New Orleans, October 27th, 1868

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Washington, D.C.

General:

In compliance with instructions contained in communication from your Office of date October 1st, 1868, I have the honor to transmit herewith, two complete files of Orders and Circulars issued from these Headquarters, since the organization of the Bureau in this State.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Edward Hatch

Bureau Major General, U.S.A.
Assistant Commissioner for Louisiana.
Back Oct 27th

My dear Governor

I understand that Rev Dr Fuller was absolutely refused to have any thing to do with any method I charge man. I hope you will preserve his letter.

I hope also that you will address a similar letter to other clergy men without giving them the advantage over Fuller by just standing there. I thank the
Measure will go through it a while. I can suggest a clergyman who would be permitted to ask the Meeting in his presence when the time comes— I want to put them all on record against each other. You will go the rounds with your request.

Mrs. B.

Mrs. Howard.
Prov., Oct. 27th/68,
May Emil. O. O. Norman
Dear Sir,

I have

This morning I saw Gen. Bronzek, who is friendly to the University
and has been raising funds. Chapin of the South Ten
thousand dollars for the election
to-day, in reply to a letter I received
from him yesterday, of the
same individuals who will be the men to help us after the
election. He advises that I work
among the ladies societies today.

In a meeting of the Freedmen Aid
Dix yesterday, one scholarship
was subscribed, and I think we
will have two from that meeting.
Money will be remitted through
Mrs. F. I can only
work in a small way. I shall
be diligent in this till after
the election, when I trust the
Lord will open the way for
a larger work.

Very Respectfully,
[Handwritten name]

J.S. Griffith
Swickleyville, Pa., Oct. 27, 1868.

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard,
Washington, D.C.,
General.

I have had occasion once or twice to write to you in reference to our Freedmen’s Aid Commission of Western Pa. &c., with which I have been connected for nearly four years.

I was naturally one of the gentlemen who had tried of giving much to such a cause as this; instead of giving it up, I have tried to give it a new life by inducing the N. Y. Benevolent body, to accept our offer of all that remains of school-houses, furniture, etc., etc. By the aid of certain noble men in this region, this offer has been formally accepted. A branch of the Committee on Home Missions, is already, or will be in a few days, inaugurated for this special purpose. A secretary will be appointed, and an attempt will be made to arouse the energies of this prominent body on this important subject. I do not expect myself to have any further formal connection with the matter, but the labor of the last four years, together with the deepest interest in the matter of slavery for the last 36, or more, years, will prevent my being any interest in the success of the new organization.

From the manner in which the subject has been entered into by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, N. S., & the Synod of W. D., &c., to both
of which I belong, and the spirit of the gentlemen of New York at the head of matters there, I am satisfied the U.S. today by some one's blundering has been disgracefully & Scandalously cheated out of its proper glory as being one of the pioneers in this great glorious cause, that it will yet be a power in the land for good.

A large Ratification Meeting of the transfer to the U.S. Church, will be held in Pittsburgh on Monday evening Nov. 32 in the magnificent new 3d Presbyterian Church, (which will be opened for Divine Service for the first time, next Sabbath) I have three objects in writing to you at this time viz:

1st to ask you to be present with me at that time. Nothing would be more gratifying to me & the gentlemen with whom I am associated, than to have present with us, the man whom, in my inmost soul, I hope may soon be the Secretary of War, whom, it seems to me, a merciful God has so signally spared & kept in his most important position during these terrible years, for the good of the South & the whole land.

I shall be glad to have your answer on this subject as promptly as possible, as I want to have the "protest", advertisements, editorials, all ready in good season. Among the speakers already expected to be present & take part, are Rev. Dr. Butterfield, Rev. Col. Clarke D.D. Rev. Henry Highland Garnett, W.T. Thurlow, all of Philadelphia & Oscar H. Waring, a young man of color of the noblest promise, to whom I gave a letter of introduction a few days ago.
Dr. Bittinger, one of the ablest thinkers, speakers in the whole country, will probably make the most carefully prepared speech of the occasion, a speech for thoughtful and intelligent men, in reference to this subject, and to set you at the Freedmen's Bureau in a right light before our community. He would like to have copies of all your reports, of whatever has been published by your Dept, throwing light on the question. I myself heard a prominent representative, a lawyer lately connected with the business of the Marshall's Office of this District, one who is said to have great influence with Genl. Johnson, appeal in a political speech to the masses around him as working men against the horrid tyranny and usurpation, by which the Freedmen's Bureau has taken 60 or 70 Millions of Dollars, drawn out of the pockets of the North, to support in utter idleness 3,000,000 lazy, idle, utterly worthless and useless negroes! determined not to work or do anything for their own support. A few days afterwards I personally spoke to him about it, but you are far more aware than I of these dreadful lies. It may be folly to attempt to refute them, I do not know that Dr. A.B. has any such intention, but the renewal of your documents will give freshness of force to his facts. As one of your noble men, who is unwilling that his name be made known, has already pledged $1000. to this cause, you will see that some, however, are in earnest. My hope is, that the Bureau will be continued some years yet, and that if you go into the War Dept a monthly successor to you, may be appointed to the Bureau. In that case, with Genl. Grant, at the head of the affairs...
of God, I have every confidence that this race, so long down trodden, will yet demonstrate that the Gospel of Christ has power to make a race out of the lowest dregs, which shall astonish the world by its true nobility of soul, and intellectual moral worth. Please send, then, at your earliest convenience a copy of every one you can spare on these topics.

B: I want to say a word about the Howard University & Wm. J. Mitchell. Mr. M. is thoroughly known appreciated in this neighborhood by some of the best men in this part of the country. He is a great earnest, Christian, sincere friend of the colored race. A little impetuous in temper, and, at times, not over-wise in the expression of his indignation against what he regards as mean wrongs; but a genuine God-fearing, earnest man; a man of rare power as a speaker to a popular audience, because of his quick gushing sympathies for the people and because so well justified in his principles, facts, & illustration. He's not pretending to be a thorough classical scholar. I know few men who, act a collector of money for this cause, from men rich and poor, north or south, white or black, would make a better impression than he. Perhaps you would not trust so on a slight acquaintance, but Deceased from intimate personal acquaintance with the man for the last four years. His success where he went as a perfect Stranger to where he, in less than 3 months, made some 90 speeches, it brought away nearly $50,000 for normal schools, is no mean evidence of his power. Could you do better than give him a professorship.
in Howard University, to which his attention has been directed? The English Quakers have entire confidence in him. His presence at Washington, without expense to them, knowing a vast number personally, allied to them in religious faith and practice, would tend to increase their interest in the colored people of this country & if needed be, funds could be directed to the University & its pupils, which could be done in one other way. In the meantime, if you are not ready for him in the University, I am in great hopes that the U.S. Preach organization will give him employment as an agent for the collection of funds, and in securing that body to more deeds on this subject.

I commend all this to your careful attention, having no fear as I am aware no selfish motives or objects to subserve, but simply the good of the cause. If I thought it necessary, I would procure from such men as Hon. J. H. Moorehead, Hon. Hor. Williams, Hon. Thos. S. A. H. Stone, Dr. C. G. Fossey, Wm. Shaw Co., J. B. Perman of the Pitt. Gazette, your friend Geo. Woods D. D. of one of the Western University, the fullest endorsement of these views. My friend Maj. D. S. Eaton knows all these parties & I shall probably send my letter through him.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Joseph S. Travelli
Royal, O. T. Mich.
October 27 1860

Maj. General, O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear General,

When I learned of the resignation of Dr. Boynton, I felt very much relieved and immediately wrote you a letter of congratulation, but seeing a notice of your arrival in one of the southern cities in the morning paper, I destroyed the letter. I thought you had enough to think of until you should return. Now see the last Congregationalist, a brief account of what has transpired in our church.
a statement that he had withdrawn his resignation as the Majority desired him to remain their Pastor.

I know but little of the particulars of what has transpired since I left, but imagine this act places the "hated minority" in a worse position than before. Though there can be no doubt but an Exporte Council will at once be called, unless they choose to withdraw in a body, there will be some who will think the latter course the best one. But I cannot decide, even for myself. I do not see how the member of long churches throughout the North can give him to his Majority any support after this transaction. The Minority should be
heard now, that every man
woman who sympathizes with
our cause in the capital - should
know the particulars.
I do not see that the
Independent or the Advance
take any notice of this last
act of the Pastor.
I am engaged here in
doing what I can in a little
learned journal of about 160 mem-
bers, & a list of 100 scholars,
I have written Bob Robinson:
now, that my resignation as a
member of the Board of Trustees
of Howard University, would
be forthcoming, wherefore it would
benefit the Board - now if there
is any one you desire to have
elected, please inform me, &
I will forward it at once.
I do not see that I am
of any use to the institution...
though I am as anxious to have it succeed as I ever was, I hope the Good Lord will so control events that you may be permitted to remain in Washington four years more.

Allow me, General, to thank you for what I have learned from you.

At the time I first met you, to become acquainted, I began to learn how to be a true follower of the master — practically, more than I had ever before and in all my associations with you. I feel your influence and have tried to improve in the right direction, and I trust I shall be of more use in the world than if I had not had the opportunity of learning from you.

You will excuse this freedom,
began it as just what & feel
I could not refrain from telling you.
In all our troubles in Washington I have seen that your enemies were prompted by a spirit of jealousy. Was your influence no less great? Now it is this great influence for good, that I am so thankful to see you possess.
Mrs. Johnson desires to be remembered to yourself & Mrs. Leonard.
I should be glad to receive an autograph letter from you in acknowledgement of this but know your time is all occupied.
We feel strong for Grant here.
Sincerely your friend
W. R. Johnson.
Nov 16th. 1863.

Dear P. S. Miller:

I have your favor of the 13th. in reply to my replication and deeply regret the result.

I hope that some thing will come of it, and that the cover will come of it. Then in any case which I hope you will cancel the two years of the land again.

Instead of the other contingent to the was examined as it was too old. But that it had been two years which is the regular time and supposed that if the
Regulation Conceded leaves, another
Might be allowed me to thank
You for the trouble you have taken in this respect.

Mary Taylor
St. Moines
27 Oct 1863
Bible House, N.Y. Oct. 27, 1868

Dear Brother:

Hereewith please find a circular setting forth the origin and objects of the "Evangelical Advertising Association." Also, a list of names of officers and committees elected at the meeting for organization, some of whom, not being present, their names will not be made public till after their acceptance.

Men have been selected for the active parts of the work, to whom we believe it can safely be entrusted.

We feel that this is God's work, that it will be advanced by your name as Vice-President, and hope you will see your way clear to accept the position.

Fraternally yours,

Stephen B. Fblyng, D. D.
Jas. T. Duane.
A. N. Rankin.

To: Maj. Gen. C. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.
Notification Committee.
Evangelical Advertising Association,

ROOM 46 BIBLE HOUSE,
NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 26, 1868.

The following extracts from letters written in relation to the idea which is the basis of this organization; from a call for a meeting to consider the propriety of forming it; and from newspaper notices of it will explain its origin and objects:

"Office of the American Christian Commission,
No. 26 BIBLE HOUSE, August 31, 1868.

DEAR SIR:—I am interested and pleased with your plan of using the advertising columns of the press for Evangelical purposes. Short striking sentences inserted thus in the secular press, must very often fall under the notice of those to whom the truth would scarce otherwise have access. It is one of those new, practical, common-sense ways of doing good, which God's people are now learning to apply to His service as well as in their own business. It cannot fail to do good. May the blessing of God rest upon your effort.

Yours most truly, ALFRED C. ROE," (Sec. A. C. C.)

"It gives me pleasure heartily, to concur with the views expressed by Mr. Roe, in relation to using the advertising columns of the secular press as far as possible, for short earnest words of "truth as it is in Jesus."

R. R. McBURNNEY,
Sec. Y. M. C. A." (N. Y. City.)

"New York City Mission," No 30 Bible House,
NEW YORK, August 31, 1868.

Believing as I do that God's word is His wisdom and power for men's salvation, I think your plan for using the advertising columns of the secular press for Evangelical purposes a good one. I trust God may enable you to put your idea into execution, so that when the morning paper comes to us with its news of this world, we may also read therein of a better land, and how to reach it.

Truly yours, GEO. J. MINGINS," (Supt. City Mission.)

These, with other words of encouragement, lead to the following letter, being addressed to the American Tract Society, of New York and Boston, accompanied by newspapers, containing specimen of the advertisements.

NEW YORK, October 1, 1868.

BREThREN:—Herewith please find specimens of "Evangelical Advertising." I shall highly prize your opinion of, and your suggestions in relation to, the plan as a means to reach the masses readily, efficiently, and cheaply?

It is proposed to use the advertising columns of all classes of newspapers, and to pay for the same where such space in such columns cannot be procured gratuitously. Hoping to be withheld from working for Jesus, "with a zeal not according to knowledge," I trust I am prayerfully and earnestly,

Your Bro. in His service.

The following are in answer to the above:
"American Tract Society, Boston, October 6, 1868.

Dear Brother,—Yours of the first is at hand &c. The excellent paper "Christian at Work" was also received. The style of advertising referred to, seems to us peculiarly promising, and must be the means of great good. You have our best wishes for its success.

Cordially yours,

N. Broughton, Jr.

(Depository &c.)


Mr.—

Dear Sir,—Believing as we do that a sanctified press with an Evangelical ministry and an active Church are the hope of the world, we are glad to see any movements towards introducing the "truth as it is in Jesus," into the advertising columns of the newspapers.

The method you propose of inserting advertisements of a religious character, while novel, seems calculated to be effective. The eye falling upon an unexpected but impressing, startling or awakening sentence may thus carry a message to the heart, that shall be "a word in season," so that while the "bow may be drawn at a venture," the winged shaft from God's quiver, may "pierce even to the dividing asunder of the joint and marrow."

We wish you success in this movement by which we hope many may be won as trophies of the truth.

Yours very truly,

S. W. Stebbens.

(Depository &c.)

These encouragements were deemed sufficient to warrant the issue of the following call:

"Whereas: The issue of the newspaper and periodical press of the civilized world reach millions of people in a way to influence their thoughts and actions incautiously, and

Whereas: It is probable, much the largest proportion of these millions are not efficiently reached by evangelical truth, and

Whereas: The price for advertising in these papers is only about one cent a line for each thousand of circulation of the same, it is believed that an astonishing number of persons may be reached by the truth by the expenditure of a small amount of money, we believe it to be at once our privilege and our duty to use this power for Jesus,

Therefore: We hereby call a meeting at Room 46 Bible House in New York City, at one o'clock P. M., October 12th, 1868, (Monday) to consider the propriety of organizing an "Evangelical Advertising Association," for procuring widely extended and continuous insertions of passages, of scripture, or of short statements of religious truth in the advertising columns of the newspapers and magazines of this and other countries."
Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, D. D.
" Mason Noble, D. D.
" Stephen H. Tyng, Jr.
" J. Clement French.
" Lyman Abbott.
" Henry C. Biley.
" Franklin Noble,
" Wm. M. Martin,
(Treas. Y. M. C. A., Brooklyn.)
R. R. McBurney,
(Y. M. C. A., N. Y.)
Lewis E. Jackson, Esq.,
(Sec. N. Y. City Mission.)
Samuel E. Warner, Esq.,
John G. Broughton, Esq.,
(Late Depository Am. Tract Soc.)
Hon. S. T. Howard,
(Pres. Excelsior Life Ins. Co., N. Y.)
" Jose Rivera, y Río,
Of the City of Mexico.
A. S. Barnes, Esq.,
(Publisher, N. Y.)
John Eadie, Esq.,
Wm. O. Stoddard, Esq.,
(Assn. Ed. Examiner & Chron.)
A. N. Rankin, Esq.
Seth B. Cole, Esq.
Wm. H. Payne, Esq.
Dr. E. W. Crittenden.
Geo. May Powell, Esq.

The action of the meeting held pursuant to this "call" was endorsed as follows:
" It having been decided at a meeting held at the time and place indicated in the
above call to organize an "Evangelical Advertising Association," such meeting
being adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock P. M., October 19, 1868, we hereby
cordially concur in the movement." This was signed by the following Christian
Gentlemen.

E. S. Janes,
(Bishop M. E. Church.)
Rev. Jno. Lanahan, D. D.
(Carleton & Lanahan, 300 Mulberry St.)
A. R. Wetmore, Esq.,
F. G. Ensign, Esq.,
(See, Am. Christian Commission.)
Hon. Harrison Reed,
(Govt. of Florida.)
John A. Fowle,
(34 Broadway.)
C. W. Bouck,
(Pres. B. Life Ins. Co. 141 Broadway)
J. M. Halsted,
(Pres. Am. Fire Ins. Co., 48 Wall St.)
John E. Parsons, 64 Wall St.,
(Pres. N. Y. Bible Society.)
Wm. W. Wyman,
(Broughton & Wyman, 33 Bible House.)
H. W. Adams,
(Publisher Christian at Work.)
Richard Amerman,
509 6th Avenue, N. Y.
S. Edwards Todd,
(Agl. Ed. N. Y. Times.)

Rev. Wm. Ives Budington, D. D., of Brooklyn, also wrote the following pleasant note of concurrence:

Dear Sir:—The project of an Evangelical Advertising Association is a new
thought to me, and I think should have a fair trial. It may develop a latent
power for good which the church of God would not let die. "As the wine is
in the cluster, and one saith destroy it not for a blessing is in it" so I say of this.
It has my best wishes for a large success; at any rate the attempt will not be an
expensive one, and it may be a blessed one.

Truly yours,
WM. Ives Budington.


Some of the leading clergymen and Christian laymen of New York and Brook-
lyn, have concurred in the movement now in progress to organize an "Evangelical
Advertising Association." It is hoped that a large proportion of the thousand
millions of papers and magazines printed in the United States may be made the
vehicle of circulaing striking religious truths. Such evils as intoxicating drinks,
coarse, opium, profane swearing, horse racing; Sabbath-breaking, may be reached
efficiently by such means. The idea is a good one.


In the advertising columns of some of the secular, as well as religious papers, a
new and promising way of reaching the masses with evangelical truth has appeared.
The following is an example:
"Swearing is against the written laws of God, of good society, and of this State; and I am, therefore, plainly neither a Christian, a gentleman, or a good citizen, if I swear." The gratuitous publication of over a million of these condensed tracts has already been procured. The plan has so recommended itself to prominent Christian men, that pursuant to call, a meeting was this week held at 46 Bible House, at which it was decided to organize an "Evangelical Advertising Association."

All classes of papers will be used, and thus the war be "carried into Africa." Calculations show that these sharp arrows can thus be made and shot for ten dollars a million!


A good friend of Christian work has devised a plan by which all secular papers can become advocates of Evangelical Truth. His idea is to use the advertising columns of the various daily and weekly journals, and insert in them such "gems" of moral and religious truth as appear interspersed with our other advertisements to-day. In this way truth finds lodgment in hearts where it otherwise could not come. Success to him, and all others, who devise new and liberal things for carrying on the war.


Measures have been taken to organize in this City an "Evangelical Advertising Association," the leading idea of which will be to intermingle moral and religious truths with miscellaneous advertisements. The design is novel. To scatter through the widely-read advertising columns of a journal like the Times brief precepts from Holy Writ, and pithy excerpts would certainly be an effective way of bringing salutary truths before the people. Our readers, then, may soon expect to see interspersed among our political, amusement, shipping, real estate, literary, financial, and other advertisements, such truths as the following: "Earthquakes in South America have recently destroyed 30,000 lives. Intemperance in the United States puts 60,000 persons in unspeakably more horrible graves every year."

The U. S. Census of 1860 showed the annual publication in this country of

3242 Political Newspapers and Periodicals,
277 Religious
233 Miscellaneous
288 Literary
This comprised 1,478,435 Daily Circulation,
7,681,930 Weekly
927,951,548 Annual
or 29½ copies per year to each inhabitant.

The circulation now exceeds, beyond reasonable doubt, 1000 million copies, every one of which by our plan we think can, and should be enabled to "stand up for Jesus."

In the Constitution adopted by the Association, provision is made for a Standing Committee designated as the "Literary Committee" whose duty is to scrutinize all its advertisements so as to secure the enterprise from disseminating anything either unsound or indiscreet.

We desire the prayers, sympathy, money, and other aid of all who are pleased with our work. We believe that those who invest them with or through us will find their dividends sure and limitless.

W.M. H. Paine,
Genl. Agent.
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