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Windsor Bertie Co, North Carolina
July 28th 1886.

Major General Oliver C. Howard
Commanding Division of The
Pacific Division of San Francisco
California

My Dear Sir—

The Rankin - Richards
Institute a full statement which will
be given in a printed circular to you
with this, is the name of the late pastor
Rev. J. E. Rankin of the First Congregation-
al Church Washington D.C. and the late
Dr. C. S. Richards of Howard University.
Under the auspices of the same during
the late school season sixty pupils have
been instructed. Many have applied, but the
school room accommodations were not
equal to the demands. You will see from
the circular which I send you that I
am fully endorsed. But owing to the
arrangement of my time and stay in

New York, I have not secured the money desired to put us in easy operation. We are in immediate need of money for building. We are now erecting a building which needs for its completion Two Hundred Dollars -

Personally knowing you to be grateful in all worthy causes, I want to ask you to be good enough to direct your endeavours and charities in the support of one of your own boys and pupils -

Hoping to hear from you soon -
I trust this will find you and family well -

Very Truly and Gratefully
Yours

Rhoden Mitchell

Windsor
Gertie Co.
N.H.

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The Testimonials of the Clergy of Washington, D. C. Rankin Richards Institute.

WASHINGTON, July 27, 1885.

TO THE PHILANTHROPIC AND CHRISTIAN PUBLIC:

The undersigned take pleasure in commending the cause represented by the bearer of this communication, Mr. Rhoden Mitchell, a native of Windsor, Bertie Co., North Carolina. He spent four years as a student in Howard University. On leaving the University he became a teacher among his own people, and for two years past has been engaged in establishing the Rankin Richards Institute at Windsor, the County seat of Bertie County, where, in 1870, he erected the first school building for the education of the colored children. At the last Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina he procured an Act of Incorporation and has thus obtained for the Institute, which is designed to be undenominational, the highest endorsement of the State. He is now passing through the country collecting funds for enlarging the enterprise to an institution for industrial and higher education. Mr. Mitchell comes with the most reliable testimonials from many sources to show the general confidence reposed in him as a man of energy, ability, sound judgment and Christian character. A public meeting organized by himself in behalf of his cause was held in the Lincoln Mission Chapel in this City, on Friday evening, July the 24th, at which the Rev. Dr. Pitzer, Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Washington and Professor in the Theological Department of Howard University, presided, and Rev. Dr. Sunderland, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church made an address at this meeting. Mr. Mitchell presented the nature of his work, what has been already done, what are the future designs and necessities. It was a clear, sound, sensible and satisfactory statement and made a deep impression on the minds of those present.

Still further to aid him in procuring the necessary funds, this letter is prepared and there is moreover a strong additional reason for such assistance, in the fact that his institute is located in that part of the State where the colored people are numerically greatest and where, as a matter of course, their educational needs are most imperative.

It is earnestly hoped that his patient, wise and preserving efforts may meet with cordial encouragement and be crowned with ultimate success.

Signed.

B. SUNDERLAND,

Pastor First Presbyterian Church,

J. G. BUTLER,

D. W. FAUNCE,

FREDERICK D. POWER.

[OVER.]

This cause as the endorsements of the Rev. Drs. Howard Crosby, Theodore C. Williams, W. R. Huntington, C. H. Parkhurst, Henry J. Van Dyke, John R. Paxton, Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur, Rev. Dr. John Hall and others in New York City.

RANKIN RICHARDS INTSITUTE.

The attention of friends of the meritorious work of education is respectfully invited to the fact of the statement of the immediate need of means to establish the work of the above-named institute, and to erect sufficient buildings for the same. The present demand is three thousand, five-hundred dollars (3,500) to be used in the erection of two school buildings; one for the school house, and one to be used for boys and young men to room in. Connected with this Institute is to be an Industrial Department, which is deemed indispensable to the true progress of the pupils and the successful elevation of the people. Therefore several buildings are needed, three especially, viz.: one good school building, and one for dormitories for boys, and also a similar one for girls. The situation of this Institute is in easy reach of the people, and the contributions to this cause will accommodate more pupils with less expense than is usually done in schools of this grade.

The location is also a beautiful one, where three country roads meet forming a triangle, and the immediate hill upon which the Institute is to be established is known as "Triangle Hill." More than four thousand (4,000) pupils in Bertie County will be directly and indirectly benefited by this school, together with many more from adjoining counties. This Institute will indeed be the most hopeful and one whose location is essentially adapted to the necessities of the aspiring youth.

Therefore friends to the contributions and establishment of this enterprise, may favorably regard it the first in importance of its class in Eastern North Carolina. It is earnestly hoped that those, who would like to see a good cause prosper, will come to the support of this.

Very truly and gratefully,

RHODEN MITCHELL, Superintendent.

Home Address, Windsor, Bertie Co., N. C.

Temporary Address, 115 W. 27th Street, New York.

TESTIMONIALS of FORMER PUPILS of

Dr. Cyrus S. Richards.

30 LAFAYETTE PLACE, NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1885.

Mr. Rhoden Mitchell has shown me his credentials and explained to me his plan to procure a foundation for the Rankin Richards Institute, located in North Carolina.

Mr. Mitchell and his project seem to me worthy of confidence, and the friends of Dr. Cyrus S. Richards can hardly furnish a better monument to his memory than to help establish this school, which is honored with his name.

GILMAN H. TUCKER,

Formerly a Student under Dr. Richards at Meriden, N. H.

GOFFSTOWN, N. H., October 12, 1885.

DEAR BROTHER :

I am glad you are engaged in so noble a work and hope you may be greatly prospered in it.

Sincerely yours,

S. L. GEROULD.

October 16, 1885.

From the testimonials of Mr. Rhoden Mitchell, of North Carolina, I am satisfied he is engaged in a good cause. The effort to establish a school in memory of Dr. Richards is a most laudable one, and should meet with the hearty co-operation of all lovers of sound learning in our country. I heartily commend it to the sympathy of any who desire the elevation and complete education of all classes of our citizens.

JEROME ALLEN,

A graduate of Meriden under Dr. Richards, and
Editor of the *N. Y. School Journal and Teacher's Institute*.

1,122 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILA., October 17, 1885.

As a former pupil of Dr. Richards, and remembering him with deep respect and affection, it gives me pleasure to learn that his name is to be identified with an institution of learning, which, it is hoped, will perpetuate his memory for many generations.

Mr. Mitchell seems to have the cause at heart and to be deserving of the co-operation of those who desire a broad and Christian education for the South.

MOSLEY H. WILLIAMS.

I concur in the foregoing, having been Mr. Richards' pupil many years ago.

FREDERICK BILLINGS,

170 Broadway, N. Y.

October 21, 1885.

The "Call" is going to print
a sketch of your life, giving
your picture. They procured
one from Mr. Gable - for
reproduction -

Everyone is well -
With kindest regards, &
hoping to see you again
soon, safe and sound
I am

Sincerely yours

George M. Shaw
Chas. West
Presidio, Cal. July 28, 1886
Reports done of interest

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HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PACIFIC,

COMMANDING GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., July 28, 1886

My Dear General:

Nothing of importance
has transpired since my last
letter, but thought I would
write so this would
meet you in Omaha on
your return.

I was in charge of the
A.O.G.'s office for a day
when your telegram came
about Merrill - Mr.

Merrill's application, ^{or recommendation} to
the A.G. of the Army had been

received, to Mr. Bailey -
so I showed him your
telegram. His endorsement
was to the effect that he
did not think Mr. Merrill's
danger from mounted duty
was as great as he, Mr. Bailey,
to go from his letter, & that
if he found that he could
not do mounted duty - his
proper course would be
to apply to the post surgeon
for remedy - i.e. excuse from
further mounted duty.

There are rumors that
Col. Shapton wants to come
to the Presidio & is waiting
for your return - but I

do not think so.

Chaplain Patten from
Fort Lowell Arizona writes
you that he would like
to be stationed at Bidwell is
he is relieved from duty
in Capt. Arizona on his request
which I believe has not
yet been received here -
Says he is in ill health -
There are no quarters at
Bidwell - but there are at
Gastonia & McManis. He wants
to get away from the sea
coast. Gastonia is healthy &
would give him a good
field for outside work -
which he desires -

I enclose you a copy

PACIFIC BRANCH

[July 29, 1886?]

Society of the Army of the Potomac

419 CALIFORNIA STREET.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be held at the
Chamber of Commerce, 429 California St., on *Friday*
July 30 at 8 P. M.

~~Bring along all old Soldiers of the Army of the Potomac.~~

Full attendance requested. *Badges to be issued*

W. R. PARNELL, Secretary.



Re

FRANCISCO

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Cal.

GEN. H. G. BARNEY, President.

COL. W. R. PARNELL, Secretary.

PACIFIC BRANCH

Society of the Army of the Potomac,

419 CALIFORNIA STREET.

SAN FRANCISCO, *July 30* 1886.

Dear Sir

We should be pleased to know if You received a special invitation to the annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac - on Monday evening literary exercises at Metropolitan Temple. Wednesday evening, Banquet, Pioneer Hall - As some of our invitations have miscarried in the Mail. We desire to have all acceptances or otherwise properly recorded and provided for.

Yours Very Respectfully
W. R. Parnell
Secretary

Mr. Francis

July 30, 1886

My dear Mr. Stone: May I
pleas

ask if Genl. Arnold
received a certain
invitation.

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Glencoe July 31, 1886.
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard;

Dear Sir:

Enclosed
please find resolutions
adopted by the trustees,
of The Glencoe Congl.
Church of Christ,
at their last meeting.

Very truly yours
J. H. Alhoun
Secty.

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Albany July 3, 1886.
My dear Mr. Brewster,
Dear Sir,
I have just received
your letter of the 28th
of the 18th inst. and
at this last meeting
of the Society of
the Albany College
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RESOLVED, that, the thanks of the
Church and Congregation of Glencoe
be, and are hereby tendered to our
National fellow-citizen, Maj. Gen.
O.O.Howard, for the delivery to our
community of his most excellent
Lecture on, "Gen. Grant" and for his
liberal donation to the church im-
provement fund of the sum of forty
dollars,

RESOLVED, that, the Secretary be
requested to forward a copy of these
resolutions to Maj. Gen. O.O.Howard.

See 784

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Homer N. Y. July 31. 1886.

Maj' Genl O. O. Howard.
San Francisco

Dear Sir.

The 21st reunion of the
157th Reg. N. Y. S. Vol. of the 3^d Brigade
3^d Div. 11th Corps. Will be held at
Gettysburg on the 8th of Sept. at
which time and place a Monument
Erected by the Surviving Members of
this Regiment. to the Memory of their
Commanders who fell upon that battle
field on the 1st of July 1863. Will be
dedicated by ceremonies appropriate
to the interesting occasion -

Remembering their old Commanders
with great respect the Members of the
Regiment. Would feel greatly
honored if you could meet

Memorandum of July 21. 1885.

Prof. C. O. Silliman.

Dear Sir,

The 21st anniversary of the
18th Sept. 1867. of the 3rd President
of the U.S. will be held at

Washington on the 21st of Sept. at

which time will be observed

by the Government the anniversary of the

the independence of the country of this

country who first signed the Declaration

of Independence on the 4th of July 1776. Will be

celebrated by various patriotic

to the nation on a special

program in the old Congress

will spend the afternoon of the

program. Would feel greatly

honored if you could

as on that occasion
I therefore in the name of the
Regiment Cordially invite
you to be present with us.
And a few words from you
would be gratefully received

I am Sir Very Sincerely Yours
Chas. D. Newton
Cer. Secty. 15th Regt. Association

Wm. W. H. H. H.

Chas. C. H.

Decy 15y N. H. H.

Write to re-union

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Fort Lowell Arizona

July 31st /86

Lieut G N Chase P. D. C.

Presidio San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sir

Your letter
of the 27th inst. received. Of the three
stations mentioned Gaston is perhaps the
only one suitable to my condition
indeed I am told it is preferable for
me to Bidwell.

But the Post Surgeon here considers it
essentially necessary that I be examined by an
Expert Specialist before being assigned a
new station. I would therefore ask that
I be transferred to the Dept. of California
and that my station be left undetermined
until after such Examination shall be made.

Very Truly Yours

J. A. Rutter

Chaplain U.S.A.

P.S. Will you kindly ask
Miss Harriet to her say
in view of telegraphed notice
J. A. R.

Check change of location.

Dr. J. A. Rutter

July 31, 1886