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National Freedman's Savings and Trust Company,

No. 507 Seventh Street, opposite the Post Office,



Washington, D. C. Sept. 28 1870,

My Dear Sir.

Enclose a letter just received in reference to teachers at Pine Bluff. Ask, specially for the purpose of inviting attention to the last clause.

It is a little amusing and yet it is a very serious fact that such a proportion or any proportion of teachers should be under the influence of drink as herein related.

Please return this letter when you are done with it.

Yrs. truly,  
D. L. Luther

D. L. Harvard.  
H. S. New.

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Washington D.C. Sept 28 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard.

As I am troubled with the rheumatism so severely as to make it impossible to call on you; I have concluded to send the following proposition for the sale of the \$800<sup>00</sup> of Church Bonds, which I consider reasonable and believe you may accept. The Bonds are 3 \$100<sup>00</sup>; and 1 \$800<sup>00</sup> dated Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1867, with interest paid to 1. Oct 1869. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1870, they are at par worth \$ 848.00 They are due and payable five years after 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1867, and have two years to run from 1<sup>st</sup> prox. For cash at their par value. I propose to sell them at a discount of 4 per cent till due, or in other words make them good to the purchaser, at 10 per cent instead of 6 for two years. Then present worth then would be \$800<sup>00</sup>:  $108 = \$740.74$ , to which add present interest = \$88.74 - making the discount \$ 59.26.

Yours truly D. W. Tracy

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Strictly Confidential.

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VERY SAD.—R. E. Pattison, D. D., sends us this question: "What must be the piety of those colored churches whose preachers never read and cannot read to them a chapter in the Bible?" I heard one such preach a few Sabbaths since who did not even open the Bible."

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

Room 12,  
No. 39 Park Row, New York, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1870.

For Freedmen's Education and Southern Work, Address,  
Rev. JAMES B. SIMMONS, Cor. Sec'y.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard  
New Orleans La.

Honored & dear Sir:

We employed Col. Mason to erect the  
Leland University-buildg at N. Orleans.

We knew you reposed confidence in him,  
& thought therefore that we could, of  
course. We cannot learn that he has  
done anything for us. A letter from N.  
Orleans startles us. It says: "He drew pay  
from the Bureau till Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> & will also  
draw pay from this State as Commissioner  
of Registration for St. Mary's. Three  
Salaries for the same time is do-  
ing a pretty fair business."

Please tell us confidentially if  
we can rely on Col. M. Please let this

OVER.  
be in strict confidence, for we do  
not wish to injure a worthy man.

Yours aff—James B. Simmons

American Baptist Home Mission Society

## THE HALF-MILLION FREEDMAN'S FUND.

GOD makes us to hear the pleading voices of four millions in the South, and of the uncounted millions of Africa beyond, who need, above all things, a well-trained ministry of their own race to guide them heavenward. Hence the Home Mission Society determined at its late Anniversary :

FIRST, to attempt the founding and endowing of one first-class training-school for preachers and pious teachers in each Southern State.

SECOND, to enter upon the raising of a permanent fund of \$500,000 for this purpose, to be expended in grounds, buildings, endowments of teacherships and scholarships, and in the purchase of libraries and apparatus—the endowment fund to be kept separate from the moneys raised for the ordinary running expenses of the schools, and carefully invested, the interest only to be used.

THIRD, to employ all proper means to attach the hearts of the colored people to these schools as rapidly as possible—assuring them in each State that the school is theirs, that they should assist in its management, send to it their pious youth and adults who desire to preach or teach, and contribute to its support.

At least \$100,000 of the \$500,000 named are already secured and invested in valuable school properties in the Southern States.

Another denomination, that, before the war, had scarce a church among the colored people of the South, is asking for half a million for this freedmen's work in *one year!* How modest then is our request.

*FIFTY DOLLARS supplies plain food for one colored student for one year. If we had 5,000 fifties, we could easily have five thousand students. The interest of \$1,000 supports one student perpetually. A Church, a Sabbath School, a Bible Class, or an individual can easily raise \$50. Let alms and prayers go together. Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these, ye do it to Jesus. You would not deny Jesus were He here.*

Drafts should be made payable simply to the order of the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

JAMES B. SIMMONS, Cor. Secretary,  
Room 12, No. 39 Park Row, New York City.

Be sure to write "**For Freedman's Fund.**" If not, it goes to the general work of the Society.

### Form of Bequest.

If you would help these poor friends of Christ after you reach heaven, say in your will :

*"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society..... dollars for the Freedman's Fund of said Society."*

Three witnesses should state: "We witness to this instrument, consisting of one sheet [or two], as the last will and testament of \_\_\_\_\_, by his [or her] request, in his [or her] presence, and in presence of each other."

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I Cant ever thank you enough  
for Kindness to my family and hope  
and pray that very soon we find  
the way God shall order, to  
reliar you of their care, meantime  
am seeking to be patient and do  
my work faithfully here. I  
dont mean to say that dear faithful  
in all things, but I do long to be.  
No one writes me a word of the  
prosperity of the University— about which  
I am anxious to know,

Respectfully, and most sincerely

M.C. Williamson

May I again ask the General to especially  
remember me to Mrs. Howard  
and all the children



Fort Lyon, Colorado Territory,  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1870

My dear General:

Perhaps it would be a good  
plan to have the deed of trust on my little  
property renewed. Mr. Riggs, banker, opposite  
Treasury Dept. holds the deed, and Mrs.  
Heindoltz might like the plan.

In praying about it this morning, it  
seemed that it might be well to make  
this suggestion to you. My prayer was not  
a burden in this one direction, but  
in praying for you, especially, I felt  
that it might be well to say as much  
as I know. You told me not to worry,

and I do not one bit. Yet it does seem hard and strange, humanity speaking, that you should be so loaded down with so many others cares, while your own are not a few. If it were best, my head says, I wish I were with you to help - My heart says I'm sorry I had to come away, at all.

Am asking special help in order that I may gain the confidence of the officers, and am truly grateful for their kind treatment, and a readiness to help at the way of an observer of the Sabbath.

Yet Whiskey is writing sad moods in officers, as well as men.

Last Sunday had a part of the Episcopal service, & spoke from Prov. 14<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> as it was our Pay day, tried to point them in a path of temperance. Next Sunday shall speak to Daniels

life and how he purposed in his heart in regard to the Kings wine etc. Haar also promised to go over to a little adobe built town, full of vice of all sorts, about one mile from Garrison, and start a little Sunday school, and service. I can venture to do a little work on Sunday, as my work days are very full of rest.

Haar written a short letter for publication in our Elmira paper, tried to tell of how utterly forsaken to their own ways are the people in these frontier towns, in every instance, so far as I can ascertain, without Minister or Missionary. It's a sad blot on our boasted Christian civilization. If this letter is published will send you copy.

Capt. Kent seems to be very much depressed in spirits, - I hardly know how to get at him am waiting and watching opportunities.

# The New National Era.

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS, Editor.

J. H. HAWES, Business Manager.

Published Weekly, at Washington, D. C. Subscription \$2.50 per year, in advance, or five copies for \$10

Washington, D. C., Sept. 187

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Gen. O. O. Howard;  
Sister:

Mr. Douglass has telegraphed me to meet him in N. York tomorrow. Our purpose is to get some subscriptions to the stock of the New National Era.

Can you not favor us with a letter to parties there who would be likely to subscribe to the stock. The accompanying prospectus sets forth the bases of the organization. We feel confident the stock will be much worth more than par. Any assistance you may be able to give us will be appreciated. Very truly.

Your affl. Servt.  
J. H. Hawes.

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## PROSPECTUS

# OF THE New National Era Printing Company

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The NEW NATIONAL ERA was established in January, 1870, and has been issued regularly each week since. The publishers and proprietors own the large, nearly new Taylor Cylinder Press upon which this paper is printed, also three Job Presses, driven by steam, one eight-horse Steam Engine, and a large amount of Newspaper and Job Type, together with the fixtures, furniture, and paraphernalia requisite to do a large business.

The office is situated a few doors from Pennsylvania avenue, in a convenient and conspicuous three-story brick building, the second and third stories of which, 55 feet in length by 31 feet deep, with a three-story back building and brick press-room in the rear, are occupied by the company as compositors' rooms, business office, editorial rooms, press rooms, folding rooms, store rooms, &c. The publishers have a lease of these premises for a term of years, with the privilege of renewal.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS, Esq., of Rochester, N. Y., has purchased a large interest in the Newspaper and Printing Establishment, and become permanently connected with the enterprise. Mr. DOUGLASS has accepted the position of Editor-in-Chief, and entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 1st of September, instant. He comes to Washington, and will devote his time, talents and influence, to place the NEW NATIONAL ERA among the leading and prosperous journals of the country.

The circulation of the paper is increasing gradually, and already extends to nearly every State and Territory of the Union. The office is also doing a fair share of job printing, and a considerable amount of document and speech work.

In order, however, to put the NEW NATIONAL ERA in a condition to fully occupy the wide field of usefulness open for a newspaper of this character, it is deemed desirable to make some improvements in the office and some additions to the material of the establishment, to fit it for an enlarged business, and to place the concern in an independent financial condition, thereby imparting to the enterprise increased strength and efficiency.

For this purpose it has been decided to put the establishment as it now stands, including the newspaper, lease of premises, good will and printing

apparatus, free from debt or incumbrance, into a Joint Stock Association, at ten thousand dollars, and to issue and sell at par (\$100 per share,) fifty shares of additional stock, the proceeds from the sale of additional stock to be applied to increasing and rendering more valuable the property of the Association. This will make the full capital stock of the company \$15,000, which will, it is believed, be sufficient to establish the enterprise upon a substantial and prosperous basis. This Association will be organized under the law of Congress for the District of Columbia, and all shares will be unassessable. No stockholder will be subject to individual liability.

The accompanying prospectus sets forth fully the special objects and purposes of this Journal, and it is decided to offer this limited amount of stock to those friends of the colored man and of the Republican party, who, by subscribing, will not only contribute to place the paper upon a sound and sure basis as a Republican journal, but whose influence as stockholders will be as valuable as the money derived from their subscriptions.

Lest this circular should be misinterpreted, we wish to state in explicit terms that we are not asking for *donations*—a certificate for the amount of stock to which each subscriber shall be entitled, will be issued and forwarded to him, and we believe the stock of the Association will be worth par.

Subscription for stock may be forwarded to FREDERICK DOUGLASS, Editor, or J. H. HAWES, Business Manager, Office NEW NATIONAL ERA, Washington, D. C., on receipt of which certificates for the amounts will be promptly returned.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS, Editor.

J. H. HAWES, Business Manager.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 8, 1870.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 8, 1870.

The NEW NATIONAL ERA under the direction of its present managers cannot fail to prove a valuable auxiliary to the Republican cause, as well as an important aid in the education and enlightenment of the newly enfranchised citizens in whose interest it especially speaks. The plan indicated by its managers will be carried out, and we earnestly urge all Republicans to assist the enterprise by every means in their power.

JAMES H. PLATT, JR.,

*Secretary Republican Congressional Committee.*

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Dear Dr D. O. Howard Maryville Tenn  $\frac{9}{29}$ . 70.



A week's observation here has suggested some queries. 1<sup>st</sup> Upon what are we now to rely for School statistics among the Freedmen and the other facts formerly gleaned from the Commissioner's Report and its Supplements? Schools need so much force and suggestiveness to keep them

up and fully alive; and to keep  
enfranchised from striking toward serfdom,  
so that great loss will follow a failure of statistics.  
I am staying long enough in a place to demon-  
strate by <sup>the</sup> execution of something.  
have but little time to write. Thank you  
for advice  
Respectfully  
Yarale, Warner



Box 110 - Vol. 11 - 1870

Norwich Conn

Sept 29 - 1870

Dear General

Your favor is at  
hand I should be glad to  
aid the Conf Ch in Wash-  
ington still further if I could  
but I am trying to aid  
the church with which  
I am connected here  
pay a debt of \$10,000 & it  
is as much & I fear more  
than I can do

Yours truly

W. B. Buckingham

Sam O D Howard



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Fr. 29. M. 11. 1870.

Attn. at W.

30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1870

General, O.O. Howard

Rec't. U. S. C. Association

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I feel it to my duty, as an  
humble member of the association  
to report for your sanction, as follows:

On going to the Post Office, in  
Washington, Pennsylvania, Co. Pa. Y.

yesterday, I saw a letter, sealed up,  
held for the want of a 3<sup>c</sup> stamp.

I asked permission, as a member  
of the U. S. A. of Washington, D.C.  
to pay the postage & let the letter  
be forwarded - it was granted, and  
the letter went forward to its  
destination.

Later in the day, while looking  
about me, I saw, U. S. A. in

large letters, high up, on a building.  
I set myself to work, to learn  
of them, and I was told in words,  
"they are played out." My stay was  
limited, necessarily, as I had made  
arrangements that called me to  
this point, and ~~long~~ without a  
Commission, or identification, on  
leaving the place<sup>however</sup>, I addressed to  
the Y. M. C. Association, Jamestown, N.Y.,  
a note, calling attention to what  
I had been told above stated, asked  
them, if they had nothing to do there,  
with a prayer, that a kind Providence  
might direct them, and enclosed  
a new 50<sup>c</sup> stamp, with the injunction  
to "Start it, in doing good" & signed  
myself as of the Y. M. C. A. Washington, D.C.

Please pardon the liberty  
I have taken, in this matter, I ask  
no credit, only I feel it to be my  
duty, to report, what I have done,  
now, if my work is sanctioned,

Inches  
please to unite your prayers  
with mine, in the hope, that  
good may come to them, &  
to us all.

I am,

My dear sir,

Yours obdtly with  
P. G. Foster

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AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,

38 LOMBARD BLOCK,

Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE.

MICHAEL E. STRIEBY.

New York,

CHAS. H. HOWARD, Dist. Sec'y. Chicago.

N. 18. M. 11. 1870

Chicago, Sept 30 1870

Rev. O. D. Howard

Cm<sup>r</sup> Bureau R. F. G.

Dear Brother:

If you can find  
it consistent with your  
sense of duty to appoint  
Capt Wm. M. Colby as  
Distributing Officer in ite.  
I hope you will do so - He  
is a man of the strictest integ-  
rity - It is only his modesty  
and keen sense of honor that has  
kept him from visiting you  
& soliciting for himself as  
others do - He says he does  
not mean to work for self in  
any position \*

Maj. Clark thought last  
winter that Colby ought  
to be appointed & no more  
one entire salary than - I

# He is now at Little Rock

most if the full purport  
of Clark's report came to  
your notice -

He stated in substance, I  
think, what I know to be  
that Page took for three  
years down salary of  
\$3500 per year as ~~the~~  
Auditor besides his ~~\$~~  
per month or D. O.  
the Province - He was a  
director in the Bank & had  
an interest where ~~so~~  
he saved the Credit  
the Province &c. Was it  
not his fault that there  
was ever any danger?

I am told he has a very  
bitter Clark who is friendly  
to Colby & would be soon  
serve with the latter - Page  
certainly could not cause  
or Cope for the new Bank -  
He has not the confidence

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## AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,

38 LOMBARD BLOCK,

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## Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE,  
MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, *New York,*  
CHAS. H. HOWARD, *Dist. Sec'y. Chicago.*

Chicago,

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nor sympathy of the  
 freedmen.— Colby has  
 both and is on exemplary  
 man in every aspect. He  
 does all the business of  
 D. O. in the office of the  
 State Auditor but at the  
 same time Government  
 pays rent for another place  
 not used except for storage.  
 It is poor economy to pay  
 but no first class office  
 merely for storage of freight.  
 But the peace created would  
 answer well for the Book!

P.S. — Feeling no confidence that  
 if you were on the ground  
 you would make some charges  
 at once for economy's sake &  
 for the best interests of the freed  
 men. I could not respect your  
 visiting again — Yours afft Howard



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Personal Not to go on the files.  
 War Department,  
 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,  
 Claim Division,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 10, 1870.

My dear General:

I know you will be tired when you receive this, and it may be irksome to read all that I desire to say; but I fear that I ought to say one word more in reason, to justify my request that the carriage and horses heretofore owned by me, be now sold, and that the horse I spoke of be purchased for my use.

I need not open you to the nature of my official business, requiring frequent visits to certain bureaus of the Department, nor to the assurance given when we removed from the old quarters in the city, that comfortable and safe habitation should be secured to me. To say nothing of my laweress,

nor of certain work in which I am almost nightly engaged in and near the city, it does seem to me that the character of my duties in the Bureau, and the uniformity with which I have tried to discharge them conscientiously and faithfully, might preclude the consideration of a few dollars in the expense of a home, which perfectly suits me, especially when I am willing to guarantee, so far as I can personally, any actual loss or cost to the Bureau in the sale of the home (if purchased) when I shall no longer need him for any public use.

May I now, therefore, hope that a day may be given to attain the carriage (which has been recently repaired under my direction to suit me) and horses, and to purchase the home I want; all the bone along, until I may now purchase them?

I beg also to say that my acceptance

of the new duties in the University was partially based upon the belief that I should have a home and carriage as heretofore. and in this connection let me add, that it shall be my pride & make the department of instruction which you have so kindly confided to me, an honor and a profit to the institution. If after these statements it shall be decided ~~so~~ <sup>sincerely</sup> to my regret, I will try to bear the privation with the best grace I can command; but I do hope that you will not subject me to that position, and (as I regard it) unnecessary hardship.

Very truly yours,  
William P. Davis.

Gen. O. D. Howard.

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Goot. Hosp<sup>l</sup> for the Insane  
St. Elizabeth S.C.

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1870

Dear Sir,

I beg to remind you that  
as a member of the Monthly  
Inspecting Committee of the Board  
of Visitors it will be your turn to  
visit the Hospital on Tuesday next,  
October 14<sup>th</sup>.

A carriage will call for you at  
1 P.M.

Hoping that you will be able to attend

I am, with high regard

Your obedient servant

M. Miller  
Post. Maj. Gen<sup>l</sup>. O.O. Howard

Visitor, Goot. Hosp<sup>l</sup> for the Insane S.C.

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W<sup>W</sup> Washington D.C.

Sept 30. 1870.

General O.O. Howard.  
Commissioner.  
General.

I have the honor to make the following statement by way of palliation for my mis-conduct.

Previous to an appointment in this Bureau, I was not employed some five months, on my commencing clerical duty Feb 7. 1868, I was totally devoid of food and fuel as Dr. Reburn can testify, as he had been providing me with rations from the Hospital under the relief Act, and Genl Balloch kindly provided me with a portion of my pay, previous to that time I had had several pieces of furniture & carpet taken from me by my landlord for rent, so that my case was attended with considerable suffering. General Balloch has always been very kind in providing me with pay in advance, but my having a family & seven to support, and my salary not being adequate, it has caused me to be in arrears, from time to time unwillingly, and has compelled me to go to the Brother, which has culminated in my present exposure, without any intention though to defraud any one. If the Brother had not broken his engagement with me, I should have carried out my promise faithfully, as I had hitherto done. It has not been any extravagance that has caused this, but a series of misfortunes coming upon me, and no friends to give me a permanent relief.

Hoping General that you will let this soften any kind of hard feeling you may have entertained against me by reason of my conduct,

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

Edwin Turner

Dinner

Sixt Day 1890

Bible

Mr. S. D. Johnson  
Mr. A. H. Johnson  
Mr. W. C. Johnson

Small of the above I had at my disposal  
 The civil service and its duties, the various  
 Public bodies government and so on. It met in several places of  
 The city of San Jose & the various streets around it, also in the  
 City of San Jose, and San Jose is situated over a hillside  
 and has a great number of houses built on the hillside.  
 The buildings are mostly made of wood and have a great  
 deal of timber in them and some of them have  
 been damaged and will be used to support  
 the new building which we are now erecting. The buildings  
 are situated on the hillside and the timber  
 which is used for the new building is  
 taken from the hillside and the trees  
 are cut down and the logs are  
 taken to the saw mill and the  
 lumber is cut into boards and  
 the boards are used for the new  
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 boards and the boards are  
 used for the new building.

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