connected with the hospital at present
and I hope he may be retained.

Gen. Wower has been pretty generally
censured for his profane and violent
language during the slight disturbance
on the Levee the other day, but it is
the General's impetuous nature to do as
he did. He hates treason and has no
sympathy for rebels, and in matters relating
to the protection of the freedmen I have
reason to believe that he would do right.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Yours obdte
Thomas W. Conway

June 20th 1867

Derby, N. H.

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Washington, D.C.

June 20th 1867.

Dear General,

The Address of the lady of whom we
were speaking yesterday is -

Miss E. Tracy,

In Charge at Mount Vernon.

What we desire you to do, is, to write this
lady requesting her to grant permission to the
Harmony Lodge, ^{and} Ray of Hope Lodge, Independent
Order of Good Templars, to land at Mount Vernon,
twice during an excursion which they propose to give
on some day (Not yet determined) between the 1st of
and 31st of July next.

You stated to me, yesterday, that you would
make such a request, sending a special messenger
with your dispatch, and who you thought could
secure an immediate answer.

By Complying with this request as soon as
possible, ^{and} forwarding to me, Miss Tracy's reply, you
will confer a great favor upon many Good Templars
and indirectly aid the Cause of Temperance.

May Genl O. C. Howard.

Yours, &c, Very Respy
A. Ashley.

Washington D.C.

June 20th 1867

Ashley St.

I state that the name and
addresses of the ladies
of whom he was speaking
yesterday, is Miss E. Orley
in charge of Mount Vernon
States stable service here.
Howard he is in this lady
requesting her to grant
permission to the standing
lodge and stay of
Hofa lodge Independent
order of good Templars
to land at Mt Vernon, Vermont
twice during our excursion
between the 17th & 31st of July next.

W. Smith Arks.

June 21th 1867.

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard, U.S.A.,
Commissioner, Freedman's Bureau,
Washington, D. C.,
Dear Sir:

You will pardon the liberty I take in addressing you when you understand the necessity which forces us to extraordinary action in this emergency.

I was appointed to western Arkansas by the N. E. Arks. Conference in March last, and entered upon the work with an earnest desire for the good of all. I need explain the platform of the M. E. Church. I found here a large Society among the colored people - crippled by the pressure of poverty and prejudice, holding irregular services in a small room of a disreputable house - at an exorbitant rent, and in two months they have been changed to four different places; now they are crowded out. With my other extensive and arduous pastoral duties I have done all in my power for them, preaching, organizing and superintending.

Sunday Schools &c. - but the whole cause suffers for the want of a chapel. They have tried to build but can raise no more than 300£. - one fourth the sum required for the plainest box house that can be erected for their accommodation. In this emergency we must look to friends abroad for aid.

I know that my application must bear some plea of special urgency to receive attention among the hundreds that present themselves to your view, but words are weak to express this exigency. In this distant and unexplored frontier region the neglect of the great interests of Religion and Education is alarming. The war continuing the longest in the South West, has but recently closed, and the bitterness of feeling against the freed people demands especial exertions in their favor. The greatest accessible means of freeing them from the cruelty of their oppressors (financial and social) would be to give them a church.

This city has 3 or 4000 ^{inhabitants} with a large black population. The only interest which this class of people have in church property is going into litigation, and they thus have no place for worship, (save the poor "charity" which they have endured during the past century) no place for Sunday schools, fraternal clubs, Temperance Societies &c., - yet N. Smith is important; - confessed to be more so than

than the Capital of the state, looked upon as such by the military and the centre of the finest section of the South-Sea, where the colored people will do well in all the future, - but they must have a start in some manner, and now is the time.

Now shall we not give the needy such an emancipation by a little timely aid in this all-important matter as shall not only advance the Kingdom of Heaven here, but also bless the people generally and glorify God in the whole West? May God send relief! But for faith in His holy promises I could not labor among this people.

My request in behalf of hundreds and thousands of freedmen is for assistance in church building. 1000\$ more would give them a house - very plain, yet good. Can this not be raised in Washington?

Knowing your praiseworthy liberality, I incline to think that you might provoke others to love and good works.

We need greatly an Institute similar to the "Thompson Biblical" at New Orleans, we need an Orphan's Home, but the first need - the necessary initiatory step is the erection of a church in this great central point.

Do you know ten men who will give one hundred dollars each? I leave the cause of Christ among this multitude of precious souls - for the time - on your

hands, which I can but support by prayer in this
and all your vast and responsible labors. I am
well acquainted with some who have bowed with
you in prayer amid the thunder of artillery,
and I can trust you with eternal interests;
you will do what you can, I know.

Donations may be made to 2nd Methodist Episc.
Church, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and may be forwarded
to me by draft.

Permit me to refer to the following—

Gen. C. B. Fisk, St. Louis.

Gen. W. A. Rile. " " Mem. Cong.

Gov. Thor. C. Fletcher—of Mo.

Gen. J. M. Johnson. Ft. Smith, Mem. Cong. & Arns.

Rev. Bishop E. Ames.

J. C. Thomas, Gen. Librarian U.S. Christ. Comm.
or to any general officer or Agent of the U.S. C. C.

I have the honor to be, dear General,

Very Respectfully & Truly Yours,

Wallace J. Hadravin.

(Late Field Agt. U.S. C. Comm.)

Pastor M. E. Church
Ft. Smith.

T. B. 

Conference Minutes in mail accompanying.

P.S.

Genl. H.

The performance of my duty to the colored people and the suffering poor of this region - would be incomplete were I to fail to notice the Bureau Office at this place. A grand change - for the better, thank God - has lately come over the whole scene. I will say but little; The Freedmen had no confidence in - they hated and despised the Bureau when I came here.

It is now - for the time in the hands of a noble Brother, - the son of a Baptist clergyman of Iowa. An educated gentleman, - kind and true, energetic and efficient whether in the office, dispensing blessings, administering justice, on the Temperance Trump or the Sunday School floor, ever smiling but with that dignity that wins respect and love from all the Freedmen, - and I may say too - even of the whites, so marked has his influence already been among them. One arm was offered up in our cause; - one hand is always ready to do the good that finds its home in his warm heart. - Such is Capt. E. G. Barker, recently mustered out of service in this state.

I speak the desire of thousands when I say that
the only trouble is - That his assignment to duty
here is but temporary.

Respectfully Yours,
W. J. Gladwin.

Worcester June 20-1867

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
My Dear Sir

Your favor of
18 inst is received. I write to
my regret that it will be
impossible for me to arrange
for Washington on the 4th of
July. I should be most
happy to take part with
the friends of Temperance in
such a celebration of the day
were it practicable.

I am now making out
my route and I can offer
to your Brother in behalf
of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday
and Wednesday, Nov 19 &
20. Will you be kind enough
to see that I am informing
as soon as may be if these
evenings are satisfactory, as

The arrangements for Baltimore will depend on the acceptance of these dates - My applications are so very numerous that I shall not be able to offer any other evenings unless very late in the season.

I am sorry to trouble you with this, as I have but direct application from Gen^l Charles Howard - but my applications are so pressing that I am compelled to make my letter come earlier this season than usual - With many thanks for your great kindness to me personally and with sentiments of the highest admiration and esteem

I am most truly Yours
John B. Gough

Columbia, S. C. June 20.
 Gen. O. O. Howard.
 Washington D. C.

[1867]

General:

The Daily South Carolinian published here for the last twenty seven years is for sale. It has always been, and may be continued as a representative organ. The public opinion of the interior is materially influenced from this point.

The value of the office including good-will is \$25,000. The material alone is worth \$16,000. I propose to take \$12,000.; and not less.

Gen. R. K. Scott is favorably impressed with the importance of its purchase to the Colored interest, and if it can be made a great Central organ of the race, it will be an educator of no mean capacity.

Please think of the matter and make such suggestions to me, or to others, as these lines may prompt.

Respectfully Yours &c F. L. de Fontaine
 Editor & Proprietor

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Washington, D. C. June 20.

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Gen. O. O. Howard.

Washington D. C.

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Respectfully yours,
J. L. de Fortuna

New Gascony Arkansas River
June 20th/87

Major Genl. A. Howard
Sir

I note a probability of Congress meeting in July. if it should be so, it then any likely - hope that the Cotton tax could be worked off & the repeal if it would follow from a good political move. as this year the Freedmen are working for an interest in the crop and the tax bears heavy on their labors being equal to about \$4 or 5. per acre on all the land they work. a low estimate for crop.

Parties of the opposition who are anxious to gain their vote are busily attracting their notice to this matter. & ploding themselves to the ^{regret} of this oppression of the radicals. would it not be politic to remove this objection & I would urge it also in justice as the large amount of cotton that will be raised this year will make prices unusually low take from 12 to 15 cents per lb. will prove a serious drawback & in a measure discourage the present ambition of the ~~the~~ Freedmen. it is quickly concluded that they

are in all cases when justice is done them
working exceedingly well. & if they should do
well this year they will do better the next.
but ~~can't~~ ^{can't} they with the competition in other
parts of the world. If the present price be
if it could be reduced to 2½ pr. c. of sale
or better. entirely refracted it would be a
very great relief & ^{if} possible work a great
good financially & politically. our only
hope of a party in the South is in the Freedmen
& they are in fact the only ones that are at
work recuperating the country South. If my own
experience of three years with them is that they
are working well when justly treated, are
obedient & industrious, in fact I owe them
~~my~~ ^{my} ~~present~~ ^{present} ~~comparative~~ ^{comparative}. Last year I worked
Sixty, this year have 87. Freedmen on
half interest of crop. They are doing well
& my crop is looking as well as any crop
ever it said to have looked in slave times
and now God allow me to thank you
for a letter that you gave me last year
on a letter of recommendation from Col. Stanton
agt. of Tenn. Dept. N.C. which letter you had
copied & yourself endorsed for me
it was of great service to me last year
in procuring hands. and now in

Adding I would say that the facts
I have advanced in regard to the cotton
tax could be endorsed by Genl. Clayton
Genl. Rie May McChesney & others, belonging
near me if it was not taking too
much of your valuable time I could give
more detailed accounts of its workings
& the advantage sought to be taken of
it by the unreconstructed. They are
making every effort to gain their lost
power through the Freedmen vote

With respect I am yours
W. W. McChesney

W. W. McChesney
Superior Co ~~Ark~~
Arkansas

New Bedford, N.H.

June 20th, 1867.

Frederic W. W. M.

States that he understands
Congress is to report on
July, and recommends
the repeal of the Boston
law as it bears heavily
heavily upon the freedmen.
He also thanks Genl. Howard
for the letter of recommendation
down, stating that it has
done him a great service.

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1867

Augusta. June 21st 1867.
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My very dear friend

Your letter received the 12th inst would have been replied to before, but I have postponed writing you until after our regular Church meeting held monthly. At the meeting last evening I read your letter that the Church might act upon it and felt very desirous that we as a Church should vote to send you the small sum mentioned in your letter towards the completion of the Church Edifice in Washington thus helping a little in establishing Congregationalism there where there is so much need of it and for which end you have labored so faithfully but one of our Deacons opposed it that we ought not and could not consistently divert the funds of the Church for any such purpose, whether right or wrong as a principle. It seemed to me and to nearly every one I spoke to about the matter that in this case, at least, it was a most worthy object and our duty to do it as a Society. However I will enclose \$10. and wish you to receive it as a contribution from the South Parish Congregational Society of this Place, and hope the suggestion from a contributor to the Independent with your amendment will be carried out. I have thought much of you the past few months and hope during the warm weather you will take time to visit Augusta we shall all be very glad to see you. Yours remember very kindly Mrs M. to your wife & children and believe me ever Truly your friend

C. H. Mulliken

Over

August 1st 1861

My dear friend

Your letter received the 12th inst. would have
 been glad to see it. I have forwarded it to the
 church meeting this morning. At the meeting last evening
 your letter that the church ought not to support
 those who are in church should not to send you the same
 amount in your letter. I have the confidence of the church
 in Washington. I am helping a little in the
 cause. I am sure there is no more need of it and for which
 you have labored so faithfully but one of our
 friends we ought not to send could not consent. I am
 the church for any such purpose. I am sure it is
 enough. I should be glad to send every one I think to send
 money that in this case at least it was a most worthy object
 and we hope to do it as a church. However, I will send you
 and will you be willing to do a contribution from the church
 to the cause of the poor and help the support
 of a contribution to the church. I am sure it will be
 well to send out. I have thought much of you the past
 few months and hope during the coming winter you will be
 time to visit. I am sure that all the way that I see you
 I am sure very kind. I am sure that I am sure
 and believe me ever your friend

Wm. Miller

Over

I am continuing my mission school over east about
three miles when you went with me once and trust with
God's blessing much good will be accomplished. In one of these
Mission Schools 19 persons were baptized two weeks ago
and still in another 4 persons resulting ^{from} ~~the~~ the earnest labors
of our brothers and Christ's help. In our church there has
been an earnest, warm spirit manifested and our meetings
are well attended. Miss Fannie Horworth is to unite with the
church at our next communion, her experience I had last
evening to the church, she was a member of my class of young
ladies in our home school and I have felt the deepest inter-
est in her and her conversion was so happy & trusting in
her Savior, as clear as she could be it would have done your
heart good to have heard her letter. We have given Rev W. L.
Gage a call to become our Pastor he has been preaching
for Mr Walker in Portland the past year or more since
Mr Walker has been absent on account of sickness. We all think
he will be just the man for us, and hope he will accept.

Nothing especially interesting in town only improvements since
the time a year ago last fall. have been constantly going on
and Water St looks wonderfully improved.

Now my dear
friend I wish back a favor of you, that if you can with-
out too much trouble to yourself send me a good
honest, capable Black girl (not a woman with children)
for a servant in my own house we need one very much
and I will pay her expenses on and good wages regularly
will you try? With much love Charles

Augusta, Georgia, 1857

Dear Sister C. N.

A circumstance nearly
of West. Howard letter of
the 12th inst. and stating
that he read it before the
Church meeting that it
might be acted on; but one
of them Deacons opposed it.
He mentions ten dollars however
and wishes it used, as a
donation from the South
Savannah Cong. Soc. of that
place. It is still containing
his Mission Society with
five cts. August 10th Howard
to buy and procure him a
good second girl for domestic
use his family.

Yours truly

JUN 25
1857

Monkton June 21st 1867

My Genl O.O. Howard

War Department DC

Genl

We beg leave to call
your attention to the poor of
the city of Petersburg - 800 to
1000 were supported last winter
by charity - If you can, provide
some thing for them
& their

Yours respt.

W. L. Gregory
Pres. Y. A. C. A.

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MONTREAL, 186

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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D.C.,

June 21 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

General.

At the last meeting of our Division, it was decided to hold a Public Temperance meeting at Royland Chapel, Cor. 10th & D. Streets (Island) on Wednesday June 26th at eight P.M. Having been requested to procure speakers for the occasion, I have the honor to respectfully request that you will be present on that occasion and address the meeting. Please let me know at your earliest convenience, whether you can be present.

Yours. in Love Purity & Fidelity,
Isaac W. Thornburg.

P.O. Address 2, M. G. O.

W. P. Hooper Div. No. 10
S. of S.

Washington D. C.

June 21st 1867

Morning Star N.

Makes that the Hope
Divine No. 10. J. J. T.
have decided to hold
a Public Sem. meeting on
Wednesday June 26 at
eight P. M. at Regent
Church at 10 & 12 St. N. W.
and extend an
invitation to Gen. Howard
to address them.

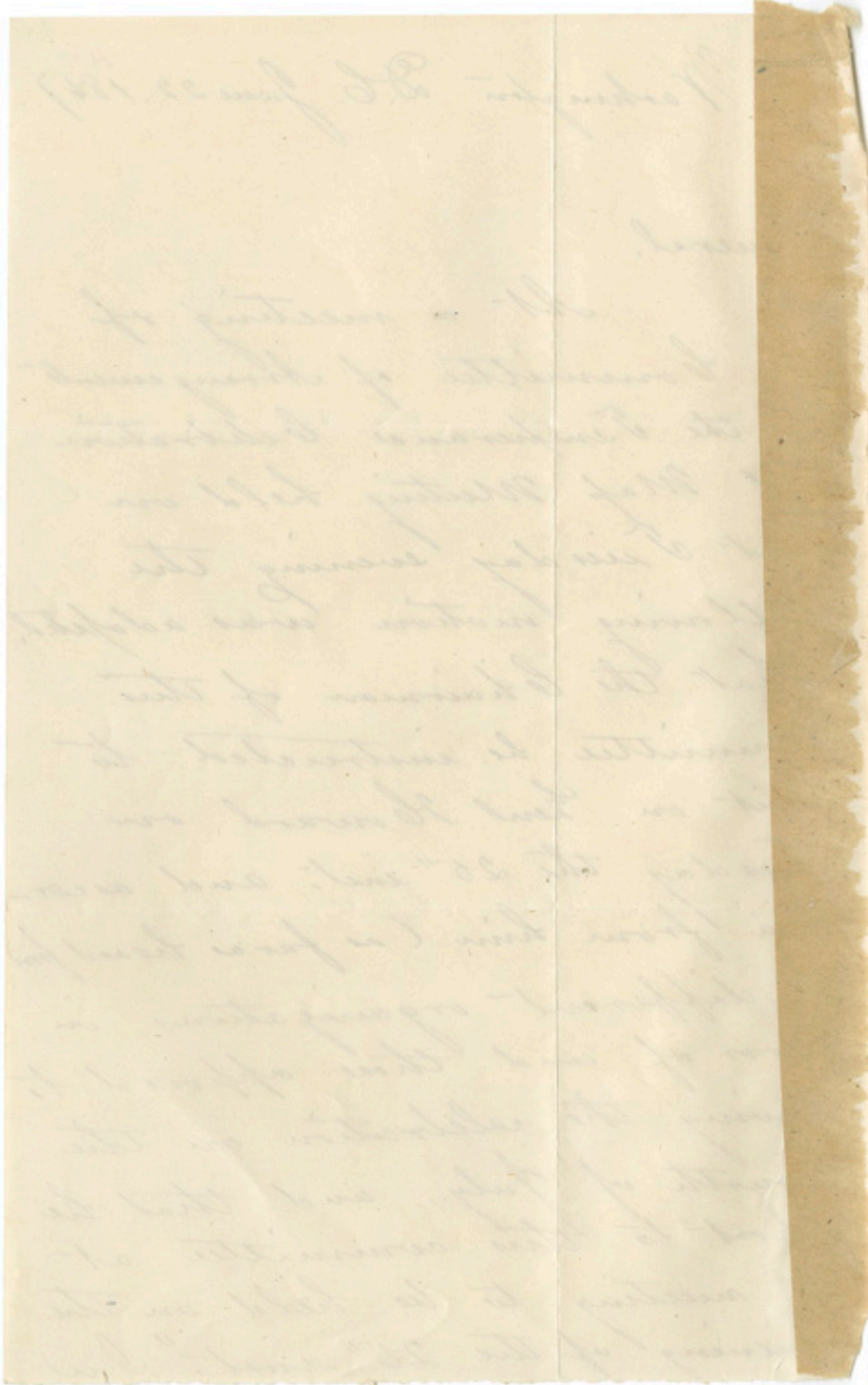
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Washington D.C. June 22. 1867 ⁴⁸

General,

At a meeting of the Committee of Arrangements for the Temperance Celebration and Map Meeting held on last Tuesday evening the following motion was adopted, "That the Chairman of this Committee be instructed to wait on Genl Howard on Tuesday the 25th inst; and ascertain from him (as far as heard from) the different organizations in favor of and those opposed to having the celebration on the Fourth of July, and that he report to this committee at the meeting to be held on the evening of the 25th inst." In



compliance with said instructions
I have the honor to state that
I will call at your office on
Tuesday the 23rd inst. at 2 P.M.
and would most respectfully
request that in case you should
be called from your office at
that hour that you would
leave the information called for
by the Committee in order that
I may be enabled to report
as instructed.

I am Sir

To	Very Respectfully
Major Genl O. O. Howard.	Your Obedt. Servt.
Corn R. & A. Co.	John C. S. Burger
Washington D.C.	Chairman Com of Ampts

P.S. My address is
Office Comin' Genl of Prisoners

Washington D.C.
June 22nd 67

Burger John C.S.

States that at a meeting
of the committee of
arrangements for the
Temperance Celebration,
the Chairman was
directed to wait upon
Genl. Howard, to
ascertain how many
of the different
organizations were in
favor and how many
opposed to the celebration
coming off on the 4th
of July

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EBBITT HOUSE,

C. C. WILLARD.

Washington, D. C., June 22, 1867.

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir,

As a Christian
officer and under whom I
have served I beg leave to
submit to you this statement
following. First, I desire
your sympathy and prayers
for my true and sincere con-
version to God. Second, your
reception of my pledge of
total abstinence from intoxicating
liquors. Third, your aid in an
emergency brought about through
a wicked life and yet chiefly
due to the vice of intemperance.
I desire, if your time will permit,
to send you some letters I should
and to obtain such advice and
counsel as will help me to

ERRITT HOUSE,

achieve a moral reformation
and attain the position
society I once held. If you
have the time and desire my
case worthy of notice, I pray
you pass me not by. With
a blessing, my dear sir, you
may be able to confer on your
unworthy servant I know not
but trust yourself may be
the instrument of much good
to one who remembers fondly
the past and desires to remain

Yours, Truly and Affly

John A. Field

Washington D.C. June 22^d
Dear Sir, [1867]

The annual examinations of the classes in the National Deaf Mute College will occur next week.

It will give us great pleasure to see you at the closing examination, Wednesday morning June 24th at 10 o'clock.

You will recollect that I spoke of this to you when I met you at the installation of Rev. Mr. Johnson in Baltimore, and that you promised to come.

I hope you may find it convenient to be with us. I have already announced your coming.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
U. S. A.

With great respect
Your obt. Servt
Lewellyn Pratt

Washington D.C. June 22

Dear Sir,

The annual conference
of the church in the National cap
the college will occur next week.
It will give us great pleasure
to see you at the closing communion
on Thursday morning June 24 at 10 o'clock.
You will recollect that I spoke
of this to you when I met you at
the celebration of the 100th
in Baltimore, and that you promised
to come.

I hope you may find it
convenient to be with us. I have

already announced your coming.

With much respect

Yours very truly

Leahman Pott