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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

BENJ. L. HERR, PASTOR,

13 JAY STREET.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., *April 20* 1895

MY DEAR SIR :—

For the sake of the young men of our city, many of whom will be influenced by the conclusions I desire by this means to obtain, I respectfully hope for your kind co-operation in the matter suggested by the accompanying inquiries and therefore I would ask you to answer all, or such a portion of them, as you see fit.

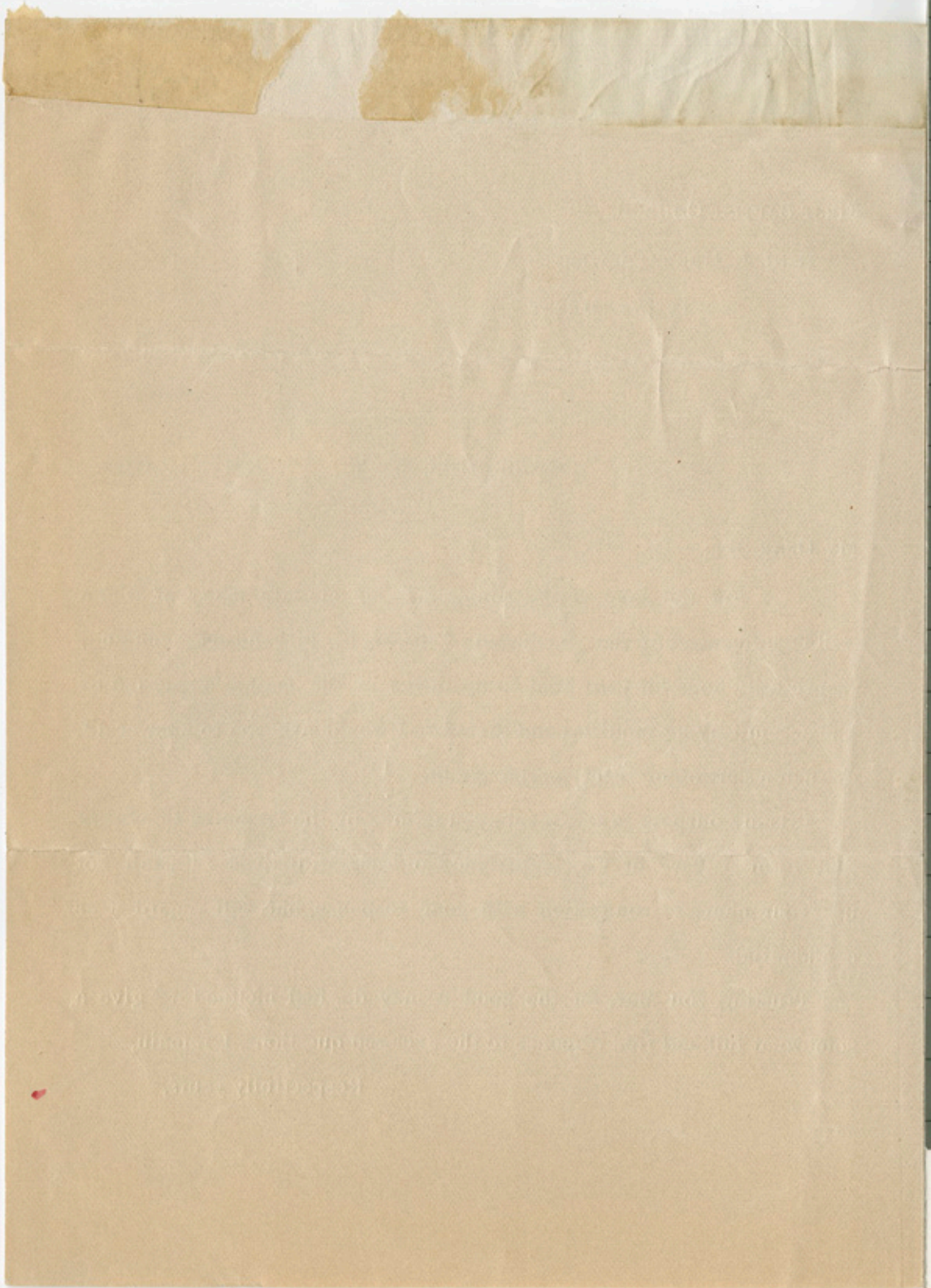
It is my purpose to try to help young men by the lesson of the **facts** that form a part of the experience of successful lives. I shall not use your name in connection with your response, but will regard it as confidential.

Trusting you may, for the good it may do, feel inclined to give a somewhat full and free response to the enclosed questions, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Benj L Herr

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Genl O. O. Howard -

Dear Genl.

I regret that
I was not able to get
down this morning to see
you to the train - I wanted
to apologize for my seeming
neglect, in failing to invite
you to my home, and
entertaining you there. 140

as I should have done,
had I been so situated
that I could. But Mrs
Pratt is without a servant
just now, and was herself
so busy at the Church
that she could not do
it.

John coming here has
done me good and
has had a good effect
on the community which
was beginning to forget
the times we so well

remember.

I hope that arrange-
ments can be made
so that we may hear
from you again in
September or October.
With best wishes I

Remain

Yours Truly

Electa C. Pratt

The Columbia Colonization Company . .
(Incorporated)

⊗ H. P. SWEET, ⊗
... GEN'L. MANAGER.

... ALSO ...
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Gen. O.O. Howard,

Glencoe, Cook County, Ill.

Dear Brother:- You may think it strange that I have not written before but we have reached no sufficiently definite conclusion to enable me to go beyond what you knew when you were here. I have cleared up pretty much all doubts as to the habitable conditions of the country as to climate, etc. Also as to the quality of the soil, confirming our previous impressions in its favor. Also as to the quantity of water, but on the latter point I am to go with the Engineer who first surveyed the water-shed and laid out the whole reservoir scheme; probably starting next Monday morning on horse-back. I shall also take in the great dam at Bear Valley and shall then be able to form as good judgment as any one, who is not an expert, could form, ^{with} ~~with~~ reference to the water supply. ^I ^{also} I have investigated thoroughly any possible interference from the Daggett project. They may have ground for a law-suit, but cannot, I am convinced, bring any injunction suit until we have actually stopped their water; and the head Manager of that enterprise stated to me that he believed that a considerable part of their under-flow upon which they are depending, comes from Kern County and the North side water shed. He thus admits that he ^{does} ~~did~~ not expect that our dam would stop all their water; If it does not entirely stop it and they merely

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have less water after our dam is built; the burden of proof will be upon them to show that we have injured them at all - so on the whole I do not much fear from this quarter. Besides I am arranging something amicable with the Daggett Company which I think will perhaps prevent friction. One part of the business still remains for my attention: An enormous sum has been agreed upon for the lands, water rights and dam site which are needed for our operations at and about the reservoir. One option calls for \$80,000 cash and \$70,000 in water rights; - This is known as the Hesperia Company. Another calls for \$50,000 cash and \$30,000 water rights (Brown Brothers) Another 1000 water rights and another \$18,5000 cash and 30,000 water rights; this is known as the Victor Company or ^{cks} ~~Dixon~~ claim and covers the canal part. Now I am convinced that the most of these are too high and that we can by condemnation suit get the Hesperia for half that at least. And the Brown's for less than half. The Dixon is not so exorbitant but I hope to arrange for them to take bonds for all except the first \$3500 which is now due. My time will be well put in if I can save 40 or \$50,000 at the least on these options. If I cannot get them reduced I shall favor condemnation suits. That is, in case we take up the proposition. I have familiarized myself with the latter and what the legal principles are which will apply. I find that the jury in a condemnation suit and appraisal will not be permitted to estimate prospective values but must take the valuation of the land and of the dam site at what it is and what it would bring if put up at auction on a forced sale.

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If I get the whole irrigation matter in shape to suit me, do you think that you can go into New York city with me or with an Engineer or with both me and an Engineer, to raise the preliminary \$500,000? Mr. Koebig the Engineer who made all the preliminary surveys and projected the whole scheme is ^a much better man for our purpose than Col. Bridges. Now that I have Col. Bridge's report I see that he is not au fait on irrigation matters. His report will not be of much value to us as a document. Indeed of no value except ^{as} ~~as~~ a reference to the plausability of the whole scheme. I hope this letter will reach you before you leave our house. Write me how your lecture goes off at the auditorium. I wish I could be with you. I am laying the foundations for some successful work in Chicago in the way of raising funds by having certain Chicago men who are here look thoroughly into the proposition.

Affectionately yours,

L. H. Howen

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY,

ATLANTA, GA.

REV. HORACE BUMSTEAD, D.D., President.

Please reply to

Northern Address:

Care of the J. F. Bumstead Co.,

340 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

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In reply to yours of

Boston Apr. 22, 1895.

My dear Gen. Howard:

I was very sorry that you could not speak at our "Big meeting" in the Broadway Tabernacle. Last night we had another at the new Old South Church on the Back Bay. On the 5th of May we are to have still another at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn (Dr. Chas. Cutbert Hall's). I learn from your son at Burlington that you will probably be in New York just about that time on your way from Pittsburg Pa. to Burlington Vt.

Can you not - will you not - my dear General, do Atlanta University and its blessed work the great service of stopping over that Sunday (May 5th) in New York and speaking at this meeting at 4 p.m.?

We are in great distress for money, being some \$10,000 short in our collections for this year's expenses and already \$28,000 in debt on previous years. We have never had

a general public meeting in Brooklyn before, and Dr. Hall, who has shown the warmest and most sympathetic interest in our serious situation, is very anxious to have this meeting a success in securing for us the help we so much need. You can speak of and for the work in general and this institution in particular as no other man can, and your name will draw an audience as few other names will. Sen. Stewart L. Woodford and Mr. Butler Wilson, one of our graduates who is practising law in Boston, are the only speakers engaged so far. I sincerely hope you will consent to speak. I will cheerfully pay whatever expense may be incurred by your remaining over in N. York for this purpose.

Yours very sincerely,
Hiram Bursted.

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Genl O. O. Howard

Burlington
Vt.

Dear sir

I wrote you an 15th inst
stating that your letter received ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~committee~~ ^{committee} had
been referred to the whole committee and
that while the comrades would be
pleased to have you deliver the Oration on
Memorial day yet we had no money
whereby we could pay any more than what
we had been in the habit of paying that is
the Rail Road and Hotel bills

If you can come in that way we
would be pleased to have you.

Will you let me hear from you immediately
so that I may know what to expect

Yours Fraternally

E M Chamberlain

(Chairman Centennial oration) 69 N Pearl St. And. Post 644

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Apr. 23.
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on arrival.