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Maj. Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Friend.

At Rev. E. Hatfield's request I would solicit an interview with you in Washgtn on Monday morning next, the 20th or at any time during that day that will permit of my reaching Winchester Va. by Tuesday morning — on business connected with the Presbyterian Freedmen's work.

Yours truly

Wm. H. Whitehill.

116 N. 11th St

Phila. Pa.

THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.

Chairman, WM. ADAMS, D.D.

Secretary, E. F. HATFIELD, D.D.

E. A. LAMBERT, Esq. Treasurer.

FREEDMEN'S DEPARTMENT,

PRESBYTERIAN ROOMS, 30 Vesey Street,

(Astor House Block.)

P. O. BOX 3863.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE FREEDMEN.

In most of our churches, separate months are assigned for annual contributions to specific objects. In arranging the schedule, preference should, undoubtedly, be given to the various Boards and Permanent Committees of our own Church. These have a paramount claim. The work of our own denomination should be first commended and sustained.

A glance at the columns of the Statistical Reports, published in connection with the Minutes of the General Assembly, will indicate at once what causes are to be annually presented to our churches for their contributions. Every Church should have something to give to each of these objects. The blanks should all be filled.

One of these columns is assigned to collections and contributions for the Freedmen, the Assembly having urged upon the churches to place this cause side by side with the others, and to create a separate Fund for the work. It is hoped that care will be taken to put it on the schedule of every church, and assign a particular month for its presentation. As the Assembly have determined upon a separate department or agency, for the vigorous prosecution of this work, and made it dependent on funds specifically contributed to it, the propriety of giving it a place among the causes thus to be presented to the churches is obvious.

Heretofore our Home Mission Work has mainly taken the direction of "out West." We are now called to go "down South." Until lately we were shut out from the Southern States. Now we find everywhere an open door. Go where we will at the South, we find a waiting people—millions of them in all—eager for instruction, to

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 remitted by our men of 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 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 desultory 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 outcast, 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

Bro. Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Genl

Enclosed please find my note for $50. I am sorry that I am obliged to pay it in such small sums & at such long intervals, but it is the best I can do. Wishing you abundant success in your church enterprise & in all your labors to build up & extend the kingdom of the Redeemer.

I am sincerely your much obliged

brother in Christ

James B. McCreary

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Washington City
Sept 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. Lots 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
H. N. Gilbert
No 437 D Street N

WASHINGTON, Sept 14th 1869

The regular ~~monthly~~ quarterly 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 3½ o'clock P. M.

A full attendance is desired.

Respectfully,

J. N. Coombs.

Secretary.

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Little Rock Ark
Sept 14 1869

Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir

Allow us to introduce to you our friend J. G. Watson of Helena Ark. He is a gentleman of integrity and fine business qualifications.

He visits Washington on business, and any favors shown him will be duly appreciated by us.

Respectfully

B. F. Rice
A. McDonald

Letter Book Copy
Aug 14 1869

Gen. Geo. H. Thomas
Chief Quartermaster
Cavalry Bureau
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have
received your letter of the 7th inst.
directing me to report to Brevet Maj.
Genl. Wm. Sinclair Commanding
Cavalry Bureau for duty in the
Quartermaster's Department.

I will do so at once.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

208 I St. near 20th,

Washington. Sept. 14. '69.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

The week in June last in which I left the city a gentleman of the Y. M. 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 Colda Mission School.

He seemed to have the impression, without seeing it, that its dimensions were too small & though he made a partial 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 or, what might be better, of 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 Murder Bay, or inquire if some use of it cannot be found expedient where it stands.

Very Respectfully,
With Obligations,
M. R. Mann.

Hartford Sept 15th 1869

Genl O O Howard

My Dear Friend -

Your 14th at hand and noted -

I do not think it best for Jennie to Enter the University before Spring - Then he will be well prepared - So Mr Capron thinks - the principal - Well - I cant object to the name you propose - but it would make me proud - I am trying to live more humble - and Honor the Master - and not at "this poor dizzy rate". I have been passing through new convictions of Hate - But this is foreign to the subject - I shall give Howard - $25,000 some time - I before I die! I have not rallied any thing yet - we all have been absent much of

& Aleigh & Sept 19 far - I am going to
work soon. Yet I hate it. But
it is Gods work and must be done.
You must take them on
-plicants if it is possible - They are
applying to me to take them - now
they know how what advancement
Jennie has made - But I cant -
I will write you again soon, when
not in haste - A poor family is
out of bread - I must see them
to nights.

Pl remember me and
mine to Mrs Howard - Hope
both mother & child are doing
well. O - Guy - you dont forget
Nicky. Mrs C says you must

Yours Truly

J Hank

PRIVATE

Charlestown Sep. 16th 69.

Dear General:

Since my last, I guess matters are pretty much settled, so that I shall have a Council & be released. I was sorry I quoted that brother's remark. Do you think, he had the effrontery to ask me if I thought that latitude was prepared for the large liberty of our order? I told him your church was mostly made up of New England men &

women, who were as much accustomed to it, as any of our own church, &c.

Br. Sargent (M. A.) has several times asked me, if there would be encouragement for a first-rate New England book store in W.; whether it would be likely to pay for him to break away & go down there. Have you rented all your store in the Y. M. C. A. building? Would you be prepared to encourage such a movement, financially: that is, as a money-making operation?

Of course, Br. S. would be a

helper to temperance cause.

It has seemed me much, to learn of Br. Cantwell's death. I can feel that you must miss him in his earthly home.

With a tender Xn. sympathy,

Yours truly

J. C. Hawley

☞ **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.

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Georgetown D.C.
Sept 16, 1869.

Genl O. O. Howard

Sir:

We propose having a Republican Meeting tomorrow night at Good Samaritan Hall, and we most earnestly desire your presence, in the confident belief that a word from you would work great benefits to the cause in our Town.

Very Respectfully

J. L. Parkhurst
Secretary
Geo'Town Repub. Association

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Dated Boston Mass Sept 16 1869

Received at P O Dept Sept 16th 1 15 Pm

To Gen O O Howard

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Berea College,

Berea, Ky. Sept 17 1869

Gen O O Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Bro Our new building is completed, beautiful elegant The moral effect upon the people far & near is very marked & good There are thousands who walk by sight & not by faith - who appreciate material prosperity more than they do righteous principle The former sometimes serves to open the ear to the latter

The effect upon our young men is also marked They are inspirited with hope self respect & noble resolve as only such a magnificent gift can inspire They are working like heavens and it does one soul good to see these young white men who were

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is the request of our committee an
the suggestion of Coll Chase w
has visited us & seen our work

Yours as ever
John G Lee

The school at Camp Nelson
doing well The Lord prosp
our work — J 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 the Sunday School work I hope may reward you.

Yours

A. L. Rawson

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134 Front St.

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Department of the Interior.

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Washington 18 Sept. 1869

My dear General:

If you are in town on Monday, I would be glad to have you drop in at my office. The complaints in regard to Mr. Nichols management of the Asylum have assumed a form on which I shall be glad to take your advice.

Very truly Yours,

J. A. Cox.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

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WM. M. MARTIN, Chairman.
CHAS. MUMFORD, Sec'ry.
ALFRED WICKS, Trers.

International Lecture Bureau.

ROOMS OF

Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association,

80 and 82 FULTON AVENUE, cor. Gallatin Place,

BROOKLYN, Sept. 18th, 1869.

Dear General:

Please add Manchester, N.H. Oct. 22nd, to the list of engagements.

Plainfield, N.J., cannot arrange for a lecture so 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?

Very Truly Yours,
Chas. Mumford.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

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P. S. — Rev. M. E. Strieby, Sec'y Am. Missionary Ass'n, 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 Woburn (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 eleven 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 postponement of Newark and New Brunswick; would you come on some Thursday & Friday later in the season to fill them? We are desirous of arranging things somehow, if you want to go to Ohio.

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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,

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Galveston September 18th 1869

General O. O. Howard
D. Sir:

There are two U. S. Assessorships, in this State filled by men who are bitter opponents of the Republican party. Mr. Longley editor of the "Austin 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 2d District.

The other office is filled by a Mr. Pedigo, an old Texan — but of his previous record I am uninformed. He is Assessor of the 1st District.

As it is generally understood, that both of these gentlemen are to be removed, 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 Agency of the P. O. Department - intended for Louisiana & Texas - the only one then vacant - and which you so kindly endorsed. Being informed at the Department, that the vacancie had been filled, I did not present the application.

The telegraph brings the news today, that Col. Hobbs, the incumbent when I was in Wash. has been removed an a Mr. Saylor installed in his office. This change is due to General Clark, a man noted, for his egotism — insincerity, and shallow Radicalism, He is a Radical because there are poor Colored Majority in this District. I have had occasion to be thankful for the caution you gave me at Columbus, in reference to him.

I am urging forward the school house as fast as possible. The death of the brickmaker, for the Galveston House, bad weather &c, has retarded the progress of the house here somewhat. I hope however with no unforeseen draw backs, both will be ready for occupation, at the time specified, in the contract.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Louis Stevenson