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DR. C. R. BLACKALL,

District and Sunday School Secretary for the States of Illinois,
Michigan and Wisconsin.

Office, No. 110 Dearborn Street

Chicago, Dec. 17 1867

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Some of our Ladies
have requested me to solicit
from you a donation to our
Mission Fair of a few
copies of your Photographs,
to be placed on sale among
others. I am very sure
that many of your friends
in Chicago will be glad
of the opportunity to purchase
copies.

Hoping for a favorable
reply very soon,

I remain
For the fair
Very Respectfully
C. R. Blackall
Supt.

Chicago Ill.
Dec. 17th 1867

Blackall C. A.

Requests a donation of a few
of Genl. Howard's photographs
to be sold at the Mission
Fair

nothing



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Charleston S.C.

Dec 17th 1867

Dear General.

I see by the
papers that Generals Swell
and Whittlesy of your
staff have been mustered
out of service. I write
to request the appointment
of Inspector for myself.

result satisfactorily to all. If appointed
I can designate an officer to take
my place in North Carolina. I would
like very much to see you and if you
will order me to Washington on business
I should be very grateful

With great respect Yours &c. &c.
Nelson A. Miles
Assoc. Com.

believing that I can
be of advantage to
you, and to the Bureau.

I believe if my ideas
in regard to the system
and administration of
the Bureau, and the
management of the
school fund are adopted
in all the State it will

Charleston S.C.
Dec. 17th 1867

Miles General Nelson A

Understands that Genl.
Small and Whittlesey have
been mustered out and he requests
the appointment of Inspector for
himself. Desires to see Genl.
Howard very much, and requests
that he may be ordered on to
Washington for that purpose.

Ans

Ans by Genl Dec 19 '67



"Feed my Lambs."

Rev S. B. BARNITZ, Missionary.
GEO. W. STONER, Supt.
W. H. BASSETT, Secy.
GEO. T. ZIMMER, Treasurer.

English Evan. Lutheran Mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Wheeling, W. Va. Dec 17th 1864.

Genl. O. V. Howard,
Washington D.C.

On behalf
of Genl Howard Class of English Evangelical
Lutheran Mission Sunday School I tender you
a cordial invitation to attend our fifth
anniversary at Washington Hall December
25th and 26th.

I am happy to inform
you the class is doing well and will
be rejoiced to meet you.

Should you
not be able to be with us please reply
so that your letter may be read to the
school at Christmas night.

Hoping that
one or both of you will honor us
with your presence I am

Very truly Yours

Morgan Gouter

Teacher "Genl. Howard class"

W. L. G. & Co. 1867

Century Magazine

Century Books. W. L. G. and Co. St.
New York to be present ~~at~~ the
and attend the 3rd Anniversary
of the "Harvard School" of the
E. L. J. H. Sabbath School, at
State DSC. 25. 26. 1867. First
Anniversary to come please send
letter, so that it may be read
to the scholars.

P. S. J. D. Dec 20/67



Tenn
Nashville. Decr 18th 1863

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Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Washington. D.C.

Dear General.

I write to ask a favor of you again, in the form of a letter of introduction to Gen Saxton. Chf Engr at Atlanta. if you think it proper under the circumstances, which are these. The firm with which I am connected has just entered into a contract with the General as the representative of the U. S. Govt. to furnish Doors & Windows for the Barracks at Atlanta. and it will be necessary for me to be there to attend to the delivery of the work. My experience in the army taught me that it is often easier to deal with the General than with the petty officials and civil employees of the U. S. Dept. and it may be necessary to appeal to him in order to protect the interest of the firm against imposition from those whose authority is only great from assumption. And I assure at the same time that what work we do will be well done and for the interest of the Government. The contract entered into is

for a considerable amount, being about
Fifteen thousand Dollars, and all the firm
wants is to deal fairly and be dealt
with accordingly.

If my request is favorably considered,
please send the letter to my address.

Hoping that I may not be trespassing
upon your time, or patience, and with many
thanks for your former uniform kindness

I am General

Very Respy

Yours Obad Serik

A. M. VanDyke

P. O. Box 420

Nashville

Dear

Nashville Tenn,

Dec. 11th 1867

Van Dyke A. M.

Requests of Genl. Howard a
letter of introduction to Genl.
Sutton Chief Dr. Mr. at Atlanta,
states that he has a contract to
fill with the Govt. and desires to
avoid the petty officers employed
by the Dr. & Mrs. Dept. as much
as possible

Letter



Dec. 19, Dec. 21, 67.

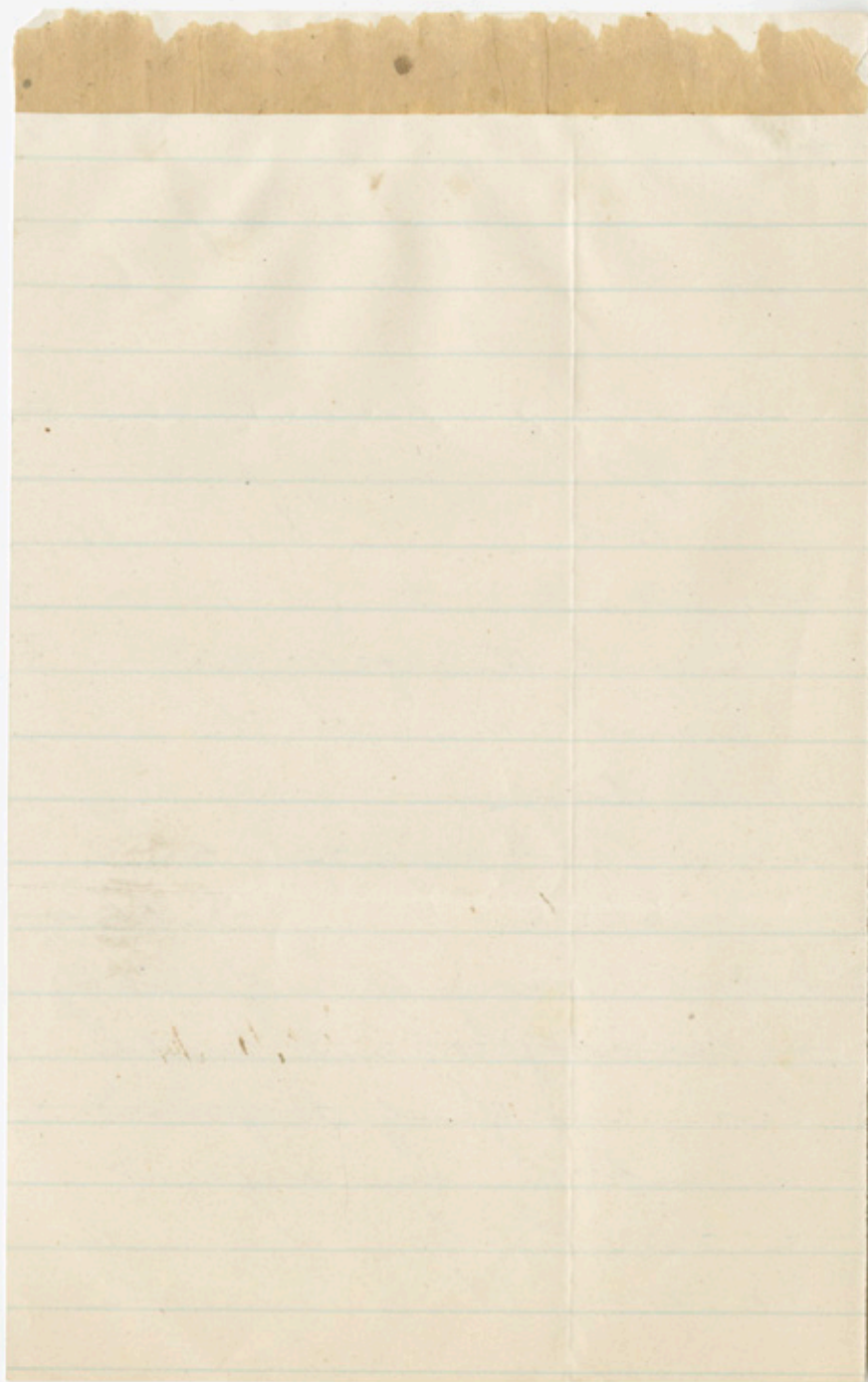
Pray, Dec. 18 1867.

Gen. Howard.

Sir:

Enclosed you find \$2.25. - A very small sum to be sure - but doubting not; that though small it will be thankfully rec^d - I forward it with the names of the donors -

I read your communication in my Sabbath School - many spoke favorably on the subject, and would have given freely to forward the work you are engaged in. Had they been differently situated - (being engaged in



repairing our church)

Patrick Dwyer - whose name
you notice as one of the donors
said; "I'd give a dollar for
that purpose if it was the last
dollar I had in the world; xx
xxx There's something in the name
of our beloved Gen. that
thrills my heart like fire"

He is upward of eighty years
of age - and a devout Christian

Very truly

Yours

G. B. Webb

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Tray Me.
Dec. 1867

Weeks, G. D.

Encloses \$2.25 donated
by the following persons
Ltr to the 1st Congl. Chh. at
Washington D.C.

Patrick Doughty	\$1.00
E. Q. Marr	1.00
Mrs. Wm. Dilly	25
	2.25



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Washington, Tenn. Dec 18th 69

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner

Dear Sir - I have no personal interest
whatsoever in the Freedmen's Bureau, and, therefore, I hope you
will allow me, as a friend of the freed people of Tennessee,
to suggest that the Bureau, as at present organized in this
state, should not be disturbed until July next. My reasons
are these -

1. Tennessee furnished a very large number of colored
soldiers, and, with the claim business, as at present man-
aged, those soldiers, and their widows and orphans, are certain
to get the money due them. I am fearful that any change
just now, would work vastly to their disadvantage. Gen. Canine
has in his service honest, reliable, and capable men -
men who thoroughly understand the business. His removal
would be, I doubt not, a calamity to the claimants
referred to. By July next these claims will be, I think,
pretty generally paid.

2. The most important election in this state occurs in
March. You know how indispensable the Bureau was to the
state during the state election in August. But next
March, the County officers - sheriffs, County clerks etc.
are to be elected. The struggle will be a fierce one.
Those offices are all held now by rebels or ex-reb-
els. Hence, our justice and County Courts are all

in sympathy with the enemies of the freedmen.
We can never get, as matters now stand, a jury
radicals. Moreover, the 16th section of the ^{ex} French
law, which excludes the freedmen from the
jury box will be repealed in January. Hence, if
the Spring elections can be carried by the Repub-
licans, the freedmen will be placed in the
best possible condition, and the withdrawal of
Gen. Canby, and his efficient force, will
occasion no harm.

3. The interests of Education too, are in a critical
state, and require the active cooperation of a
Commonwealth whose soul is in the work.
We all have fears of Gen. Grimes Greaves.
In this we may be wrong. The state school
system is not in its feet. Six or eight
months of such work as Gen. Canby is now
pushing forward will be of incalculable
value to the freedmen. They must be
pushed out of the old ruts in which educa-
tional matters in this state have always
been running.

I trust, General, you will pardon me
for this intrusion upon your attention.
I think I am pretty thoroughly posted in
regard to the real state of things in
Tennessee; and I hope it will be possible for

you to keep Gen. Bailin at his post,
with his present force, at least until
after the Spring elections have passed.

I do not mean to intimate that the Bureau
is denied as a political machine, - not by any
means. It is and has been a conservator of
the peace, and has done more than all other
instruments put together, to promote good
feeling, to quiet the excitement and heal
up the wounds which popular elections
always - and especially in Tennessee,
occasion.

I am General

Yours Very Truly
John Lawrence

Dec. 8th 1867

Amner, John

Alors, two reasons a thought
why the financial should
not be discontinued before
July next.

Wm. Amner



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Washington Dec 19th 1867

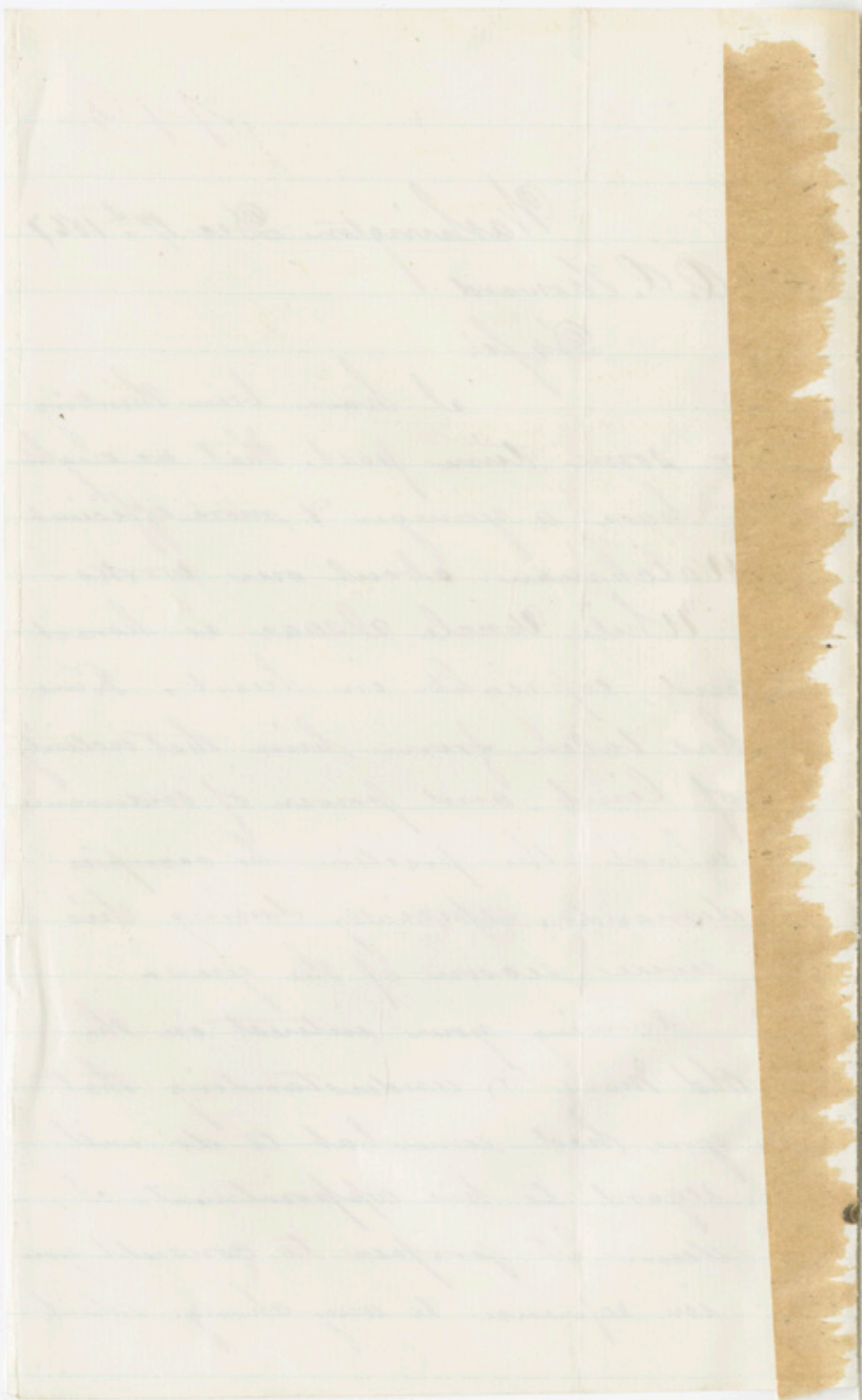
Genl Q. C. Howard

Dear Sir

I have been thinking for some time past, that we ought to have a younger & more efficient Watchman about our works -

While Uncle Isaac is honest and upright in heart, Time has taken from him that activity of limb, and power of endurance, which the position he occupies demands, especially during this severe season of the year -

Knowing your interest in the Old Man & understanding that you had somewhat to do with regard to his appointment, I deem it proper to consult you in reference to any change which



may be thought expedient,

Mr Alford sent me a man
yesterday who I doubt not would
make a very good Watchman,

If you will speak to Mr Alford
or Emil Whittlesy about the matter,
and give me your views you
will oblige

Yours Truly
D. H. Bliss

Bapt

Washington D.C.
Dec. 19th 1867

Bliss, A.H.

Thinks that they ought to
have a younger and more
efficient watchman over their
works than Uncle Isaac.
States that Mr. Wood sent him a
man yesterday that he doubts
not would do.

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Rochester, N.Y.

Dec 19, '64

General Howard.

Dear Sir,

Could we
secure you some time through the
winter (even, if possible) to deliver a
temperance lecture in this place
for the benefit of the Army of
Companions? This is a new organiza-
tion with many military
features and is destined, we think
to become very popular. Your
presence here in our behalf, could you
so arrange it, would be an acqui-
sition of strength that would glad-
den many hearts in the good cause.

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Rochester is perfectly cured by
interference.

In the event of your
coming, please let us know
as soon as convenient, terms &c

Very Truly Yours
M. A. Harris

P. S. Direct Box 1175 Rochester, N. Y.

Dubuque Ia.

Dec: 19th 67

Dear Mr. Boynton: - of
Congregational Ch. Wash. D. C.

A circular sent last
June, stirred me to gather
what is proposed - \$20, one
half from the S. L. - I got most
of the half outside, but the
S. L. had so many calls, they
could not answer this. Your
recent call. I respond. by sending
\$10. - which please find enclosed.
We have an unfinished (10 ft) school
ch. building. & the pastor kept
a starving line, & send to you
in our penury.

Please rec^d for this, too, too,
small response. - Yours for
Christ & The Nation. Lyman Whiting

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Oubague Iowa
DEC^r 19th 1867

Whiting Rev. Lyman

Encloses \$10 for
1st Congl. Club. Mass.
D.C.

Attended to



Washington D.C.
Dec^r 19th 1867

Lutnam, L.H.

Speaks of a plan to ^{restore} ~~retain~~ the
relation of the freedmen ^{to the} soil of
the Southern States. States that he had
an interview with Hon. J. D. Elliott
last night and he was satisfied
from the conversation that nothing
has been submitted to him to show
a further necessity for the contin-
uance of the Bureau, aside from
what he had suggested.

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P. L. B. Dec, 20, 1867

Dec 19. 1867

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Dear Sir - permit me to
lay the subject of this letter
before you, in reference to the
plan to restore the relation
of the Freedmen to the soil of
agricultural class of the
Southern States. The
interview I had with the
Hon J. D. Elliott last night
will fully justify the
impression that nothing
has been submitted to
show the necessity for the
existence of the Bureau a
side from what has been
suggested by me & while
your report will to a very
great extent be dependent

up on to supply the
information I cannot
see how it would answer
the purpose without
the views I hope you will
adapt covering the subject
of my plan.

With that object before
me may I not ask you to
do something in behalf
of the efforts to make a
development of the scheme
if it should only be limited
to what it costs to visit
Washington? My only
object is to compare views
& act in harmony with
your department & the
proceedings of Congress
& at the same time make
the work the basis for
the elevation of the

freemen as the agricult^{ural}
class. Believing that
the plan will fully
justify the attention
of all think minds &
at the same time redound
to the reputation of my
race I pray you to give
it such consideration
as the magnitude of the
subject may demand
for the benefit ~~of~~ of my
people

I am Sir
very respectfully
y^r obt^d Serv^t

L. A. Putnam

To May

Gen. O. O. Howard