War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.
State of Georgia,
Office Superintendent of Education,
Atlanta, Ga., July 29, 1869.

[Handwritten text]

Dear General,

Enclosed herewith you will find an application for a leave of absence for 30 days. Will you allow me to stay here, not that I have been now three years and a half on duty in the Bureau and my expenses have been looking so that I really have been unable to save enough in that time to pay the expenses of a visit to my friends, and that much as it will be in my power to materially advance the interests of the work in which I am engaged.
Although Mrs. S. & myself have been blessed with remarkable good health yet I think we both need this little recreation and matters will be left here in good order & in good hands - To take the trip intended will bring us very much in 30 days I trust Threfore if I am about a few days on that time you will approve it - If it be's good best I will visit Washington on my route back to Atlanta - I trust you will therefore give me an order instead of leave a blank. Mr. Lane will return about the 5th of August & I desire to hear about the 16th - I am Senate Very Sfely Yrs

J.R. Lewis
War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
State of Georgia,
Office Superintendent of Education,
Atlanta, Ga., July 29th, 1869.

To Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Commissioner
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to request a leave of absence for thirty-(30) days - to take effect as soon as Mr. Price returns. And that Mr. Price may be authorized to act as Sup'r of Education during my absence.

I am very respectfully,
Your Ob'l Servant,

J.C. Lewis
Bot. Col. U.S.A.
Sept. 18.
W&T Department

BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES & THE PHYSICAL PLANT

Office Superintendent of Education

[Handwritten text in blue ink]
Jul. 24, 1863

O. O. Office

We have just received

from Mr. A. of great suffering from

mechanical for the cause where

our case. We expect the suffering

will increase as the effect of

the cause is developed. The white

farmers, who are accused of the effect of

the cause to force the negro to work

at low wages. The government.

The case and there

is no need of and bearing the negro

will not work of negroes.

I think the while I knew whether

When I say great dilatation exist

and so far as the time are concurred

it must come from the North. This

must not be published as coming from me.

I wanted you to hear

It shall be pleased to hear

from you.

Yours Truly

James Park
From Colorado citizens.

Loss by flood in the Colorado Valley, Tex.

We have made an estimate of the amount of the destruction in Travis, Bastrop, Erath, Colorado and Martin Counties, and from our estimate there were (30,000) eighty thousand acres land in cultivation that has been overflowed and the entire crop therein destroyed. Of this land fifty thousand acres were in cotton, which at a low estimate would have made thirty thousand (30,000) bales, worth three million (3,000,000) dollars and twenty thousand (20,000) in corn (350,000 bushels), worth three hundred thousand dollars, making the total loss in crops alone three million, three hundred thousand dollars. Loss in fencing stock were one million six hundred thousand dollars, making the total loss in five (5) Counties about five million dollars.

The aggregate loss in all the other Counties of Western Texas must nearly or quite equal that sum, making the entire loss in Texas Ten Million dollars.

I suspect a cause from

N. W. Johnson

in duplicate.

Aug. 8th, 188?
Washington City, Aug 25th, 1819


Dr. sir,

Col. James M. Wood, 2d of the Federal Army, a citizen of New York, is an applicant for the appointment of Collector for the District of Columbia. He is recommended by the Secretary of War from the State of New York, as well as the officers of the Land Army of the Republic. I should be the more successful if I could be his deputy. I therefore respectfully ask your influence in his behalf. I assure you that he is a gentleman who can be greatly serviceable for the Government. His character is known in the hands of the President.

If not asking too much, I would be more than pleased to receive from you a letter adding to the President or Gen. Butler favoring the appointment of Col. Wood, and assuring him the same will be extended a personal favor.

I am, Gent. Very Respectfully,

Your Ob. Sert,

Jacob R. Harris.
Which I owe upon the balance
coming to me will be

120.

Yours respectfully,
L. Harris

July 27th, 1869

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

Dr. Sir,
The last

time I saw you, you said that if I notified
you of any not having
been paid by Mrs. Ramsey
for setting furniture in
University, you would deduct
it from this payment.

The amount due one for
setting all furnaces, and
framing all materials,
is ($625.00). You will
see by my bill for setting
the one in your hands
which was ($110), and then

432 - 9th Street.
of the Church which
now ($100) after, that
my bill for University
is correct, and you will
confuse on me a favor by
Refusing it from Mr. Randly.
It was almost one
year since he borrowed this
Note for thirty days, and
instead of returning it to
me he had Shipped it,
and I tried to make
some believe I owed him
it to him, he will likely
do the same with you,
and that is why I mention
it, including the above
Bill but in addition to the
amount of $211
If you deduct amount
of any bill from Mr. Randly
after paying yourself $100
With the Union army
booth as a scout and as
a guide I was bothered under
gentle pressure and under
cool frankness but at the
same time I don't wish
to refer you to my services
in the army for the purpose
of receiving any valuable
possessions all that I wish is
to make an honest living
and if you can render any
assistance in so doing you
will confer a great favor
upon me and one that I shall
never for get.

Nothing more at
present I remain yours
ever respectfully

Joseph O. Wyman
No 26 W Lafayette Baltimore

Baltimore Md, July 24 1869.

Gen. C.O. Howard

Dear Sir. I was very
sorry that I did not see you at the
Treasury on Tuesday as I expected.
If I had I could have gone to work
on the first of the month.
And I was told if you would take
My papers to the Treasury this week
or next and keep pushing them they
would not refuse you.
As Gen. Simpson told me that they
would make some five or six
Appointments in each bureau next week.
Gen. I am going to move to
Washington about the 8th or 10th of
August, if you do not succeed in
getting me in the Treasury will you
be kind enough to give me that-
J. T. Wynn to Genl. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir: After my last respects I must inform you that I have not been able to do any thing of any account since I got hurt last winter. My hurt is of such a nature that it is impossible for me to work at brick laying when the weather is any ways unfavorable and if you can assist either myself or my wife in getting it situation so that we can make a living, I will be under many obligations to you and as I have no one to refer you to in Washington that is acquainted with me personally in regards to my principals. If you can see Col. Tapehart he has my papers showing that I was for nearly three years const.
Hudson of July 30 by
Gen 00 Howard
Sir Knows

To well the indulgent & benedict heads of your character I venture again to saddle a moment on your time on behalf of My Son

Wm.

He has as yet no official information as to what is to be his future in or out of the Army, & as he is constantly being onward further & further from home is becoming somewhat anxious. I wish to ascertain in the first place what effect the "movaling orders" will have where those in that list. But it is hoped to secure his transfer to some other Company or Regt. Which by the
I have done or can be assigned
in proper clerical post for
which he is, I think, literally
well qualified.
I address you with
the freedom of a familiar friend,
not that I claim to enviously
a destination, but because I
spoke on account of my dear's
boy who ever speaks of you as
the model, after whose character
he would desire to have all in
whom he is interested moulded,
hence in response to his reft
to his ability hope you may feel
sufficient interest in him to
suggest his name at "Coast"
in some one of the suggested names.

He is now at, or
wishes to be addressed, care
Head Quarter 5th Dist.
Gen. O. Howard

My dear sir,

Rev. N. D. Moore of Cincinnati

kindly promised to raise five hundred dollars toward our church edifice. If you could find time to write him a line, reminding him of his pledge & telling him of our necessities, it might bring us in some money.

Very truly yours,

William A. Hopper
West Point, N.Y., July 31st, 1869.

Sir,

By direction of the Executive Committee, I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association of the Graduates of the United States Military Academy.

Should you think proper to become a member of the Association, I have the further honor to request that you furnish me with such particulars as will enable me to comply with By-Law 4.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

Capt. and Bvt. Lieut. Col. U. S. A.

List of Officers for 1869-70:


Treasurer: Prof. H. L. KENDRICK, LL.D., West Point, N. Y.

Secretary: Ret. Lieut. Col. C. C. PARSONS, " "


Prof. W. H. C. Bartlett, LL.D., R. P. PARROTT, Esq., " "

Executive Committee:

Ret. Lieut. Col. C. C. Parsons, West Point, N. Y.
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

Association of the Graduates of the United States Military Academy.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The Association of the Graduates of the United States Military Academy shall include all the graduates of that institution who shall have assented to the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be to cherish the memories of our Alma Mater, and to promote the social intercourse and fraternal fellowship of its graduates.

ARTICLE III.

Par. 1. The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five members.

Par. 2. The oldest graduate belonging to the Association shall be the President; and in his absence the senior graduate present shall preside at the meetings of the Association. The Secretary and Treasurer, to be selected from the Officers of the Military Academy, shall be appointed by the Presiding Officer, at each annual meeting, for the ensuing year.

Par. 3. The Association shall meet annually at West Point, New York, on the 17th of June, and if that fall on Sunday, then on the 18th of June.

ARTICLE IV.

Political or any other discussions foreign to the purposes of the Association, as set forth in this Constitution, or any proceedings of such a tendency, are declared inimical to the purposes of this organization, and are prohibited.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every graduate desiring to become a member of this Association shall be admitted upon paying an Initiation Fee of Ten Dollars.

2. At each annual meeting, the Presiding Officer shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, whose duty it shall be to make all needful preparations and arrangements for the ensuing meeting, and transact such other business as may not devolve upon the other officers of the Association.

3. The Treasurer shall disburse all the moneys of the Association upon the order of the Executive Committee, attested by the signature of its Chairman, and shall, at each annual meeting, make a full report of his receipts and disbursements.

4. The Secretary shall cause a book of records to be kept, exhibiting the address and occupation of every member of the Association.

5. The records of the Association shall be preserved at West Point, N. Y., and shall be open to the inspection of the members.

6. All members of the Association, who may be prevented, by any cause, from personally attending the annual meeting, are expected to notify the Secretary, and to impart such information in regard to themselves as they may think proper, and as may be of interest to their fellow members.

7. No member of the Association shall speak more than once on any subject or question of business, and no longer than five minutes, without the consent of the meeting being first obtained.

8. A two-thirds vote of all the members present at any regular meeting shall be required to alter or amend these By-Laws.

9. Church's Manual of Parliamentary Law shall be authority for the government and regulation of all meetings of this Association.
New York July 31st 1869

Dear General,

I am advised by my personal friend Mrs. J.A. Kennedy, President of the Ladies Relief Association to aid soldiers to ask from you a letter of endorsement and if possible a request to Mr. Gurnett for my appointment as Deputy Inspector of the Customs in this Post.

The ladies of the Association having taken my case in hand wish so to strengthen their application that my appointment must be the result. They are the wives, sisters, and daughters of our best Republicans. I send you a copy of their last report that you may see who and what they are. They are good Christian women. My application has been on
file at the Custom House since April, have heard nothing from it since, only the assurance from the Collector that "it would not be overlooked" it requires something to bring it into notice. I had great hopes of something good resulting to me from your visit to New York but failed to see you though, every effort to do so. It is now more than months since I have had anything to do.

And several men who do not have the places, half so well as I do, have been appointed since my application.

Please address me at 196 Place St. in Cape Kennedy 135 First 22 St.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. Baird

Major Genl. O.O. Howard
Depot Quartermaster's Office

Col. Major General O.O. Howard,
Commissioner F.B. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

Enclosed, you will find my check No. 1346 on U.S. Treasury, drawn to your order for $93.28, being in payment of your bond of your fuel for the month of July, 1864.

Please acknowledge receipt of check.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Foran
Deputy Quartermaster
ed with M.D. myself and my
family is but slightly. However, I
will bear the matter in mind,
and, if possible, have your sug-
gestion carried out.
Sincerely yours,
A. P. Ketchum.

Genl. O. O. Howard

P.S. I will return the sub-
scription paper for the present so
that I shall have it in case
anyone wishes to add some-
thing more to it.
A. P. K.

Read Aug. 4th, 1869.

New York, July 31, 1869.

My dear Gale,

I send you with this check,
payable to you order, as follows:

R. P. Buck # 500.

Kennedy, Co. 250.

A. S. Bowes, 125.

E. K. -- 500.

A. P. K. -- 500.
in all $1,875.

A gentleman also subscribed
$250 on the twenty thousand dol-
lar subscription paper, has now
come out of town for some time, and his
partner upon whom I have called,
who is the firm are too firm to

worth.
hance, thought he would get $125-
from him so as to make up the?
and I have to $200. He promised
to make the attempt vigorously,
but the money hasn't come yet.

The party in question, however,
has returned to the City.

As I write, R. W. H. is here.

The other day, Mr. Chittenden
has lately said to Mr. Back
that if $500 could be raised
for you, he would give $500
more to make the end $5000.

If I were to criticize Mr. Chittenden
a little, I would say that
he might with better grace have
given it on the spot, particularly
as new of his $1000 subscription

He might still occur in Phila
& Bosn the aunt might be
accident. I have written
and signed, with regard to this,
and think he is giving the mat-
to his attention.

Mr. Back I have a number
of times reminded me, in the
hope that, as I suggested, he
would mention to Mr. Dredge,
subscription, and after to
renew it, or at least make
another. When I saw him last
he had not done so, but said
that if he happened to see Mr.
D. at any time he would en-
dear to get something for you
from him. I am not anxious
Calverville Me.  
July 31st 67

General,

As you have perhaps already seen, you are quite prominent upon the President’s programme. I am not a little anxious to be able to say “God Howard will certainly be present.” Will you be so kind as to acquaint me thus far with your plans?

The meeting will be very large. For the evening lectures we will have the large State Hall, which we expect to fill it. The excursions of the morning will be held in the Normal School building.

Very truly yours,

John Bucklin

May, Gen. A. A. Howard, U.S.A.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1869.

9 A.M. Meeting of Directors and Committees, to examine accounts and arrange for the publication of the Proceedings of the National Superintendents', Normal School, and Teachers' Associations.

In addition to the Papers and Lectures announced, the following will be presented and read if opportunity offer:

"PRONOUNCING ORTHOGRAPHY, A HELP IN LEARNING TO READ FOR CHILDREN, FOREIGNERS AND NATIVE ADULTS," by Dr. Edwin Leish, New York.


Lecture on "THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE," by Prof. Chittenden.


Paper by Prof. S. J. Hart, Principal of State Normal School, New Jersey.

"HOW TO CONDUCT RELIGIOUS WORSHIP IN SCHOOLS."

Lectures by Prof. George F. Holmes, of the University of Virginia, and Superintendents Kimball, of Salem, Mass., and George R. Sears, of Newark, N. J.

Arrangements for Free Return Tickets have been made with the following Rail Roads: Baltimore and Ohio, from Cincinnati via Marietta and Wheeling to Baltimore. Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore. Pennsylvania Central, Central Ohio, Indiana Central and Great Western, from Chicago to Philadelphia. Philadelphia and Erie. The Camden and Amboy, and other Roads in New Jersey, will sell Excursion Tickets for the round trip to Trenton and back, for two-thirds the full fare, namely: From New York to Trenton and back, $2.65; from Philadelphia to Trenton and back, $1.35; from Easton to Trenton and back, $2.00; from Maumee to Trenton and back, $2.75; and at a like rate from other points in the State. Committees are now endeavoring to secure similar concessions from the roads in the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Southwestern States.

The cooperation of the Officers of Public Instruction and of the Friends of Education in those sections is earnestly solicited.

The Hotel will charge $2 per day. Private Board, per day, from $1 to $1.50. It is expected that Ladies will be accommodated free of all charge. These privileges will be extended to members only upon presentation, at the Hotel or Rail Road Offices, of a certificate of membership.

L. VAN BOKKELEN, Maryland.

W. E. CROSBY, Ohio.

Secretary.

Delegations from Educational Associations will please notify Prof. Hart, at Trenton, of their number, and how many are ladies.

Delegations to the Philological Convention at Poughkeepsie, coming from the West by the New York and Erie Road, will have free return tickets, which will be good until August 23, to enable the holders to attend the Trenton meeting.

PROGRAMME OF EXERCISES

AT THE

National Educational Conventions

IN TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.

August 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, 1869.

National Superintendents' Association.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1869.

11 A.M. A General Meeting of the Officers and Directors of the National Superintendents', Normal School, and Teachers' Associations, for arrangement of business.

All Friends of Education are invited to assist and make suggestions, by which the success of the Convention and the comfort of members in attendance may be secured.

3 P.M. Opening Exercises and Address by the President.

3½ " A Paper by the Rev. George A. Leach, of Maryland: "THE PERIODIC LAW AS APPLIED TO EDUCATION."*


8½ P.M. A Paper by B. G. Norcross, Secretary of the State Board of Education, Conn. - to be followed by a Discussion. "SHOULD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE FREE, OR SUPPORTED IN PART BY RATE BILLS?"

J. W. BULKLEY, New York.

President.

L. VAN BOKKELEN, Maryland.

Secretary.

*All Papers read before the Associations are open for discussion.
American Normal School Association,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1869.

9½ A. M. Opening Exercises and Address.

10 " A Paper by Rev. Joseph Allen, LL. D., President of the New York State Normal School, at Albany: "How shall Pupils be Taught to Teach?"

11 A. M. Lecture by Prof. Phelps, Principal of State Normal School, Minnesota: "School Architecture, with some account of the New Normal School. Building at Winona, and of the Educational Idea which it embodies."

2½ P. M. A Paper by Prof. Forde A. Allen, Principal of State Normal School, Mansfield, Penna.: "Course of Study for a Normal School."

3½ P. M. Lecture by Prof. John C. Bakeness, President of State Normal University, Wilmington, Del.: "Normal Principles of Education."

8 P. M. A Paper by Prof. Brooks, Principal of State Normal School, Millersville, Penna.: "The Spiritual Element of Education."

M. A. NEWELL, Maryland,

President.

A. L. BARBER, Washington, D. C.,

Secretary.

National Teachers’ Association.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1869.

9 A. M. A General Meeting for Preliminary Business; also, Meeting of Superintendents’ and Normal School Associations to hear Reports of Committees, and to elect Officers of the Associations for the ensuing year.

10 A. M. Opening Exercises of the National Teachers’ Association:

Address of Welcome, by Gov. Randolph, in behalf of the New Jersey State Board of Education; and Ex-Gov. Parker, in behalf of the New Jersey State Normal School. Response by the President.

11 A. M. Exercise in Vocal Culture, by Miss Swayne, of State Normal School, New Jersey.

11½ A. M. Appointment of Committees; Announcements by the Secretary; Reception of New Members, &c.

2½ P. M. Paper by Z. Richards, Superintendent of Public Schools, Washington, D. C.: "Elementary Schools—Dangers, Defects and Radical Remedies."

*All Papers read before the Associations are open for discussion.

8 P. M. Paper by Hon. E. S. Field, President of Trustees of New Jersey State Normal School: "Obligations of Christianity to Learning."

8½ P. M. Paper by Prof. Woodman, Dartmouth College, N. H.: "Drawing as a Branch of Elementary Education."

8½ P. M. Lecture by Superintendent Wickwire, of Pennsylvania: "The State in its Relation to Higher Education."

Readings, throughout the day and evening, by Miss Swayne and her Pupils.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1869.

9 A. M. Lecture by Mrs. Randall, of New York: "Natural Reading."

9½ " Lecture by Hon. J. D. Phlebrick, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Boston: "The School and the Workshop." To be followed by a Discussion.

11 A. M. Lecture by Prof. James McClintock, of Philadelphia: "Physiology as a Part of Common School Education." To be illustrated by a complete new set of Anxoux’s Papier Maché Models, Wax Preparations, Diagrams, and Natural Preparations, costing over seven thousand dollars.

2½ P. M. Lecture by Prof. E. E. White, Editor of the Ohio Educational Monthly:

2½ P. M. A Paper by Ellis A. Apgar, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of New Jersey: "Method of Teaching Map Drawing in Schools."

8 P. M. Lecture by Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.: "Education in the South, with Reference to the Colored Population."

Elocutionary Readings, throughout the day and evening, by Mrs. Randall.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1869.

9 A. M. Lecture by Professor Monroe, of Boston, Mass.: "The Voice and its Training."

10 A. M. Paper by Dr. J. W. Hoyt, of Wisconsin: "Progress of University Education."

11 A. M. Paper by Hon. Joseph White, LL. D., Secretary of Massachusetts State Board of Education: "Christianity in the Public Schools."


3½ P. M. General Discussion of Educational Topics.

8 " Reports of Committees; Election of Officers.

8½ " Re-union, with short addresses from the States represented in the Association.

Elocutionary Readings, throughout the day and evening, by Prof. Monroe.

*All Papers read before the Associations are open for discussion.