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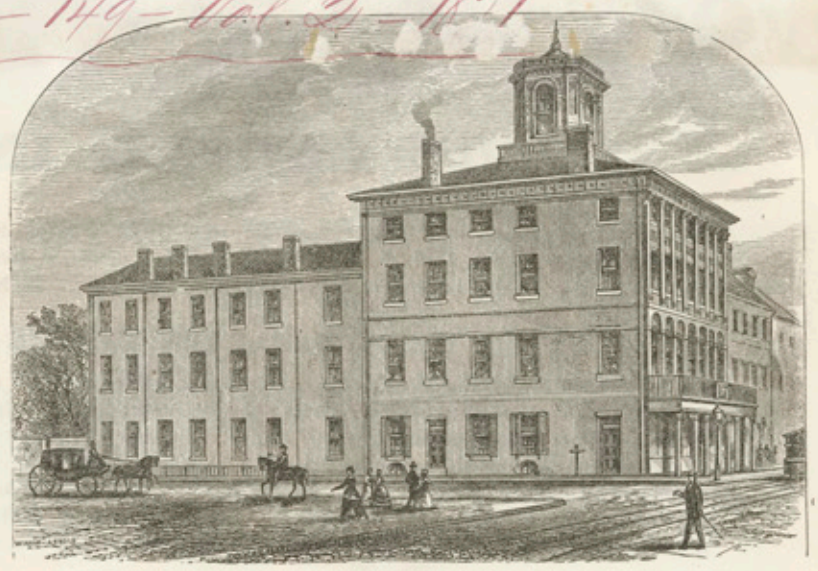
MOTTO OF STUDENTS:
Help from God, and Self-help, the best help.

MOTTO OF THE SCHOOL:
Thoroughness, Promptitude, and Disciplined Energy.

$50 supports a student for the school year.
$50 will furnish a single room.
$100 will furnish a double room.
$1000 given to the Home Mission Society, to be kept at interest, will support one student perpetually, and will form a part of the permanent endowment. (See next page, "An endowment necessary.")

For further information, address

Rev. CHARLES H. COREY,
Principal.



COLVER INSTITUTE, RICHMOND, VA.

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 239 Broadway, New York, June 15 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bro:

Our Committee on the purchase of grounds for Wayland Seminary met this afternoon, and after full & free discussion came to the determination to take the four lots nearest to 14th St, — viz those marked 10, 11, 12 & 13, — and those only.

Money is hard with us.

Yours Truly
James B. Simmons
Jr.

For plans and important facts, see the other side of this sheet.

THE COLVER INSTITUTE

Is one of the Schools of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, for FREEDMEN PREACHERS AND OTHER PROMISING COLORED PUPILS. It is situated at the corner of 19th and Main Streets, Richmond, Va. Street cars pass the door both ways, and visitors from the South and North are always welcome.

CHARACTER OF THE SCHOOL.

This School enterprise is Christian, not sectional. Not a doctrine, or sentiment, is intended to be taught, to which any Christian could consistently object. Already the colored brethren of Virginia are helping nobly, and they are worthy of all praise. Eminent white brethren, whose names stand second to none in the State, have also made contributions to this school, and they cordially coöperate with our teachers. White and colored churches, or individuals, in Virginia, by sending fifty dollars to Bro. Corey, the Principal, will be entitled to send a student of their own choosing. A colored man who earns and brings fifty dollars, will be admitted. The fifty dollars barely pays for bread and meat. Tuition is free to students for the ministry. The fifty dollars should come in advance, with every student who applies.

CHARACTER OF THE STUDENTS.

More than seventy men have been in attendance during the last school year, among whom are several of the Richmond pastors and other ordained ministers. Besides this, an afternoon class of 83 colored women has been maintained.

There are young men in this school who are preparing for Missionary work in Africa; and different Missionary Societies, both South and North, have already applied for their services. One of our students took a prize of $25. on entering the Freshman class of a Northern University. During the summer and winter vacations, nearly one thousand were gathered into churches or converted through the labors of the students.

The students have collected in Richmond over $1000 for the repairing of the building. They have also contributed about $500 worth of voluntary labor after school hours.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING.

This property was for many years the fashionable Hotel of the city, and is said to have cost originally one hundred and ten thousand dollars. It was obtained by us in 1870, and is owned free of debt. Its present value is variously estimated at from thirty to fifty thousand dollars. But it is badly out of repair. We sorely need help to make it as comfortable and attractive as it appears in the picture. (See first page.) We call upon our friends, therefore, to give us—

1st. Money, to put the building in good condition: then to furnish the rooms: then to sustain the students. We turned men away last winter, for want of means to help them.

2d. Clothing. Plain wearing apparel of all sorts, for men, whether second-hand or new, is always acceptable. The students suffered last winter for necessary clothing.

3d. Bedding of all descriptions; matrasses, sheets, quilts, blankets, pillow-cases.

4th. Table-cloths, napkins, towels, &c.

5th. Provisions. Flour, meal, pork, beef, apples, &c.

6th Books for the Library. Good standard works are specially acceptable.

Boxes and Barrels should be directed to Rev. C. H. Corey, Richmond, Va. Freight from the North should be sent via Old Dominion Steamship Line, direct from New York City. By no means, send either boxes, barrels or packages to the Home Mission Rooms; it increases expense and makes needless trouble.

Next to the blessing of God,

AN ENDOWMENT IS NECESSARY.

With the approval of the Executive Board, and in pursuance of the vote of the Home Mission Society, in annual meeting assembled, we have undertaken to raise **$50,000** as a permanent endowment for Colver Institute. If schools which derive large revenue from tuition require endowments of from $200,000 to $500,000, how can a Freedman's School be expected to succeed with an endowment of less than $50,000? Therefore, ***HELP US!***

If you cannot send us aid now, and prefer to give by bequest, (which is less sure, as wills may be broken,) say in your will:

"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.....dollars for the Education of Freedmen in Colver Institute, Richmond, Virginia." (If real estate, describe it carefully.

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." The witnesses need not see or know a word of the contents of the will.

Without the generous gifts and prayers of the benevolent, we are powerless.

Be sure, both in your will, and in sending offerings to the Rooms, to write, "***For Freedman's Educational Fund.***" If not, your money does ***not*** go to educate the Freedmen, but to the missionary work of the Society.

MONEYED OFFERINGS may be sent either to

Rev. Charles H. Corey, Richmond, Va.; *
Rev. A. P. Mason, D.D., 59 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.;
Or, to the Treasurer of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, No. 239 Broadway, New York.

In every instance, receipts will be acknowledged in the *Macedonian and Record.*

For Freedmen's Education and Southern work, address

JAMES B. SIMMONS, *Cor. Sec'y of Am. Bap. Home Mission Society,*
No. 239 Broadway, New York City.

* Except during June, July and August, when my address will be No. 59 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
C. H. C.

Baton Rouge 15. 1871

My Dear Friend,

I am to day in rec.d of yours of 13th. My engagements are too pressing to day to allow me to arrange the matter referred to especially as I am now at my country home

On Monday next
I will give it
my special
attention &
With kindest
regards to Mrs H.
& the children
I remain
as ever
Your friend
B. F. Isbey

Maj.
Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington

The New National Era.

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Washington, D. C., June 16th 1871.

Genl. O. O. Howard
Dr. Genl.

Please excuse me for intruding upon your time, but I desire to remind you of a promise which I am quite sure, among the many cares upon you, has quite gone out of your memory.

The New Era Job Office can do the work of the Bureau as cheap as well as it can be done elsewhere, and you being pecuniarily interested in the enterprise, holding several shares of stock, you could not in any way add more to the value of said stock than by throwing in our way whatever jobs of printing you may have within your gift. Again trusting that you will excuse

me for this intrusion,

I am Yrs &c

Respy

Chas R. Douglass

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Washington D.C.
June 16. 1871.

Gen. Howard.

Sir -

I find that long-continued labor in the school-room is doing for me what it has done for so many, so wearing upon my nervous system as to make a change of occupation advisable. I wish to obtain a position in the Patent Office, and shall be greatly obliged if you will aid me by giving me a letter of recommendation to Sec. Delano.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain

Yours with regard

Thos. M. C. Hart -

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New York, 16 June 1871.

Genl O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

at the top of this page I give you my home address, & by that you will see it in writing to me. I am anxious at the earliest moment to feel sure of getting a young man from your institution, for should it prove doubtful I would be compelled to make other arrangements, most expeditiously — I expect-

to be in Washington again about Monday next: After which my attention must be given to starting on the Pat. Office work.

I think you thoroughly understand what I want.

In a day or two I will send you a few specimens which may be useful in enabling you to explain what sort of work we do; perhaps I may then add a few remarks on the nature of the positions I want filled.

Yours truly

J. W. Osborn

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA.
OPENED APRIL, 1868.

S. C. ARMSTRONG, *Principal.* Miss R. T. BACON, *Assistant Principal.*
ALBERT HOWE, *Farm Manager.* Miss JANE STUART WOOLSEY, *Manager Girls' Industrial Dep't.*

Hampton, Va. June 16 1871

Capt Sladen

Dear Sir:

Gen. Letter "5" is over. Pressure of work & sickness have prevented an earlier response.

J. T. C. says he has "no political or sectional prejudices" to bias him.

The most prejudiced man is quite as liable to assume that as anybody else.

I don't know an intelligent man in

va. or anywhere else who has not some such bias. Yankton is the last place to go to find impartiality. J. T. C.'s first assumption is gratuitous & contrary.

It is true that about Yankton the people are ignorant & low — there have been schools, but the population has shifted a great deal — it is a settlement of squatters who are always demoralized: it is overcrowded — too many ~~[illegible]~~ laborers — too little capital — unhealthy & in many ways unusual, & therefore affords no sound criterion of general judgment.

A great deal of money has been spent in educating the children of Yankton & vicinity: the adults who take no newspaper have not been to school & can't read.

I don't know of an intelligent colored adult in this neighborhood, able to read well, who don't

either take or see a newspaper at least once a month. A colored clergyman yesterday — the Rev Wm Thornton of Hampton — told me yesterday that he spent $15. or a year for papers & that he couldn't keep his papers in his house — his neighbors were always borrowing them. So much for facts.

The Northern newspapers are not adapted to these people — the local newspapers they consider unfriendly if not hostile; — only the children have been taught to read & these as soon as old enough to work steadily are put into the fields to work ~~steadily~~ the year around & their learning evaporates under a burning Virginia sun.

The children don't learn trades & there is danger of a loss of skilled labor in the colored population of the South: this is a most alarming fact

threatening a general decrease of wealth and indicating very clearly what ought to be the ~~tendency~~ influence & character of educational institutions in the South. Right across this dreary path stands an Hampton Institute ~~stirring~~ stirring to build up a spirit, and introduce the highest methods of labor.

J. T. C. is right here although I think he croaks too much & does see the fine possibilities of negro character.

But there are no apprentices among the Southern whites!

There are J. T. C. says no trained house servants. Who are the housekeepers in the South? There are ten thousand excellent colored house servants in Va. alone.

All over the South the colored women are the domestics; some are indifferent & untidies — ~~some~~ many are equal to any in the world; they are ~~the~~ when well managed & when their employers have enough to teach them properly the best class servants ~~in the world~~ that can be found.

This can be proved a hundred times.

Hoping this may be of some service I am

Truly Your

L. A. Armstrong

Hampton Va.

Copy Sent June 16th 1841

Armstrong S. C.

Recd.

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Wilmington, Delaware,
June 16, 1871.

To Major-General O. O. Howard, LL.D.,
President of Howard University,
Washington, D.C.:

Dear Sir,

A mistaken act of our Legislature preventing our erecting here this season a $50,000 State Normal School edifice, has left many thousand children still growing up without common school privileges.

I have personally sacrificed over $6,000 in our effort to establish an efficient State public school system and normal school.

The friends of education must now wait at least two years for

favorable legislation. Still, as I have no less, but still more, the spirit of sacrifice & sincerely love the people of this State, for whom I have been laboring five academic years, I could not even now relinquish my hold were it right, reasonable & practicable to hold on.

But duty to God & humanity & those dependent on my earnings has compelled me to make application to Hon. Abram B. Weaver, State Superintendent, at Albany N.Y. upon his suggestions for the principal=ship of the "Wadsworth State Normal and Training School at Geneseo", to be submitted to the action of the "Local Board".

[I united with the Central Congregational Church Bangor Me. in 1857. Our "Alma Mater is the same & we have both

been persecuted for doing good. Hence]

Will you please read our 5th. Annual Report, sent you by current mail, inquire into my case, & if you find me worthy, write a letter to said State Superintendent recommending me for said position & duly notify me of your action hereon.

I have the honor to remain
Your obedient servant
John C. Hankins.

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Howard University
June 16th 1871

Genl E. Whittlesey
Sir

The term has ended and I have no money nor anything to do whereby I may gain a subsistence. I tried in vain for the last month to procure labor of some kind but have been unsuccessful. My people are unable to support me should I go home, and I can look for no help in that direction. In this my time of need I appeal to you, and whether or not I am deserving of your generosity I have you to determine.

Respectfully yours
Charles A. Otey

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Rec'd by General Norton
June 16th 1871
$10 from Dept fund given him.

General

I think you can give your bond something for Otey. He is one of our best scholars. I enclose for him $5.

Yours &c.

E. F. Whitney

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REV. O. EASTMAN,
HONORARY SECRETARY.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,
150 NASSAU-STREET,

New York, June 17 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A. Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir

In response to the appeal of Rev. James Lewis, Presiding Elder of Morgan and Lawrence Co's Ala. we have sent him through the Am. Bible Society $5. worth, (750 pgs) of our publications such as we think would be most valuable for his distribution. We write to him also to do what he can in connection with the distribution, to ~~and~~ induce the people to do something to aid themselves, and that we shall cheerfully repeat and perhaps increase our grant if they can make a remittance to Franchise.

I am aware that our donation may seem small - but we have to consider

that we have appeals already made commencing
are quite limited to that we cannot do
what we would.

We think it well therefore, while
we make a small grant to try
to encourage collections among the
people for their own benefit.

Most truly yours
O Eastman
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Washington, Ark. June 17th 1871

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir: Your fame as a friend to the colored race in this country, and as a Christian gentleman, emboldens me to address you this, though I fear it will tire your patience to read this from an utter stranger.

Having lived in the South for the last 27 years, and becoming familiar with all classes of people here in my capacity of minister of the gospel, I set out as soon as the colored people here were emancipated, to advocate the necessity of affording them the means of instruction. In this I was of course opposed at first by the masses of the people who have no confidence in the capacity of the colored race to learn anything from books; but when arrangements were made to furnish them teachers from the north, the animosity existing between the conquered and conquerors caused those teachers to suffer much while they were here, and the position of the two parties tended only to embitter still further the ill feelings which already existed.

Under these circumstances I terminated as far as lay in me to take upon myself the teaching of those who were within my reach, first in Texas, and when the lawlessness of some men there broke up my school in Clarksville, I came to this place and have had the Colored school here since the first of October last, part of the time under the free school system here, but the greater part under subscription of the Colored people. Now it happens that, owing to the defalcation of two former tax collectors, the district in which I am teaching is deeply in debt, and the warrants issued for teaching cannot be sold for anything, and the fall in the price of cotton, together with the usual improvidence of the colored people leaves them so poor that they cannot sustain their schools. I have been teaching at $1.00 per month, so as to bring it within the reach of all as I supposed; but even at this low rate they fall behind in paying, and I am too poor to sustain the losses that thus fall upon me, while at the same time I am pained to think that, either the colored people here must be left without instruction, or the same ill feelings

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that have been fostered heretofore must recur by the reintroduction of missionary teachers from the north.

Believe me, dear Sir, that I am well aware of the task I have undertaken without sympathy or cooperation from any source, and without meddling with the political aspects of the case; while at the same time I know the difficulties of instructing a class of human beings who, with but rare exceptions have but little deductive power, and to whom the language of books seems in a great measure a dead language. The ~~task~~ task however has to be undertaken by some one, who will do it for Christ's sake and the love of souls, as well as in view of the fact that this people is a power in the state which only through their intelligence could be wielded for good.

The truth of these facts are so well understood here, and such is the confidence of the people here in my integrity in this undertaking, that, while none are willing to uphold their schools by their contributions, my credit among them has enabled me to get nearly three hundred Dollars in debt, and though they know my poverty, they are still willing to extend credit to me.

I would not have used their credit had I not been burned out here, which made it necessary for me to build, and had I not a sickly wife ~~which~~ who requires constant attention and outlay in a place, which I may confidently assert is one of the dearest in the Union.

I have troubled you so far in order to tax your kindness with the further trouble to give me some information, whether there is not somewhere in the North a society to aid the liberated in the South in their efforts to get instruction, and to assist me in keeping myself at this work.

Should you be so kind as to give me the desired assistance on my showing the verity of my statements, I can then refer you to the following gentlemen:

Lieut. Roberts, who was a while agent of the Bureau at Clarksville, Texas; but became Adj. Genl of the state in the fall of 1868. Brevt Maj. Charles Rand who was Agent of the Bureau 1869 Hon. A. H. Latimer Associate Judge of Texas 1869, and any gentleman at this place of whom you may desire information on the subject.

With profound respect and Christian humility

I am

dear Sir.

Your servant

Charles Goldberg

Gen. O. O. Howard

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ROOMS
OF THE
Young Men's Christian Association
Southwest Corner Eighth and State Streets.

Executive Committee.

JUN 19 1871 O. O. H.

Erie, Pa., June 17th 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My dear Sir.

Would it be possible for you, at some time during the coming fall, say in the short of November, to deliver a lecture or address in behalf of our Association? It would be in connection with a course of lectures which we are endeavoring to organize, and from which we hope to realize some money for our Association enterprises.

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We have now a three year-old Library of over 4000 volumes, and a free Reading Room. We have two prosperous Sunday Schools. We keep up Street preaching in the summer, and give religious instructions at the County Jail, and other available places.

We want money to sustain these endeavors to promote the Master's cause, — and we are also anxious to raise funds for a building of our own.

Can you give us a talk in our Course of Lectures? Surely you will be going West once this coming season, and could stop with us for a single night.

Please answer soon, and name terms and probable time.

Yours very truly,
J. H. Dougherty.
Pres. Y. M. C. Asso.

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Brooklyn
17th June 1871

My Dear General

Talking yesterday with Mr. Beach, he said that he had the impression that I had promised to go to Washington next week. I write simply to say that my purpose was to come the week after next. I have engaged to preach for the New York Young Men's Chris. Association on Tuesday evening. So it is now impossible to come next week. But if nothing interferes to prevent me, I will leave New York on Monday evening week, the 26th June, & arrive with you on the morning of the 27th. I hope that you are the better of your pro-

raging, week before last: & that your neuralgia has wholly gone.

With kind regards to Mrs Howard & earnest prayers for your success in all your Christian enterprises

I am
My Dear General
Yours faithfully
Wm M. Taylor

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington.

Washington, June 13th 1871.

Brig. Genl O. O Howard, U. S. A.
Commissioner,

General,

I have the honor, herewith to enclose an application to the Hon. Secretary of War, and respectfully request that you will kindly add some words of recommendation. My present situation is in fact harder as stated, it is indeed intolerable. 8 months without employ, I really depend upon the benevolence of some friends, and the old adage is true, that in distress there are found only few. – I am willing to do any work whatever, to make an honest living, but my health prevents menial labor and a cripple man cannot find work by privat individuals. My hope is that the Government will give me a situation. I do not aspire to a Clerkship. A Messenger, Watchman or Laborer place, the smallest one will be welcome. Destitution kills ambitious dreams.

General, your recommendation will without doubt induce the Hon. Secretary of War to favorable action.

I am, General,

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servant

Chas. F. Wille

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Washington D.C.
June 19th 1871.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

His Excellency Gov. H. D. Cooke, will receive the "Ordway Guards" Battalion tomorrow evening at 9 O'clock at the Executive Office, Cor. Pa. Ave, and 17th St.

The Officers of the Guards have requested me to extend to you an invitation to be present on that occasion.

I have the honor to be, General
Your Obedient Servant

William L. Bramhall.
President Ordway Guards

B—107—Box 2, 1871

46.

"Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

OUR AIM:

To reach the Churchless and neglected.

English Evan. Lutheran Mission,

REV. S. B. BARNITZ, *Missionary.* GEO. W. STONER, *Secretary.*
HENRY A. KNAPP, *Treasurer.*

P. O. Drawer, 151.

Wheeling, W. Va. June 19th 1871

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear Bro. in Christ.

God, our Father in Heaven, is leading me through deep waters and laying upon me the hand of affliction. I have but recently returned from the funeral of my mother, and now the word comes to me of a sister completely shattered and a brother-in-law suffering with Cancer at the lip which seems to be growing rapidly. In addition to all this, my dear wife has also been smitten, and the end seems not yet. Our holy religion, however, gives me precious comfort, and that which I have so often administered to others - consolation from the word of God - now proves to me a precious solace. I write to you this morning to ask of you a service, which I know you will cheerfully grant me if in your power. From the papers I notice, that about this date, there is expected at the Navy Department a lot of Condurago, a tree or plant which is said to have cured the very worst cases of Cancer. Will you be kind enough to secure for me a portion

of this plant, and send it to James H. Clem
Duke St. York. York Co. Pennᵃ.

Oh! My dear Genl. How
if you can do this for me. You will merit and
receive such gratitude as only relieved suffer-
-ing can bestow.

Whatever expense you may
-cur, I will cheerfully raise and remit
you.

Hoping to hear from you favorably
I am, very sincerely
Your friend
Samᵘ B. Barnitz

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No. 44.

HALF RATE MESSAGES.

The Western Union Telegraph Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following HALF RATE MESSAGE.

O. H. PALMER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated, Atlanta Ga June 19 1887

Received at 735 P.M.

To General Howard,

Care Howard University

Please send Richard Fields home will send you his accounts,

Emma Fields

10 Sd 1/2 Rate

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June 19th 1

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Samuel T. Howard, Pres.t
Fred'k A. Watt, V. Pres.t
E. S. Turner
Sup.t of Agencies.
Chas. N. Morgan, Actuary.
Butler Ward, Secretary.

THE Excelsior Life Insurance Company

OF NEW YORK

AGENCY AT

June 19th 1871

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Dear General

If you come to the City tomorrow I can take you to a gentleman who I believe will give a subscription for $500 –

I have sent you a few "Capper" Circulars. We want the have filled up out if any of your friends are going out of the City for a Month or so You can fill by Endorse "Capper"

Truly Yours
A S Pratt

Maj Gen O O Howard
Present