BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION

FOR THE

Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People,

N. W. CORNER OF COURTLAND AND SARATOGA STREETS.

Baltimore, April 8th 1869.

Major General O. O. Howard
Com'r. Freedmen's Bureau &c
Washington, D.C.

General:

Allow me to return you my sincere thanks for your very kind letter recommending me to the Secretary of the Treasury for appointment to the position for which I am an applicant.

It is my desire ever to merit the approval of such gentlemen as yourself by a faithful discharge of duty, and if I am so fortunate as to receive the appointment I will endeavor to measure up to the full standard of your very flattering recommendation.

I have the honor to remain, General, your much obliged and Obedient Servant

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BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION
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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Freedmen's Bureau &c

General: It being generally believed that from the inefficient manner in which the business of the Educational Department has been conducted that its present incumbent will be removed and a better Executive Officer put in his place; one who will give us our own Educational Statistics instead of those of Prussia, and who will help to build up a thorough System; I would respectfully inform you that in case Dr Barnard is removed the Rev. Dr Van Bokkelen will be an applicant for the position. Those who know Dr Van Bokkelen are fully aware that a more efficient gentleman for the office could not be had. I take the liberty of making this statement to you believing you will be called upon for your opinion as to who would be a suitable person for appointment. Your Obedt Servt Jno. Cox

Washington Apr. 8 1869

Dear Gen.

I became so much interested in your school yesterday that I take the liberty to drop them the inclosed letters, Mr Loomis's long one and my short one. The provoking printer's errors in both will be palpable. In Loomis's they put the Proclamation of freedom to the colored race in 1868 instead of 1863 &c. In mine among other errors they put "Institute" instead of University. Please send to the desk of the Principal & oblige

Yours &c

N. A. Gray

Genl

The "Baynton side" are terribly down on "the Howards" to day & yesterday for deciding that. "Anybody can vote whose conscience will let him"

Charity is now exhausted &c. Hadn't you better hand off and join the Baptists! We can manage you!

By the Bye My chance to become 3d Asst. P.M. Genl is just at its crisis. A "feather" may turn the scale. If you have that "feather" to spare, please put your breath behind it, and blow it in the face of Genl Cresswell

Ever as Ever

N. A. Gray

Lewiston Maine April 8/69

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir. The papers inform me that you are about to appoint a Superintendent of Freedmens Schools for each Southern State. My object in addressing you is to ask if I can be of service to you as a Superintendent or in any capacity connected with the Schools. You kindly with Chief Justice Chase and Vice President Colfax gave me commendations as a Secretary of the American Freedmens Union Commission when I went to California for the Commission two years

ago - I had previously
been to California on the
same errand and to
Europe and have
raised a large sum of
money for the Freedmen.
I should be glad to
serve them still and can
furnish any commendation
necessary - I am in
perfect health and should
be glad to serve you for
the Freedmen -

Very respectfully Yours
D. C. Haynes

The FISK SCHOOL was founded by the American Missionary Association and Western Freedman's Aid Commission, in January, 1866. While conducted as a Public School, there was an average attendance of 800 pupils. In August, 1867, (the City of Nashville having provided Public Schools for all classes,) a Charter was secured for a University, and the Academic and Normal Departments were opened the following September. The number of pupils in attendance for the first term was 319.

FISK UNIVERSITY,

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Nashville, Tenn., Apr. 8th 1869

Gen O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir:

You must suffer our importunity. We are so situated in reference to our dedication of Howard Chapel on the 16th inst. that we cannot get along without you. You do fear, have little idea how necessary your presence is on that occasion. Our least expectations and hopes that have bouyed us up against the ten thousand difficulties that have beset us will all be crushed, if you and the other dear friends upon whom we have relied disappoint us. Our work will be immeasurably injured. It seems to me that nothing short of sickness or death should keep you from the dedication of this Chapel. The work as it now opens up to us is immense. But the damage from disappointment now, will be almost infinite.

Therefore telegraph us at once, at my expense "Yes" and let us publish you on our programme.

Truly yours John Ogden

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Fisk University,

Nashville, Tenn., ... *1869.*

Dear .....

We send you the foregoing Circular, believing you to be personally interested in the education and consequent elevation of the masses of the people of the South. This, you are aware, cannot be done without competent teachers, trained specially for their work. Hundreds are trying to teach now, whose qualifications would not be tolerated, were it not that no better can be found. The schools and the country are suffering from this cause. This ought not to be; especially when opportunity offers for preventing it.

Now we say to you and to *all* who desire an education, whether for teaching or not, that this school is organized with special reference to removing these difficulties just as soon as possible. It proposes to train a class of *Christian teachers* who shall be able to cope with these difficulties. Its opportunities and advantages for doing this *are not excelled by any in the country*, either in *respect to merit or cheapness.* The advantages are first class in all respects, while the expenses are about one-half ordinary rates; and it is the determination of those having charge, to render them better and better every year. We therefore urge upon you, as you regard the welfare of the people who have been so long in ignorance, either to avail yourself of these advantages, or to aid some others in doing so, remembering that the gratitude of the nation will be due those who aid in spreading abroad the blessings of intelligence and virtue.

Please send us the names of those who are anxious to become teachers.

JOHN OGDEN, Principal.

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FISK UNIVERSITY AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1867.

WHOLE NUMBER ENROLLED FIRST YEAR,	412
WHOLE NUMBER IN HIGH SCHOOL,	88
WHOLE NUMBER IN NORMAL DEPARTMENT,	41

THE CURRENT YEAR opens with increased numbers in the higher departments, and additional facilities for boarding and instruction.

THE PRESENT OBJECT of the School is the special training of teachers for schools in Tennessee and the South, for which object we have special advantages. To the most rigid and searching CLASS DRILLS in the branches of study, are added

I. A DAILY STUDY of the SCIENCE OF EDUCATION and ART OF TEACHING, as developed by careful and systematic tests and comparison of methods.

II. A TEACHING EXERCISE in the Model School, one half hour per day, by every member of the teaching class—25 in all—under the direction of the Principal, for the purpose of acquiring skill in teaching and managing schools of the various grades.

WITH respect to the efficiency of this course of training, the Board of Examiners make the following statement in their

REPORT:

1st. "The examination (which was in teaching exercises) "was very satisfactory, and was conducted in a manner calculated to reveal the real merits of the members of the class"

2d. "The proficiency of those examined was gratifying, and indicates the wisdom of the efforts here made to prepare competent teachers for all the duties of instructors."

3d. "We commend these efforts to the approval and liberal support of all who desire the highest welfare of the human race."

4th. "In view of the skill and acquirements of many members of this class, we take the liberty to suggest that they be immediately accepted and employed as teachers."

"JOHN EATON, JR., *Supt Pub. Inst'n Tenn.*
"*Chairman Examining Committee.*"

As further evidence of the efficiency of this plan, more than a dozen of this class have already been employed as teachers by County Superintendents and others, at salaries ranging from $35 to $45 per month; and the demand for this class of teachers is so rapidly increasing that four times this number could have been employed at the same rates, if they could have been furnished.

BOARDING ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC.

A large two storied Dormitory, capable of accommodating fifty young lady boarders—two in a room—has just been completed, and is now ready for use. Twenty-five occupants are already on the ground; twenty-five more can be accommodated if application is made soon. Other similar accommodations are in readiness for young men. A beautiful brick Chapel, 40x80, has also been erected for the accommodation of the School.

THE HOME.

THE teachers and students boarding on the grounds are organized into one family, or home; and by a system of detailed labor established, and a rigid economy observed, the expenses, including boarding, washing, fuel, lights, room rent, (rooms furnished.) and all other necessary expenses, have been reduced to $2.75 per week. By this means, not only better boarding can be furnished, but the students are trained in matters of housekeeping economy, and are brought under all the social, refining and elevating influences of a Christian *family* and *home*.

TUITION AND TERMS.

In the High School and Collegiate Studies,	**$12 00 per annum.**
In the Model School,	**10 00 " "**

Payable quarterly in advance, or by the month.

Provision is made for twenty-five free scholarships for those in the most advanced classes who devote one half hour per day in hearing and conducting recitations in the Model School.

By the help of a small fund placed in the hands of the Trustees, through the munificence of the PEABODY EDUCATIONAL FUND, we are enabled to render assistance to a limited number of those who are preparing to teach.

The next Term will commence April 5th, and close June the 11th. The Fall Term will commence September 13th, and close December 24th, 1869.

Mobile, Apr. 8. 1869.

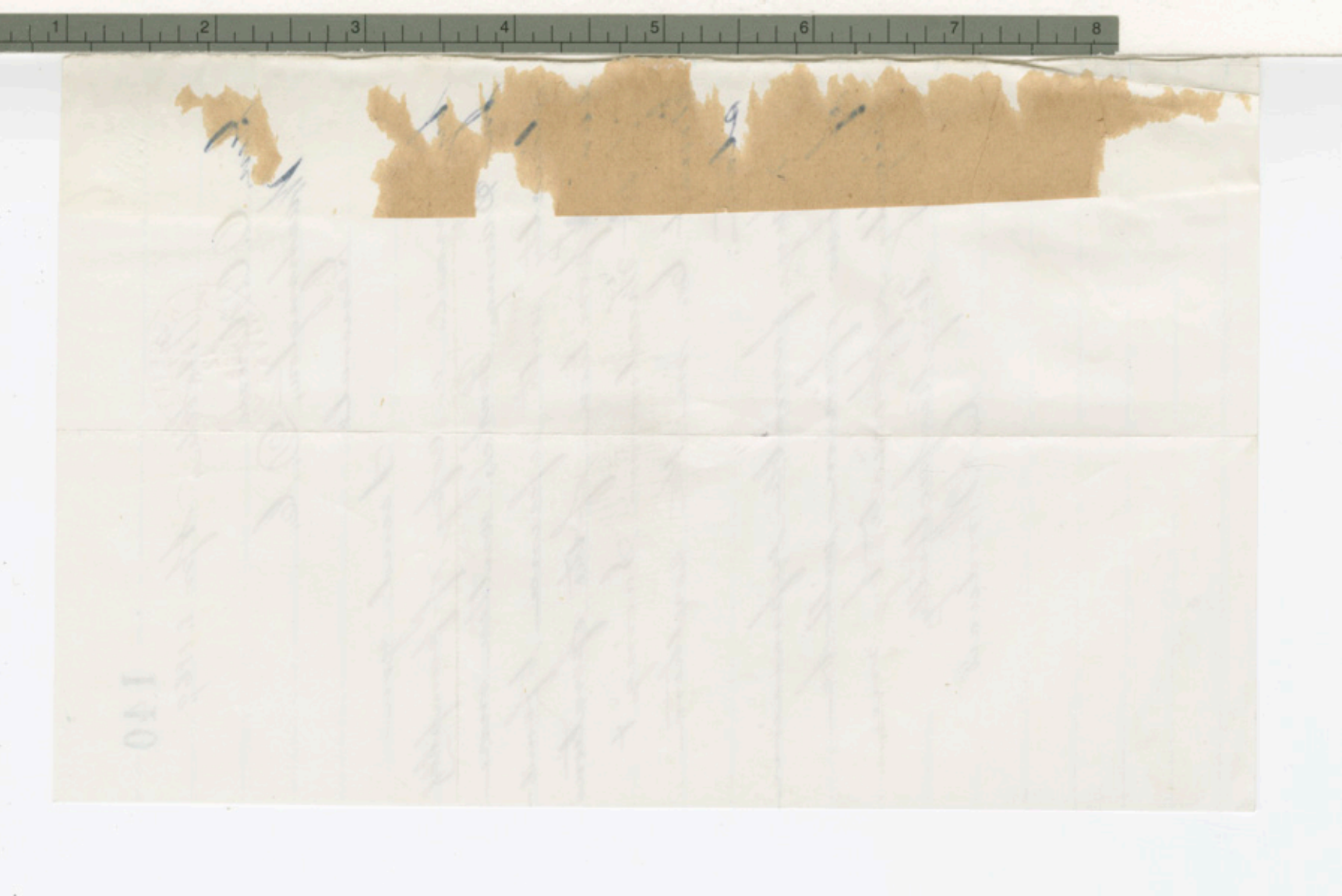
Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D. C.

General:

I send you by mail a copy of pamphlet on Saving Banks, written more directly with reference to familiar exposition of the operations of the Freedman's Saving & Trust Co. in the southern states.

Any favorable expression of your opinion will be highly appreciated by me.

Very Respectfully,
C. A. Woodward.



Kents Hill. Me. April 8. 1869

Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Your brother has written me with regard to the presidency of your noble Institution. I thank you sincerely for the favorable consideration you have given me. Should your board of trustees, through your kind recommendations offer me the place I shall gladly accept it unless the trustees of this school positively decline my resignation. I have long felt a change of climate of schools and of general relationships would add to my usefulness. I have an offer from a College in Tenn. and from one in Ill.; but I should prefer one connected with your College. I desire to work awhile for the colored people

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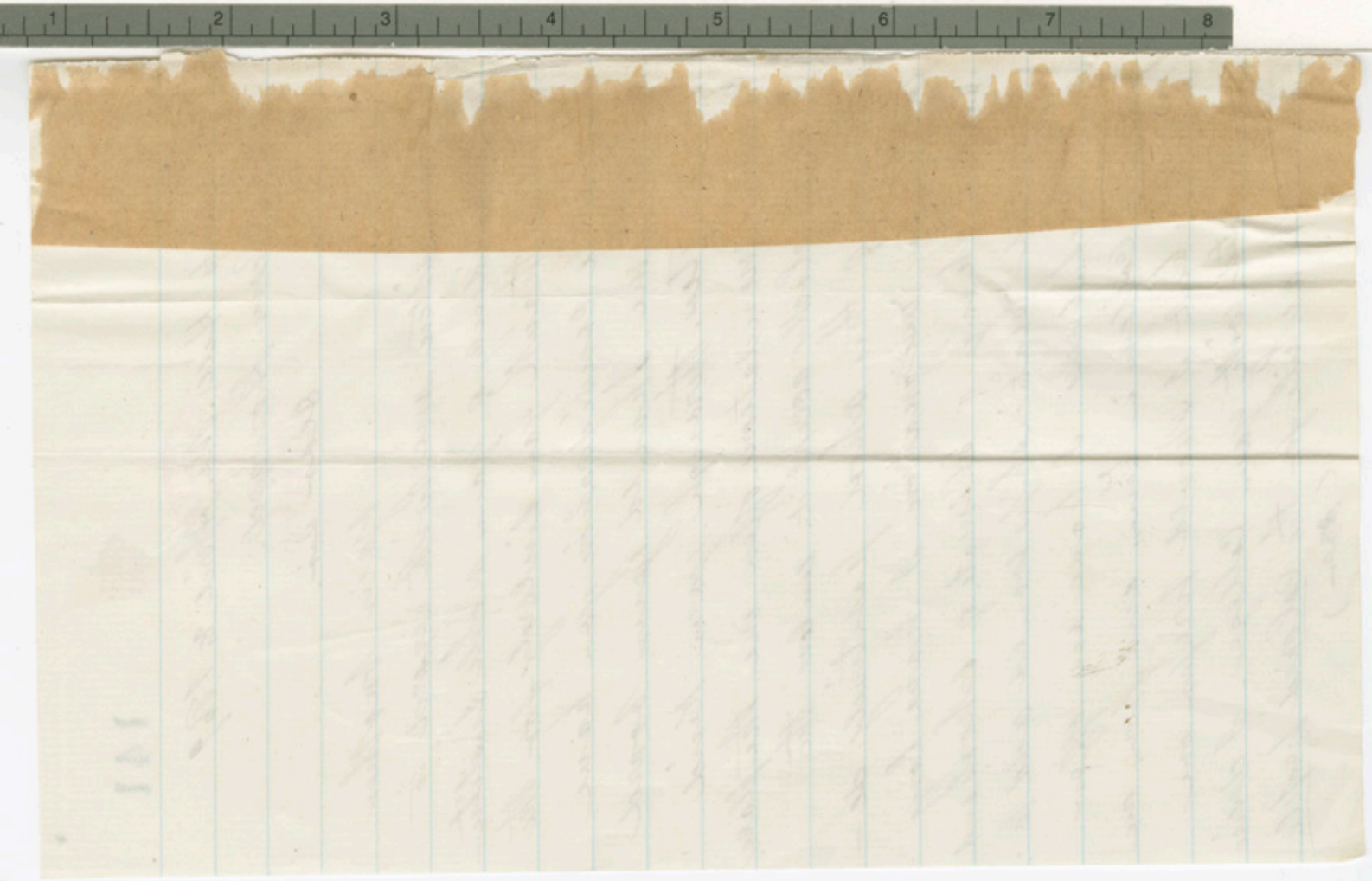

The relation of the school to your church would not, in the least, be objectionable to me. All the aid, directly, or indirectly, rendered your church by the prosperity of the school it has founded, is properly due it. Beside, I am so far, undenominational as to feel that I equally promote the welfare of man in aiding Congregationalism or Methodism —

Your trustees may desire a few facts concerning me, as a teacher — My age is 49 — I have had charge of this school 25 years — have had under my care over 8000 different student —

Most Respectfully Yours
H. R. Torsey

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

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Kents Hill. Me.
April. 8th 1869.

Forsey H. B.

If the Board of Trustees should offer him the Presidency of Howard University, would accept the position.

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538 L, between 8th & 9th streets.

April 8th 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

I would like to call and see you on Monday, if you will be kind enough to drop me a line, stating where your office is, and at what hour I can see you.

Resp'y Yours.

Mrs. Mary P. Winslow.

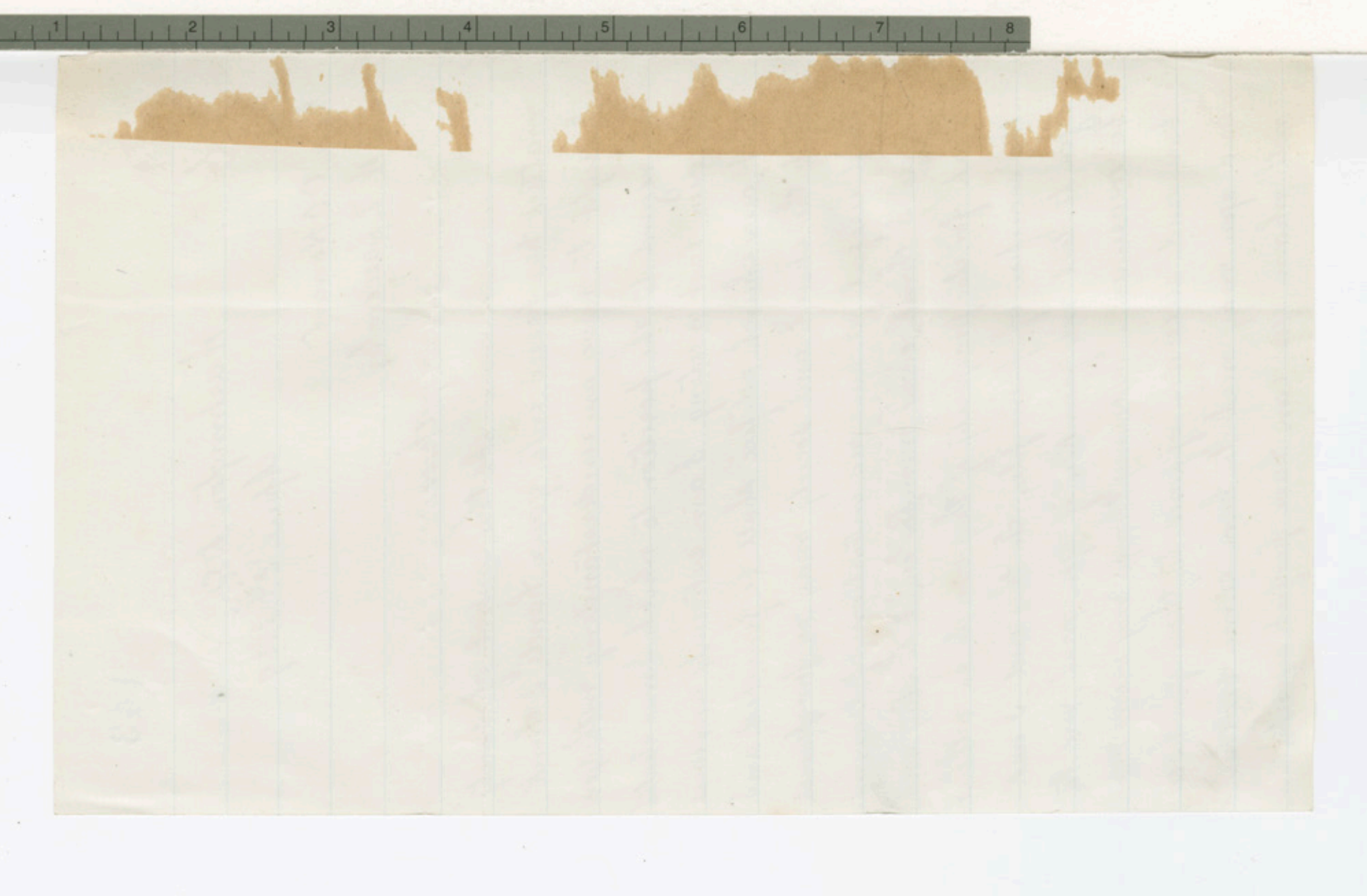
Washington. D.C.

Washington D.C.
April 8th 1869.

Gen. O.O. Howard
W. T. Bascom Esq.

Dear Brethren:

As the control of society matters has passed into your hands, I think I ought to have an understanding with you in regard to the position to which I was elected at our last meeting. I am extremely anxious that our church edifice shall be finished and that the church and society may be prosperous and useful. I have no intention of leaving it, as I think every member ought to stay and work for its prosperity if they can do so without the sacrifice of principle. To this end I ask you to tell me frankly if you wish me to be treasurer. In many things my views have been and still are opposed to those you hold, and you may wish to have some brother with whom you can have perfect sympathy



and confidence.

I leave this matter in your hands - am perfectly willing to abide by your decision if you will be kind enough to give it, and whether as officer or member, shall do all I can to help the enterprize in which we all have so deep an interest.

I shall be happy to meet you at any time and place you may designate. I can have an interview with you alone in my room at the Treas. Dept. (No. 74) if it is convenient for you.

With sincere respect

A. L. Sutherland.