S. C. Armstrong

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Springfield Mass
Oct. 18th 1870

Maj Gen Howard

Dear Sir:

I have seen Mr. Dawes M.C. and urged the need of passing a deficiency bill for the Bureau R. F. & A. L.

He spoke very cordially about it: said he would be glad to do anything in his power for you: could not speak with any certainty of the passage

[illegible] fully
give his support to you.

I think he regarded the chance of a bill as a fair one — believed there might be some opposition to it — but was ready to try and put it through.

If you get at him in good season, before the rush of work is upon him, while he is fresh, I feel confident he will push a decisive bill with all his might.

Yours respectfully
S. P. Morrison

Toronto. Oct. 18" 70.

Geo. O. Howard)

Dear Sir.

I want to get the autographs of some of these prominent workers in our dear Jesus' cause.

Will you oblige by giving me yours on the enclosed card?

Yours Resp.

Geo. R. Morse.

Toronto Y. M. C. A.

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(If I could well the right pastor, or pastors having the charge of the churches at Herndon and Guilford, I should delight to explore the State of Va.)

I ask the prayers of all who love to pray.

Yours in our Lord.
J. R. Johnson,
Missionary of the Am Home M.S.

P.S. Brother Howard:
Before making any public use of that paragraph at the top of this page, concerning the exploration of Va, please consult Rev J. G. Rankin D.D. Please withhold it, if he so advises. Consult with prominent individuals ~~all~~ as much as you please in relation to that matter.

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Herndon, Fairfax
Co. Va Oct. 18, 1870.

Gen. O. O. Howard:
Dear Brother in Christ:
May the Lord abundantly ~~bless~~ bless you in addressing the "General Missionary meeting", on the evening of the 27th inst, at Jersey City, N.J.
I cannot be present.
I will thank you to present my Christian regards to all who may assemble.
In varied forms of effort, I have been engaged in missionary work in Va. since July 11th, 1863.

I meet with [illegible] reach: [illegible] awaken in my mind an increasing love for the work. I know that they must all ultimately aid the holy cause.

I am cured of relying so much on Northern emmigration as I did at first.

Some come from the North too belligerent.

Some come apologizing for slavery and the rebellion.

Some come seeking office who are unfit for it.

Some, (who mean well) come with such ~~rigidly~~ repulsively sectarian ideas, that I dread to meet them.

Some — seeing this extreme, come with the other extreme, and are so amazingly "liberal" that they have no aim by which to concentrate efforts.

They wish to be regarded as Christians — though they do not recognise, as we do,

"Christ and His Cross".

I welcome real helpers from North & South.

I have had much of the experience of relying on persons for aid who have sadly disappointed me.

I have been cheered by others who were once bitter opponents. By all this I am learning, (I hope) to trust more and more in the promise of the "Our Lord Jesus Christ", "Lo, I am with you."

Dear Sir. Your attention is respectfully called to the inclosed slip - The cold weather is fast approaching - fuel and all the other necessaries of life are very much needed at the Home. The managers wish to obtain twenty subscribers, who will contribute five (5) dollars each per month — for one year will you make one of the number, or in any other way aid in the good work - if so - please send your contribution to the Industrial Home No 40 Jefferson Street Georgetown D.C.

Yours &c

H. N. Rothery Jagtn

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West Point N.Y.
Oct. 20. 1870

Dear Mat.

I had a very comfortable journey - read the Ketchum argument & the papers & found friends enough to talk with, so that the time went rapidly - reached here at 8 P.M. by six o'clock train from Newburgh. Professor Church wishes you had come - so does Blanche, whom I saw a moment this morning - I had to change my straps, borrowed a leaf Pitcher, Col. Miles Blunt on here, with leave tomorrow. Maj. Kendrick (Professor) insists on my going to his house straight - I think I will after dinner

our Court adjourned without business this A.M., all the members not being here. I fear it will take a few days at least. We have one troublesome member who raises many objections. I wish you could join us. The days are longer here than at home. Mrs O. Walker & Mrs. O'Reiley are dead. Mrs Stewart gone. All the rest is apparently unchanged. I haven't seen any of the Professors yet, except Prof. Church. Mrs Coggeshall keeps both hotels now.

I hope all are well at home & that little Walter is better. Aff. Yr. Husband

Oliver

Newark Oct. 20th 1870

Dear Gale

I rec'd your letter - expected Thomson to W — tomorrow but find cannot — I will pay this year $100 towards increase of Pastor's Salary and $100 towards Church debt — Perhaps I may make this larger —

I will explain why I took such strict rule when I come — which will be soon —

Accept my warmest regards for your zeal in behalf of the Church and for your expressions of brotherly kindness towards myself —

Truly Gal,
Yours Sincerely
D. Reid

Brooklyn Oct 21/70

Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

You will remember, I called upon you last Feby. visited the institute in company, with Mr & Mrs Wm S. Huntington & My wife. and at that time you spoke to me about two Chinamen who had just entered your school, saying that Plymouth Sunday school had pledged themselves, to support or to contribute a certain sum to the support of these two students. or if I recollect right

you said the school had pledged a certain amt. & you would require, about as much more. & wished me as a member of Plymouth Church, to bring the matter before the Society in some way & get the balance or the full amt. required I told you I worked & that I had no doubt the amount would be made up. & I remember that I assured you, that you need have no anxiety about the matter, for I was sure the amount would be raised & sent to you Well now, I saw Mr Halliday at once, made it my business, as soon as I got home. Mentioned the matter to him, & he said at once, that there was some mistake about it. that the school made no pledge & I think he felt as if he may have given you the wrong impression, or that you may have misunderstood him. & he referred me to Capt Duncan the Supt. of the School, & I called on the Capt or met him in the lecture room & brought the matter before him, & he said the school had made no promise of the kind & furthermore, that they were unable to do anything having their hands full & he Capt Duncan said, that he had talked with Mr. Beecher that very evening, about calling

on the Church for help
for certain objects &
it was thought best
in view of the urgent &
pressing demands upon
the Church & society, they
could not call upon
it for anything else
& he threw such a
damper over me, at
once, that I have not
been able to do anything
about it. I have understood
that he has visited you
since that time, & I
hope that the matter
has been talked over
with you & thoroughly
understood.

I wish that I was
able to send you the

ant. for I consider the object, so worthy & important, & the work you are engaged in. So full of hope, promising so much fruit, but I am not, and I regret that I have not succeeded in doing, as I thought I could, & as I assured you I would. Please let me hear from you if anything has been done about it. I would willingly contribute, to the fund, my mite, but have not spoken to the Supt. since, for as I told you he assured me, of the inability of the school to do anything towards it. I hope to hear from you, that provision has been made for the two young men, so that you are relieved of care & trouble about it. I will gladly send you 25.# twenty five dolls, sometime during the winter, about Christmas if you will accept of it. Believe me, that my heart is with you, in your good work & I pray that you may be greatly prospered & blessed.

Your Very Truly

Wm B. Boorum

23 Beekman St

New York

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Genl O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir:

Though buried in work, for I am writing the history of the Freedmen Bureau now for Carleton, I stop to drop you a note in regard to the Cadet matter. I have searched in vain for one of my letters to the Times which gives the truth as I saw and heard it relative to Smith's treatment. I can not find it, but I send you an other and a note to the printer.

In the letter which I can not find I wrote "To day while on dress parade unable to speak or turn his head I heard a cadet, white he made a mean face call cadet Smith a low lived speckled nigger 2 — f. a b —. " This I heard Gen. Howard, and I have the cadet's name. Now what is this boy to do? He can not hear every thing.

This court is started in a conspiracy. The boys are willing to swear to any thing. By fair — or foul is the motto —

After the dress parade affair mentioned above I went to Smith's room and found him in tears. It was a solemn sight. I told him then if any cadets should spit upon him or they have done to knock them senseless. His late resentment was natural. He will tell you the truth about it. This boy is as truthful as any boy in the world. The other boys are leagued against him. You are the one to discount the testimony of men. You have seen the negro abused. This is a clear case of persecution. Of course it is unpopular to defend

this side of the question, but Conceal it if true.

Stand by the boy – if he deserves it and

the ~~party all~~ press will stand by you.

W. B. Landon

New York Law

This letter is confidential – though you may show it to Col Upton. Ask Smith to show you some of my "sun" letters doubtless he has them.

Yours

W. B. L.

Ashland House 100. E. 24th St New York

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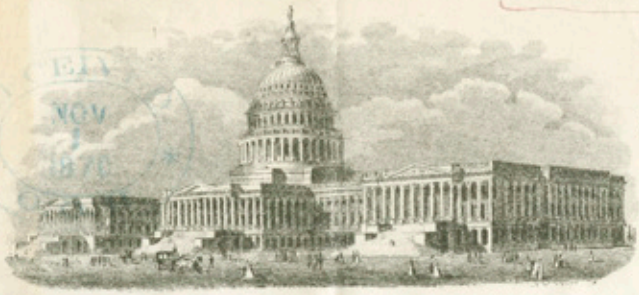

Forty-first Congress U. S.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

~~Washington, D. C.~~ Manchester Oct 21st 1870

Hon O O Howard
Washington City -

My dear Sir,

I have a very particular friend in the County of Cumberland who wishes to connect himself with the Law Department of your noble Institution - He is a Colored man of excellent character - very fair education - studious habits - & is anxious to fit himself for usefulness to himself & country - Please write the lowest figure at which he can enter - length of time necessary for completion of studies &c - I wish to get him some position next winter, which will aid him in paying his way, unless such position interferes too much with his studies - He is a very promising young man - in whose welfare I feel much interest - Be kind enough, Genl, to write him at once - His address, J. S. Leary - ~~Fatteville~~ Fayetteville, N. C -

I am fond with high regards
Yours Truly
O H Dockery

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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.*

Chicago, Oct 21 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother

I was glad to get word from you about the Page matter - I will be satisfied with any action you may deem wise - I had just learned that the need for office was no longer changed -

Yesterday Mr. Ketchum's argument came & I & Kelly have been intensely interested in it - Your statement was also very satisfactory - Mr. Ketchum spent the day with us last Tuesday & took a look at Chicago - There is some prospect we will go East via Washington to attend the Anniversary at Lawrence - Will you be met at 90? Affectionately O. O. Howard

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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, Oct. 21st 1870.

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

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find "a Reply" written by myself and printed in the Examiner & Chronicle of this city, which is our largest, i.e. most widely circulated denominational paper. It appeared in the issue of Oct. 13th.

Hope it will please you. I have been absent. Hence the delay in sending it.

Yours very fraternally
James B. Simmons

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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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ROOMS OF THE

Young Men's Christian Association,

OF BROOKLYN, EASTERN DISTRICT, NEW YORK,
KINGS COUNTY SAVINGS BANK BUILDING,
BROADWAY, cor. of Fourth Street.

Oct 21 1870

Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Brother.

On Monday Evening 31. October, our Association proposes holding its 4th Anniversary meeting.

It would be a source of pleasure to very many if your Engagements will allow of your being present and addressing us.

I have ventured to address you in the hope that you may be able to favor us with your presence. It will give in-

terest to the occasion
and your presence will
be sincerely welcomed.
I will thank you for
an early response and
may hope favorable
to this request.
I address this to you at
West Point learning from
Genl. S. Donald, that he
may, the more speedily
reach you at that point.
Fraternally Your
John B. Thomas
President.

Please direct to New York
address 457 Broadway

West Point N.Y.
Oct. 21st 1870

Dearest -

I have come into the court room & am waiting for the court to meet at 10 - We have word from the Secretary to wait till 12 for Capt. Bainbridge and if he does not come, then to proceed without him - Yesterday I changed quarters to Professor Kendrick's and in the evening visited at Professor Church's - The little boy is as big as Jennie - Mrs Church & Frank Blount enquired much about you & wished you had come. Professor Bartlett, Mrs Lizzie & Mrs Nevin Cushing came all wishing to know when you would come - soon I went to the French - Mr. Mrs Francis. Miss Pennington - were there - We had a very gay & pleasant

talk. The Uncle is quite fleshy and seems like his old self - wants me to tell about the wonderful balls that I had in &c. They want to know all they could about our family, how many & the names of the little ones - I doubt if you, have much I could enjoy this visit if you were here to board at the little cottage at the gate - where a young wife & two little ones need to complete the picture - there of itself invites all others - this to meet your eye on the pathway - and also the other cottage on the road - and when not - every place not taken to one of the first - I get at the most latest letter with your g. offices not one of which I knew - it made me feel as though I was getting old - The church have to a.m. has arrived - We organized and this week a week till 17. n. meeting for Bainbridge - I have not yet found my way to the cadet prayer meeting - . Mr. Uncle has gone purpose to visit the children - Mrs Baird's little boy is six feet tall & I heard him recite yesterday - The colored cadet (too light to be called colored) Mr Church says has a good mind - His eyes are not very strong -

Tell Gracie to wri
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I may go to N
- shall see.