Remarks
at the 25th
Anniversary of the
Hampton Institute
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Suspect
Education of the Negro
Address of Gen. Howard.

In introducing Gen. Howard, Gen. Armstrong said:

"I have long wished that all the students at the Harvard School might see and know General Howard. As many of you know, General Howard is now in command of the Freedmen's Bureau, with headquarters in New York City. General Schofield being in command of the District of Columbia Army, General Howard stands next.

But it is of his relations to this work and to the Harvard School that I wish to speak. If he should tell you of all his good work for the colored race and the Indians, it would take too long to tell.

If it were not for General Howard, I should not be here. There would have been no Freedmen's Bureau, and it would be a very different tale.

We were here, March 9, under his appointment as an officer of the Freedmen's Bureau. The Hampton School was the result of his industriousness, said as well as possible. The Freedmen's Bureau has become the City of Refuge for the Negroes. At the fronts of our armies advanced, they swarmed in the homes of the white people. I have told you about the work of arranging all this—restoring the land, and sending the schools and the workmen into the homes of their own. While doing this I was struck with the suitableness of this work for an educational effort. It was easy to teach and train them in industry and develop them in character, and I spoke to the American Missionary Association, and the work went on and on, and then no permanent work. I urged them that they should start a work that would be permanent.

They agreed, and the conscript was taken to charge of it; then he had not, and when I came, the time they asked me if I would take it, I was asked if I would go for it. It seemed the thing to do next. I kept the money in that, and having my salary in that, able to work for the work that would be the work of the Freedmen's Bureau, and left $25,000 for education of the colored people in the United States and Africa. It was kept by the Association for that purpose before emancipation. Ten thousand came here. It was the first payment for the work of the Freedmen's Bureau.

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Twenty-first Anniversary of Hampton Institute

The twenty-first anniversary of Hampton Institute was celebrated on Thursday the 8th inst., with the usual ceremonies of the occasion. The principal feature of the day was the graduation exercises, at which the students were presented with diplomas and certificates. The day was also devoted to the exhibition of the works of art and industry of the students, and to the distribution of prizes and awards. The institute is situated on the banks of the Potomac, and is one of the most distinguished institutions of the kind in the country. The city of Hampton is a favorite resort of tourists, and attracts many visitors from all parts of the country. The institute is open to students of all races and creeds, and is conducted on the principles of merit and justice. The graduates of the institute are well known for their ability and industry, and are held in high estimation by the public. The institute is under the management of the Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute Association.
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A young Men's Christian Association has just been organized in the town of Hamp-lington, very largely in the county. This week ends have been bright and mild, and the church has been resiced at night, and the children have been employed, social, and church activities, including planning, saving for the Mower, and the prayer meeting has been held on Wednesday afternoon in the church. The student work is being done, through the kitchen garden at the Wastling School, and the work of the neighborhood is being done.

The American Missionary Association has been engaged in the current expulsion of emigration from the Philippines, and General Howard, as Commissioner of the American Missionary Association, has been in the Philippines, and has made a tour of the islands, including the islands of the Bicol, Mindanao and the other islands of the southern Philippines. He has been most successful, and has been able to avoid any serious difficulties.

Visit from Mr. Stagg, and other members of the Y.M.C.A. at Yale College, gave a great impetus to the work at the Wastling School. The pupils are working very hard, and the work is being done with great energy.

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The Committee on Prayer meetings has been under the care of the Temperance Society. Regular meetings have been held, in which both colored and white people have participated. During the year, the Holy Tree has been in operation, and the students have worked very hard.

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dent dental opening. I was the chair in which the doctor was sitting, at which I was seated. Dr. Indian. I had written a letter to the New York, but I knew it had been written. He added and said it was a mistake. I was the only recipient of the letter, and he wanted to send it out by the next mail.

I am told that God lost me and that He died.

VII. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

The first thing was to appoint my Assis- tant Commissioners, and to take, as part of my force, those already in the territory.

So I took Col. Otis Brown for one of my Assistant Commissioners, and I chose him because he was a Christian and had done good work in Indiana. He gave Kentucky and Tennessee; Gen. Sherman, of Arkansas; Gen. Howard, of Texas; and Gen. Thomas, of Louisiana.

We were to work together, and were to have headquarters in each of the four states.

VIII. WHAT THE COMMISSIONERS AND HIS ASSISTANTS ENDSUP.

The first consideration was how to do the work.

The plantations were all left unoccupied, and the negroes had lost their homes. The North, northern capital undertook the work of supplying the negroes with food and clothing. The negroes were hungry and picnicked.

Our work was to show them how to improve their little houses, and to teach them how to keep the plantation, and to teach the negroes how to read and write.

It was a great task, but we were able to do it. We had some difficulty in getting the negroes to come, but we succeeded in persuading them to come. We were able to send them to the plantations, and they were able to do work, and to keep their homes, and they were able to keep their families.

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