Phila. 9 Nov. 1869

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May [illegible] O. E. Howard

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Mr. [illegible] Westfall,

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Yours truly,

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Mr. W. H. Mitchell.

Phila., Pa.
whom, until within these five years, the knowledge of letters was denied; to whom the Bible was a sealed book; whose inheritance was ignorance, poverty, and oppression. Now all this is changed, and the people pant for instruction. They beg for teachers and preachers, and receive them with a hearty welcome. They rejoice in the school house and the “meeting house,” however humble these structures may be.

Our Church is loudly and providentially called to enter this field. We are their debtors, and should be second to none in zeal to meet these obligations. The last General Assembly took care to call the attention of our churches and people to the “vastness and sacredness, and especially the hopefulness, of the work which we are called to undertake in behalf of the Freedmen. A more hopeful field for missionary effort,” they say, “is not to be found on the face of the globe than that among these millions of emancipated slaves.”

In view of the pressing need of this portion of our countrymen, and the great hopefulness of the field, the Assembly urge upon the churches to raise, during the coming year, no less a sum than $100,000, for the purpose of carrying forward, not feebly, but boldly, swiftly, and vigorously, the work of educating and evangelizing the Freedmen.” To this end let a contribution be made, as soon as practicable, by each of our churches, and gifts of gratitude resorted to our means. Whatever is given among us to this cause should be concentrated upon our own work. Churches, that have in previous years contributed to outside associations, should see it to it that their contributions henceforth are forwarded to our own treasury. The General Assembly have given a timely and appropriate caution on this point, that should be heeded by all our churches. They say:

"No step could have been taken by the Assembly more wise, and more fortunate, than the organization of a plan which shall turn upon the wheels of our own work this stream of generous and cheerful bounty. The day of desirity and scattered effort, we hope, has closed. Let the strength of the Church be concentrated. Let all the gifts of all our churches, in behalf of the Freedmen, be placed at the disposal of that veteran Missionary Committee whom we know and trust, and under whom so much has been accomplished in the evangelization of the populous North and West, and a new era will have begun in the work of missions to the Freedmen.

"They desire to call particular attention to this point, and urge every pastor within our bounds to do his utmost, not only to secure contributions in behalf of the Freedmen, but to induce the donors to pour their gifts into that channel prepared and recommended by our Branch of the Church. A column will be found in the next Minutes of the General Assembly, set apart particularly for a record of our contributions to this object; and while we would not lessen in the least degree, the zeal or the resources of any other evangelical denomination engaged in this work, but rather bid them “go forward” in God’s name, we feel that the time has fully come for the New School Presbyterian Church to do something in behalf of the emancipated slaves, which shall be seen by the world to be correspondent, with her wealth, her heart, and her history.”

The work of the second year is opening most favorably. A large force of teachers will soon be in the field. The missionary work demands a large increase of laborers. The Committee are prepared to prosecute it with energy, and occupy the field as fully as possible. They look to the churches for encouragement and support, trusting that the great Head of the Church will crown their exertions with the desired success. They call upon the Pastors and Stated Supplies of the churches to render their efficient aid, by bringing the cause before their Sessions and securing for it a regular presentation before their congregations in the course of the year. They ask of their brethren and sisters, to whom God has given wealth and a heart to feel for the outreach, liberal contributions in the support of teachers. Three hundred and fifty dollars will support a Teacher for one year. Churches, Sunday-schools, and individuals—many of them—may thus become the Patrons of a particular school, and carry forward the work by their own proxies.

Contributions may be sent, designated “for the Freedmen’s Department,” to Mr. Edward A. Lambert, Treasurer, Presbyterian Rooms, No. 30 Vesey street, New York.
Quartermaster General's Office,
Washington, D.C., Sept 14th, 1869

Brev. Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard,

Dear

Enclosed please find my note for $50. I am sorry that I am obliged to pay it in such small sums. I am very in travail but it is the best I can do. Wishing you abundant success in your church enterprises. I in all Hans labor to build up & extend the kingdom of the Redeemer.

I am sincerely, Your much obliged
brother in Christ

James B. McHenry
Washington City
Sep 14th, 1869

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

Sir:

About one year ago I spoke to you relative to some lots we own in Sq 640, Lot 1, 2, 3 & 4. You observed you would like to purchase, but was then in want of the means. Would you like to purchase at the present time as we are very desirous to sell.

Very Respectfully,

P.H. Gilbert

No 437 D Stree. N
WASHINGTON, Sept. 14, 1869

Quarterly

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Hospital and Dispensary for Women, will convene at the Hospital Building, on Thursday, the 16th day of Sept. at 3 1/2 o'clock P.M.

A full attendance is desired.

Respectfully,

J. Coombs.

Secretary.
Little Rock Ark
Sept 14 1869

Dear O O Howard

I have the honor to introduce to you our friend
J J Watson of Helena Ark. He is a gentleman of
integrity and fine business qualifications.
He visits Washington on business, and any favor
shown him will be duly appreciated by us.

Respectfully,

B J Rice
A McDonald
202 D St., near 20th,
Washington, Sept. 14, '87,
Gen. U. C. Howard.

The week in June last, in which I left the city, a gentleman of the
N. W. C. Association called here, in my absence, as I supposed at your suggestion, to see
my house in reference to moving it to "Murder Bay" for a Col. Mission School.
He seemed to have the impression, without seeing it, that its dimensions
were too small. Though he made a par
tial arrangement to call again, I did
not see him. That I regretted, for he
would have found it ample for quite a
large school, but if not large enough, have
judged the practicability of lengthening
it so, what might be better, if adding a
story.
The frame of the building & the timbers under the floor are arranged ready for the second story. It has now an upper floor. That very locality in which I teach may be worth the consideration of your Committee on the city missions as a field for the same labors of holding meetings or gathering a Sunday school.

You are aware that the house is well built; the site is a pleasant one and the purchase of lots is considered good investment. So that were the association to make a purchase, eventually, when the necessity for their labors disappeared a sale might show a pecuniary profit.

May I ask you with that Committee to reconsider the plan of purchasing for Hudson Bay, or inquire if some use of its...
Hartford Sept 15th 1869

God 11 O'Clock

Uncle James

Dear Uncle

I am not think it best

for you to enter the University

before doing. When you will be well

preparing to enter. Why to you to

foundt the principal. Well I cant object to

the name you suppose - but I dont

make me proud - I am trying to live more humble and reduce

the Master. and not at "this poor
dining rate." I have been passing

through near convic time of late.

But this is foreign to the subject.
I shall give 140 words. $25. to do one

time of before I die. I know not

railed any thing yet. All have been absent much of
I write with a few - I am going to work soon. Do, I bet it. But it is God's work and must be done.

I do not mean to be vague about the matter if it is possible. They are so used to the idea of paying to us to take care of they have been what advancing science has made. But I cannot.

I will write you again soon, when not in trouble. A poor family is out of bread. I must see them to night.

I don't remember me and

Please to help Howard. If he both wounds a child are done well. Do, Lucy, you don't forget.

Kindly, my love says and

Yours truly,

J. Clark
Charleston, Oct. 18th 69.

Dear General:

Since my last, I guess matters are pretty much settled, so that I shall have a council to be released. Many very I quoted that brother's remark. Do you think, he had the authority to ask me if I thought that California was prepared for the large liberty of our order. I told him your church was mostly made up of New England men.
A MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION will be held on FRIDAY NIGHT next, September 17, at Good Samaritan Hall. There will be several distinguished speakers present, and, as they will discuss the principles of the true Republican faith, all interested therein are earnestly invited to attend. By order.

J. L. PARKHURST, Sec'y.
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The receipts of internal revenue were $308,499 12.

Secretary Boutwell will make several

Secretary Boutwell will arrive here.
Georgetown, D.C.
Sept 16, 1869.

Gen'l O.O. Howard

Sir:

We propose having a Republican Meeting to-morrow night at Good Samaritan Hall, and we must earnestly desire your presence, in the confident belief that as words from you would work great benefit to the cause in our Town.

Very Respectfully,

J.L. Parkhurst
Secretary

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To
Genl CO Howard

absent till today
cannot possibly come

E B Webb

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CH H
Berea College,

Berea, Ky., Sept 17, 1869

Geo. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Geo.

Our building is completed, beautiful and elegant. The moral effect upon the people far & near is very marked for good. Here are thousands who walk by sight & not by faith. They appreciate material prospect more than they do religious principle. The former sometimes opens the ear to the latter.

The effect upon our young men is also marked. They are inspired with hope, self-respect & noble resolve. None such a magnificent gift can inspire. They are waiting the beaus and it does one soul good to see these young white men who were
shut up in darkness in their rooms in regions and then colored youth who are students in the universities now unfolding under the influence of science and Christianity into efficient and moral beings.

I thank God I have been privileged to see this day take some humble part in the glorious work—you have the means of doing some good and can to greater joy.

I am glad you have come to the theme for a time like this.

Mrs. Fairchild will tell you what is the request of our committee and the suggestion of Col. Chima who has visited us to see our work.

Yours as ever,

John G. Lee

The school at Camp Nelson is doing well and our work—

Camp Nelson

The Lord prosper I G L.
New York Sep. 18th 1869

O.O. Howard

Dear Sir: I have sent you by mail today a copy of the Prospectus of the "Bible Hand Book for Sabbath Schools and Bible Readers," which I wish you would examine and give your opinion of its usefulness, for which service the good it may do to Sunday School work I hope may reward you.

Yours,

A. L. Rawson

care of R.B. Thompson & Co.

134 Front St.

New York.
Washington Sept. 1869

My dear Buena:

If you are in town on Monday, I wish to have you drop in at my office. The complaints in regard to St. Nicholas managemen of the asylums have assumed a form on which I shall be glad to take your advice.

Very truly yours,

O. O. Howard
Dear General:

Please add Manchester, N.H., Oct. 22nd, to the list of engagements. Plainfield, N.J., cannot arrange for a lecture to early, and I will offer the date (Oct. 28th) to Newark.

Please inform me, as soon as possible, if you will be able to write your proposed new lecture, and what its title will be. Do you not deliver any of your old lectures when called for?

Is it certain that you will not be able to go west at all the coming season?

Yours truly,

Chas. Mumford.
S. L.—Rev. M. S. Strieby, Sec.
Rev. Missionary, Azin, has just called with reference to your speaking at their meeting in Ohio. I suppose you could make the distance, but it would be hard traveling. The last train leaves Hobson (where you are engaged for the 26th) for Boston at 8:15 p.m., but by taking private conveyance to Boston, (10 miles) so as to catch the 5 A.M. train on the Boston & Albany Road, you can reach Mount Vernon, Ohio, by half past eight A.M. of the 28th, in time for afternoon and evening sessions of last day. Of course, you would have to travel constantly. This would involve the post movement of Newark and New Brunswick; would you come on some Thursday or Friday later in the season to fill these? We are dummies if arranging things somehow, if you want to go to Ohio.
If official business should leave you more leisure to lecture than you have anticipated, please inform us. An early reply to my queries is respectfully solicited.

Very truly,

[Signature]
Galveston, September 1869

General O.C. Howard,

Sirs:

There are two U. S. Assessorships in this State filled by men who are bitter opponents of the Republican party. Mr. Rudder, editor of the "Texas Republican," though an ex-U. S. Officer, is using his official position, as well as his paper, to defeat the Republican ticket in the coming election. He is Assessor of the 1st District.

The other office is filled by a Mr. ridge, an old Texas — but of high previous records — and uninformed. He is Assessor of the 2nd District.

As it is generally understood, that both of these gentlemen are to be absent, it has occurred to me, that I have been sufficiently identified with Texas to ask an appointment if the changes are made.
With no political influence, my only hope of success rests with you. It is a great deal to ask that you make it a personal matter, but if you will, and I am successful, you will have no cause to regret the action.

I enclose herewith my application for the special train of the P.O. Department intended for Baltimore. The only one then vacant, and which you so kindly endorsed. Being informed of the Department, that the vacancy had been filled, I did not present the application.

The Telegraph brings the news today that Col. Adams has been removed from the office. This change is due to General Clark, a man noted for his system — majesty, and shallow Radicalism. He is a Radical because there are good Colonel Major in the District. I have had occasion to be thankful for the caution you gave me at Columbus, in reference to —

I am writing forward the school keys as fast as possible. The death of the bookmaker, for the Coliseum House, did delay it, has retarded the progress of the house, but somewhat. I hope soon with no unforeseen drawbacks, both will be ready for occupation, at the time specified in the contract.

Very respectfully,

Louis Williamson.