

Known as
Carynades
St. Louis 1865.

My dear friends -

I do hope that
our University is taking the
initiative of such a great enterprise -
Your letter of 29th May giving me
encouragement -

Our Springfield stone,
as far as possible, undressed, so as to
preserve that nice black color, is
the best for material - Next to that.

height - I am willing that they shall
be joined by corridors. and in that way,
an elegant diversity will be secured.

I was a guest on Tuesday evening

at the elegant dinner given by Mr. Rogers
at Albany on the occasion of the selection of
a site for the People's building - It was an
impressive scene - All who had ever been
- 59 -
Miss M. Rogers

I prefer the Medina sand stone.
which gives a rich color to a
public building -

I do not like the
idea of very large, huge Halls - all
in one great building - but of
different Halls - so as to give a
variety to the plan - and to
give a breadth to the purpose.

They may not be individual,
but I mean not all of one.

Governors of the State were present, except
Seward, who could not come - Mr Throop
who is 80 years of age at Seymour also
was at the West. - Your great plan was
spoken of. It already wins attention of all
men who prize the excellence of thought.

Remember me to Mrs. Follen and
to the Parker's.

Ever cordially Yours
William D. Boycutt.

Illinois City June 8 1865

Dear Sir

Yours dated May 19 containing
A draft for \$51 came duly to hand
and I take advantage of the
first mail to reply I had no
difficulty in getting it cashed

I have not seen or heard any thing
of the other one that you sent I
hope it will come round some time
it should have come here as you
say it was directed Ballards Landing
Illinois City there is no post office
at Ballards Landing if it should come
to hand here I will forward it if
you should get it I would like to
know it

I cannot find any government land
nearer here than one Hundred and fifty
miles and my Wife thinks she would
not like to go so far from all the relatives
she has in this part of the world
perhaps after a while I will be able with
good luck to buy a small farm about
here as there are lots of them for sale with
some improvements on them I however feel
to appreciate your offer the same as though I
could avail myself of it yours Wm J Shepley

MSS.

Kc 9 2

Indianapolis July 9, 1858

3 O'clock A.M.

Dear Orrin

I cannot sleep, nor can I content myself in any way, so I will spend the balance of the time till daylight in giving you an account of the severest accident that has ever befallen me. At your father's request when lost at home I planned the route of their western tour as it appeared then satisfactory, it certainly gave them the opportunity of seeing the most country at the least expense of time and money, of any plan they could adopt.

The plan provided for your father & Otis to go west through Canada to Albion, visit them and be met at Mich City or Chicago, by Dunham & Bristol, as D. wanted go the south side of Lake to leave Emily in Ohio and get Bristol to make the balance of tour with them. The change that was afterwards agreed upon provided for your father & Otis to meet D & B at Indianapolis where they would retraced their steps & return to Mich City & thence west via Chicago - I without knowing of the change went from Indianapolis to Albion to meet your father & Otis, spent the

sabbath with them at Albion, and intended to go to Detroit & Cleveland to attend to some business, but instead, I turned back at the urgent request of father & Otis to accompany them to Indianapolis, which proved an unfortunate change of program for me,

Just before reaching here, two weeks ago last Wednesday, I was sitting on a seat with your father the window up and my elbow resting on the window and projecting 3 or 4 inches out side of car. While in that position we passed through a bridge in which some thing struck my ^{arm} elbow about 4 inches below my elbow, breaking both bones at that place, and throwing it back with such force as to break the bone in two places between the elbow & shoulder across the edge of window, also to break several small bones in my hand and two of the fingers by the concussion of the blow against the side of the car; So my arm was then only broken up, I expected nothing short of amputation but instead, my surgeon said he would first try & save the arm, and he set it, and will save it, how good an arm it will be I can't say, but it is apparently doing well, and I am encouraged with the hope that I shall get through and have a pretty good arm E.L.

Hamilton College {
Clinton N.Y. }

June 9th 1865

Hon. E. Cornell, Dear Sir,

Yours under date of the
third ult. is before me.

Please accept my thanks
for your kindness.

And that the richest of
heavens blessings may ever
attend you, is the prayer of

Your Humble Servant,

M. G. Hollister.

Herb H. True
June 12, 1865

First June 12th / 65
Mr E. Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Yours of 2nd inst is received.
Wish to say in request & in
explanation that I know not
of the sale of the line nor the
arrangements made to liquidate
its indebtedness. I had no agent nor
given any one authority to collect it
in any way & from your letter written
to me on the subject while in Michigan
again I infer that you acknowledged
it as just. I heard that you
was not in circumstances at that
time to make all payments & cared
not so much about it then as now
when I hear (& gladly too) that you
are in ^{an} ~~in~~ fortunate condition.

You were, at the time the debt was
contracted, president of the line

& the order which I received
from you, through your Supt.
at Harrodsburg.

If you should see fit to
inform the party whose business
it is to pay the indebtedness,
of its existence, it seems to
me it would be paid.

I think it would be useless
for me to write to Mr. Jeff about
it. Will you not be kind
enough to make an effort &
assist me in getting it.

Perhaps I am not right, but
I think it rather belongs to you
under the circumstances to see
it paid, if possible by the
party who is appointed for that, or
by yourself from a sense of
justice to me, especially as I
need all that is my just dues.

Hoping to hear favorably from you
soon. I remain with good wishes
yours Wm. W. True

De Ruper Madison to Mr,
June 12th 1865

Mr Ezra Cornell }
J. W. Loughran & Co., }

Dear Sir

By direction
of American Merino I send you
this day per U S Express 1 set of
Merino Patent Sheep Stacks which
the Merino wants you to thoroughly
test this season & mark place for
further feed on stacks

I understand you intend
visiting De Ruper shortly will you
please call upon me

If convenient please
acknowledge receipt of "Stacks" and
also your opinion of them

Truly ever yours
J. W. Loughran & Co.

Census Office, Department of the Interior,

Washington, 12 June 1865

My dear Sir.

I send you for Maine copy of
the census of Ag. I wish you would exam-
ine its contents & then you may be better
prepared to judge of the propriety of my
presuming to aspire to the Comrship
of Ag. My profession is that of Ag
I acted as Cor Secy of the US Ag Socy
& edited its Monthly Journal - For
30 yrs I have contributed more or less
to the ag literature of the country -
am familiar (from observation dur-
ing two visits) with the practice &
theory of Ag. in Europe - and the work
I send you must govern your judgment
as to my judicious use of ag statistics

to rendering them useful.

If in your view my app^t
could be an improve^t upon the
present edⁿ I should be
glad to have you express
your opinions to that effect
to the Pres or some member
of his Cab^t. My lesson duties
have been closed abruptly by
the accidental failure of one
app^r & with the other app^t.
I could also complete the lessons
without delay.

Very cordially yours

J. L. Hammond

E. M. L.

I may remark that I have
been recommended for the
position named by Gov. Fenton
Senator Harris & others of N.Y.
& by the Govs of Mass. & Penn^a
& others —

Medfield, June 12th, 1865.

Mr Cornell,

Addressing you as an entire stranger, and for such a purpose, I must first ask your pardon for the liberty I have taken, hoping you will consider my motives, and excuse me for asking a favor of an unknown person.

I have noticed in the papers the liberality with which you have given to charitable purposes, and especially to those of education, and was prompted to ask myself, thinking that if you know my circumstances, and the desire I have for an education you would not refuse to assist me.

You may ask why I do not make an effort and earn it myself, as others have done? I have worked for several years hoping each year to be able, but having an aged father to assist, and a small mortgage on the place which I have been trying to clear; and in the times through which

Ruth A Hovey
Medfield
Mass

we have lived the few last years, I find it impossible to do it myself, yet cannot give up the idea; and wish as you are so favored with the means to give, and have a heart too, that you could consider this a deed of as much charity as any you have ever given to, and one which will call down the blessings of Heaven, as I profess to be one of the least of Christ's disciples, and anything given you will not lose your reward either in this life or that which is to come.

I am engaged in teaching a common school but wish very much to attend school the next term, yet cannot without assistance, and have not courage to ask those that I know, and perhaps it is useless to ask you, but I could not refrain when I saw how much you had given to others, thinking you would not doubt my sincerity, but render me assistance if if it was not unknown to you, and you would never lose your reward.

Please answer this ^{soon} if you do not think I have ^{been} to far in asking such a favor but believe me to be sincere and honest Ruth A Hovey

M. B. Wood
June 12. 65

Albion June 12th 1865

Dear Eva

Your letter of 29th ult.
is received and I am happy
in receiving so favorable a response
to my letter with regard to the
seminary endowment fund.

You are however mistaken in
thinking my labors are ended in
this matter, for the ground has
all got to be gone over again by
somebody to collect the subscriptions
or secure ~~subscriptions~~ the same by
Mortgage or otherwise, and I can
not hope to escape some of this
labor. The meeting to Elect a
board of Control is set down for
the 14th inst at firemens Hall
and it will be difficult to dodge
out of being one of that board.
Though I shall try hard to do it.

We wish to get it all secured by the first of Sept. so that the interest will commence to accrue on the beginning of the Collegiate year.

You will perceive by this, that you will not be drawn on for any money to pay faculty untill the half year is up which will be the first of next March.

You speak of locating some land in Mich. for the Cornell University and wish to know if I can go along and assist.

I do not know of any thing to hinder, and will do all I can to further the interests of the University. It is a grand project and I hope to see it go into operation & prosper & flourish beyond any thing that has yet been established in any state.

I am glad to hear that J. H. has got established on the farm

and hope he will stick to it, for it is the best opening for him that I know of any where. I intend to visit Ithaca as soon as I conveniently can, but hardly think I can get away untill August. Phebe & Arlina are not in a situation to come at this time. They are too near like Jeff. Davis in petticoats, about to be ~~Con~~

We had a letter from Deborah yesterday saying they were all well as usual. We have had rather a dry time here for a month which will shorten the hay crop but all other crops look well. Corn is as forward as I ever saw it at this season. The farmers are shoving in their wheat & wool which they have been holding on to for larger prices. One of my neighbors borrowed some money of me to use instead of selling his wool last fall for 98 cents per lb, & now he is selling for 58¢ He has 4000 lbs to sell

Our family are all at home for the present. Orson came in two weeks ago looking like a yellow boy. He got too much of Chicago river in him. He is able to be around & will do the telegraphing & selling of R.R. tickets here untill he gets over his trouble.

Edgar dispatches the freight business with energy & promptness which is satisfactory to the R.R. Co and I think upon the whole, time passes on rather pleasantly. Alice is preparing to close up the term with success in her studies & will spend the vacation among us, practicing music & drawing & such studies as she can master without a teacher.

Our friends are all well in this vicinity as far as I know

Yours Respectfully
M. B. Wood

E. Cornell Esq.

Syracuse
June 12th 1865

Hon. E. Cornell

My dear Sir

I endeavored to break away to day and go to Albany but could not. There is however a most excellent man in every respect - who will be glad to advise you in regard to your book matter - Mr. Holmes who has charge of the State Library - the General Library up stairs. See him by all means.

I have not seen the Catalogue of the Taylor sale - wish I had, but judging from the advertisement, it must contain some very fine works

The first book I notice is

Audubon's Birds. This is very rare
and costly. Your Library ought to
contain it. - but you cannot afford
to have an imperfect copy. Mr
Homes can tell you just what
you ought to pay and whether
the copy is such an one as you
ought to have. He will also inform
you regarding the other works on
Natural History.

Selby's British Birds is also a
famous work. It is in four vols
folio. The price for a good copy
finely bound, in London is 25 £.
It was published at ~~10~~^{10.5} £ -

There is another work Selby's
Ornithology in 2 vols octavo which
can be bought in London for less

Phillips

Touvois, British fishes 5 vols 8vo
can be bought in London for 2[£] 10^s

Musé Français and
Musé Royal - two famous
collections - seven volumes in all
can be bought in Paris for
1200 francs certain - for 1000
francs probably

Gentleman's Magazine which
is large library right - contains
as it. various articles by many
famous writers - can be got in
London beautifully bound for
35 pounds

Charles's Review complete -
exactly bound cost me in London

Ten pounds.

A beautifully bound copy of
the North American Review complete
set - one since the war began

125.00

Buffon's Natural History 20 vols
published in England in 1812 vol.
is the best edition can be bought
in London for 4 pounds

The other Reviews & Justin
are incomplete - which would
be dear at any price

You can buy the above at
a reduction on the prices I
have given - probably 10 percent
less by the quantity - and I think
public institutions still continue
to import for their libraries free

of duty

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If these things go very much
less than the above prices I
would advise you to secure them
if they are in good clean condition
- otherwise I think you would
do well to wait a little -
Nothing in that portion of the
Library advertised is so rare or
not to be easily found when
wanted. Even the Audubon
can be secured at a few
weeks notice

I remain very dear Sir
most truly yours
Arch. D. White

Nevada City C.T. June 13th 1865

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Cousin

Allow me to introduce to you Mr J. Beverly the bearer our neighbor & friend who calls upon you at our request. His long residence & intelligent observation in Cal. qualifies him to give you valuable information in regard to its mineral & other resources.

Your favor of Jan May 29th is rec^d & our thanks tendered therefor. The box of specimens should be rec^d soon.

The box was sent by Mr James Mc. Cann of Providence R.I. "No. 17 Abbotts Lane"

Very Truly Yours

M. Booth

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A attorney of convenient
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a journey of Aug 17th

D. Wood

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BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Buffalo, June 15 1865

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Of Ithaca

Dear Sir:

At a monthly
meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society, held on the 13th inst., you were proposed
as a Corresponding member of the Society, by Hon. N. K. Hall
and elected.

Yours, Respectfully,

W. K. Scott.

Corresponding Secretary.

The Buffalo Historical Society.

The above Society was organized on the 15th day of April, 1862, and its first election of officers was held on the 20th day of May, 1862. It was incorporated Dec. 31, 1862, and its rooms opened Feb. 1, 1863.

Its general design is to discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the History of Western New York, and the City of Buffalo in particular. It will likewise aim to gather statistics of the commerce, manufactures and business of the Lake Region, and those portions of the West that are intimately connected with the interests of Buffalo.

For that purpose, it solicits from all persons willing to contribute to the object, donations of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, correspondence, paintings, statuary, files of newspapers, &c., &c., which may have historic importance, or illustrate, in any way, the facts and incidents attendant upon the early settlement and subsequent progress of Western New York and the adjacent regions.

Those who are in possession of any of the above described objects of collection desired by the Society, and may not feel willing to donate or permanently part with them, are respectfully invited to deposit the same among the archives of this Society, to be reclaimed at their pleasure. No property thus deposited will be permitted to be taken from the rooms of the Society, unless with the written consent of the owner or depositor. A fire-proof depository has been secured for the use of the Society.

An Annual Oration will be delivered before the Society, on the second Tuesday of January in each year; and Addresses from time to time during the year, of which public notice will be given.

The monthly meetings of the Society will be held on the second Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1864.

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REV. WALTER CLARKE,	NATHAN K. HALL,
REV. G. W. HOSMER,	GEO. W. CLINTON,
DR. JAS. P. WHITE.	

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OBJECTS OF COLLECTION DESIRED BY THE SOCIETY.

1. Manuscript statements and narratives of Pioneer settlers—old letters and journals relative to the early history and settlement of Buffalo and of Western New York; Biographical notices of our pioneers, and of eminent citizens, deceased; and facts illustrative of our Indian tribes, their history, characteristics, sketches of their prominent chiefs, orators and warriors, together with contributions of Indian implements, dress, ornaments and curiosities.
2. Files of newspapers, directories of the cities of this and the Western States, pamphlets, college catalogues; minutes of ecclesiastical conventions, conferences and synods, and other publications relating to Buffalo or Western New York.
3. Indian geographical names of streams and localities in this State, with their significations.
4. Books relating to American history, travels and biography in general, and this locality in particular, family genealogies, old magazines, maps, historical manuscripts, autographs of distinguished persons, coins, medals, paintings, portraits, statuary and engravings.
5. We solicit from Historical Societies and other learned bodies, that interchange of books and other materials by which the usefulness of institutions of this nature is so essentially enhanced—pledging ourselves to repay such contributions by acts in kind to the full extent of our ability.
6. The Society particularly begs the favor and compliment of authors and publishers, to present, with their autographs, copies of their respective works for its Library.
7. Editors and Publishers of newspapers, magazines and reviews, will confer a lasting favor on the Society by contributing their publications regularly for its Library, or, at least, such numbers as may contain articles bearing upon our local or Western history, biography, geography, or antiquities; all which will be carefully preserved for binding.
8. The Society wishes to obtain photographs of the citizens of Buffalo, with the autographs of the persons written thereon, with date. The album size is preferred, but those in frames will be suitably placed. It would be very pleasing to have whole families of our old citizens, in separate albums, to be lettered with the family name, and deposited in our Cabinet. Congregations would confer a favor by furnishing those of their present and former ministers. The Editorial fraternity are expected to be fully represented. Photographs or other representations of churches, public buildings, manufacturing establishments, steam and other lake craft, and private mansions, are all desired. Artists are particularly requested to notice this feature of our collection, and to contribute such copies of their works as they can spare.

Packages for the Society may be sent to or deposited with any of the Officers, or sent to the Corresponding Secretary, by Express, at the charge of the Society.

June 18 1865

Mr Cornell
you may think it strange
to be addressed by a stranger
but I can not let such
Bountiful Generosity go
unnoticed and more than that
I almost feel to weep
when so much is given to
one more than any one could
know what to do with unless
like you they give to those
that have not been so favored
if I could have but the Income
of your property for one month
it would be all I would ask
for in the world but it
is vile that some are poor

but I admire to read
of such men, as you and
Stephen Girard and that
Lawrence and many more
that I could mention but
have almost left sleeping
would, you receive if I am
now even more privately
know that could be made
happy that had struggled
~~for~~ for years to get along
and then lost the position
struggles with poverty with
nothing but the poor house
before them would age there
is not much comfort in such
clique and how many there is
that have been honest temperate
God fearing people that is
all that they can do it may
learn strong to you that any
one can be poor when you

have had an abundance
and it seems strange to
be that all cannot do
what we can I should
like to know how you
commenced life if you
were a poor boy

Wm Henry Cushman

Testonville
Inds

P.S. I should like to know some
about the Cottages whether
it is free to any but that I do
I have a Boy 16 years old
that wants an education but
poorly colored parents

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., June 19 1865

Dear Sir

At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Office of the Secretary on the 5th day of April 1865, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted viz:

"Resolved, That in addition to the regular weekly meetings of this Board, the last Wednesdays of June, September, December, and March, be specially designated for meetings of this Board, at which all the Directors are requested to attend without further Notice."

I beg to call your attention to the above Resolution and to suggest the importance of a general attendance of all the Directors at these regular quarterly meetings without further special request.

Respectfully Yours
A. H. Peck
Secy

Providence June 19/65
Mr Cornell

Dear Sir I have been to Colorado Territory and your friend Mrs Horace Baath gave a package to me to forward to you which I have by Hardsden Express and I hope you have received it I forwarded to you June Fifth the day after I came home I went out of town and I neglected writing to you I hope you will excuse me - you will please write to me as soon as you receive this - for I want to write to Mrs Baath and let her know I delivered the package. yours Truly
James M. Cann
direct to No. 17 Abbotts Lane
Providence R. I. for James M. Cann



Office of the

SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE

State of New York.

Albany, June 19, 1865

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

My Dear Sir - I send, with this
note, the copy of the law relative to
the Cornell University, which Capt. Sullivan
has completed, and which now
bears the signatures of the proper state
officers.

The regular office charge for the
work, or ordinary work of the character
named be \$3. The Capt. ought to have
something extra, which you can fix to
suit yourself.

Respectfully yours
F. C. Sullivan, chief clerk

Tyranne June 19th / 65
Hon: Ezra Cornell
Dr Sir

Mr. White, in
the absence of her husband
sent me your letter to Mr
White.

Our Board of Comm^{rs}
have commenced organizing
will meet again in
July on my call, but
not earlier than the
10th or 15th. Sincerely

If the ~~Mind~~ Asylum
is located at Ovid, the
Mind, will not be,
in all probability.

It may be considered
a float, to be located

when, all things
considered, in the
judgment of the Board
it should be.

But in all this
I have no right to push
for the Board I do
not do so.

We shall be happy
to receive any propo-
sition, from the good
people of Athara, any
communication which
you may send me will
be duly presented to the
Board.

Yours Obt Servt
J. H. Lawrence Jr.

P.S. The Board will
probably visit Athara
March 1st & be strongly
served by the Agents.

Board of Agriculture,

Toronto, June 20, 1865.

To Hon Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca, N.Y.

Sir,

I have been instructed by the Board of Agriculture to request that you will do them the favor to act as one of the Judges of

Short Horned Cattle,
at our approaching Provincial Exhibition at London, on 19th to 22nd September next.

Will you kindly inform me, as soon as possible, whether you can make it convenient to accept the above-mentioned appointment.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HUGH C. THOMSON,

SECRETARY.

Copy to F.O. Smith
June 20, 65

Ithaca June 20, 1865

Dear Sir

Your favor of May 22^d - came in my absence from home, and having been absent most of the time since the Legislature adjourned this delay in answer has been caused.

In answer to my expressed desire to have an end to what always appeared to me your unjust and ingenuous suit against me, you say - "That you are aware, that I never rec^d one dollar outside a small Committee spend once made (for made I think) for all my interests put into your and Sped's hands, while he once rec^d a handsome fortune out of it and you have realized from it the fortune of a Millionaire."

In so much of our past transactions as are covered by the above extract from your letter, you are entirely mistaken, in

The view you express of it, The facts are, that you realized large sums from it, in the amount you received from the sale of your Telegraph interest to the consolidated Tel Co^{rs} as that sale embraced the property you refer to and constituted the principle interest which the Western Union Tel Co^{rs} sought to obtain by the purchase. Whereas Sped me^d little if any thing from this, and I rec^d not one dollar, but on the other hand embarrassed myself largely in my efforts to advance your interest. Much, very much more can be said on this subject but enough for the present =

You next say - "Now my claim upon you is for half of the construction profits on the Et^h & Sp^t & lines" you then allude to Sped's letter of Oct 11/48 in which you say he shows your profit to be \$24,360. You are perfectly aware that whatever sum he named as your share of profits, resulting from

any agreement between you and him was based upon acts to be performed upon your part, to wit the conveyance of the exclusive right of the Morse Patent to the Et^h & Sp^t Co. If you had caused that right to be conveyed Sped could and would have paid you all he ever agreed to pay you - You failed to perform on your part, and thus paralyzed his power to pay you as the Trustees who in part you appointed would not issue the stock to you until the patent was assigned to the Co. So that Sped was rendered powerless by your non performance, and hence not in fault -

As to that portion of the Et^h & Sp^t line which I understood to build from B^{er} to D^{er}, the contract was given to Livingston & Mills who could have got the stock taken & built the line had it not been for O'Reilly who commenced building on same route under a contract from Morse Patentee, which he claimed to cover the route, I & W^{ts} ^{thing} failed ~~however~~ and you induced us to take the contract off their hands, by promises to get O'Reilly

out of the way, and by surrendering
to me your claim under L & W²
contract for an interest in the profits
of construction. This modification
of the contract was not alluded to
in the letter referring the contract
which I accepted in behalf of Speed
& myself. I never expected however
to hear you set up any claim for
such profit, =

Your further refer to a letter of
of mine Feb 11/52 in which you say
I state that your "Share of construction
profits on 1st win of N.Y. & E. line to be
on 1st win \$26,680 & on 2^d win \$14,000."
I have not a copy of this letter, but it
could not have been intended to con-
vey any such idea as your extract
from it conveys, as the second win
was not put on the N.Y. & E. line and
hence could not have been the source
of any profit to you or any one else.
As to myself I never derived any profit
from any part of the line or any
connection with it, and this fact

2 to make it profitable to yourself and
to Speed and myself - arose from your
failure to dispose of the Atkin's pre-
tensions, and to make the N.Y. & A.
Grand Trunk line for the western
business. As a local line it was not
worth building, and would not have been
built by us. To make it a through
trunk line we depended wholly,
on arrangements which you promised
to bring about, but failed wholly to
do - The company consequently failed
and was sold in bankruptcy, your in-
terest with Speed & myself all was
thus swept out of existence, I struggled
to prevent it, but you & Speed failed
to cooperate with me and I went
under with the rest -

To sum up our relations generally
I assert that you have made a fortune
out of the telegraph which you could
not have made, but for what I did
to forward develop & mature the
the enterprise from 1844 to 1854, and
this I can prove by your own letters,
and at the latter period I had become
involved in my telegraphic operations
to promote your interests & my own so
that I was then \$50,000 in debt. While
you was worth half a million -

In 1854 I found that I could
carry any heavy burden of debt
no longer. I must get rid of it
or go under - I then ceased working
for the interest of others, and regarded
my own interest as a paramount
duty, and am happy to be able to say
that I have paid off that score of
old debts, and got something ahead
which I shall endeavour to use wisely.

As for the matter you enquire
about relating to the Ohio & Missouri
line, I know nothing, but if you will
make the enquiry of O. H. Palmer
Rochester N.Y. He will be able to give
you all desired information -

In answer to your P.S. I can say
that I have a flock of pure South
Downs and could supply you with
the number you mention -

Whether it is wise to do so or not
depends on the facilities you have
for taking proper care of them - To
judge of that I should like to see your
Short Horns & Devons - or learn
something of them -

Yours Respectfully
E. Corvill
Hon F. O. Smith

Flora. Boone Co. Ill
June 21st 1865

Dear Brother

Yours of June 3^d came to hand some ten days since. I was mustered out of the service on the 12th inst at Quincy Ill. Gehlah returned from St Louis soon after and we left Quincy last Monday morning & arrived at Belvidere on Tuesday morning and home the same evening. found our friends in good health. — I have just returned from Mr Stephen Lamberts, where I was at work when you visited me here. — I have been looking over his farm and would like to have it if I can have help to purchase it. — It contains 160 acres of prairie about 30 acres of timber. — The farm is under a high state of cultivation, has about 900 rods of live fence — 400 rods of which is osage orange and the ballance is of grey willow, which in a few years (probably as soon as the rail and board fences become useless) ^{will} be large & strong enough to turn stock. — Most of the osage is now a serviceable fence. — There is also a living spring of good water on the place. situated a few rods west of the barn. — There is also about 9 acres of it whis is set out to soft maple & cotton wood trees which are doing well. — There are also about 50 apple trees most of which are at present bearing and all are thrifty and growing finely. there is an abundance of currants and a few cherries. — the buildings are good. You probably remember the house & barn

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There has been built since you saw it. a waggon and carriage house. (with a tool room above) 30 x 32 feet 12 ft. high. - This is the barn on the east side, also a cattle shed with hay loft on the west side and joined to the barn, in form of an L. running some 50 ft west and thence 80 ft south, open on the south & east sides. - the farm is admirably adapted to stock growing and is also a first class grain farm. he wants \$9,000. for it. - \$5,000. when possession is given and will wait a reasonable time for the balance at 6 per cent interest. - there are other farms in this vicinity for sale but I know of none which are cheaper considering all things. - If you don't think best for me to purchase it. I shall go south as far probably as Centralia. Marion co. and buy a piece of raw prairie. -

I should like to visit Ithaca this summer and visit our friends in Michigan on our return but don't feel able to spend so much time & money and Selilah is unusually anxious, after my three years absence, to get settled. she sends her regards to you all.

Yours Respectfully.

J. B. Cornell

Cornell }

Melissa Fackin
June 21. 65-

Plainfield June
21st 1865-

Mr Ezra Cornell;
Sir:

I was reading in the "Ballston Journal" the other day an article taken from the "Springfield Republican" stating the noble generosity with which you gave such immense sums of money to ward education, and after a great deal of deliberation and thought, at last concluded to address this letter to you. I have weighed the subject a long time in my mind, looking at it in its brightest and darkest sides; thought long and well upon it, and have come to the conclusion that there is no impropriety in the step I am now taking; and I shall, therefore, with as much briefness and clearness as possible endeavor to state my case to you. I am the only daughter, and my parents are in

comfortable circumstance, but they are not able to educate me. I have finished the course in the Public School here, which gives a very good knowledge of Common English, and by teaching in a district school, and considerable sacrificing on their part, they managed to send me one term to Pennington Seminary. but these means have only served to increase rather than diminish my insquenchable thirst for knowledge, and my highest joy would be to receive an education which would fit me for any station in life which I may be called to occupy. To do this it would require two years of faithful study which I would be willing as if I could secure the means to carry me through until I was able by my own exertion to take care of myself.

I am deeply impressed with the thought that unless I improve my time now while young, that a more favorable opportunity will never ^{be} offered.

The thought will very naturally arise in your mind, "Well, I suppose

she is only some impostor, who having heard of my generosity, thinks by this means to intrude upon my goodness, and to guard against all such ideas I have inclosed my report for a half term at Pennington and also a receipt of my expenses while there. The bill you will see does not include traveling and other necessary expenses. I sincerely trust that these testimonies will prove to you the truth of my statements and convince you that ~~the~~ only motive which prompted me to take this step was a faint hope that through you I might obtain means to prosecute my studies. Now if you will be kind enough to render me any assistance no matter how slight, it will be impossible for me to express my gratitude to you. You have it in your power, and I pray you do not disappoint me, for my heart is set on it. I ask for no stated sum, but only a word from you that you will help me. Of course, it will

to a long time before I can repay
you, but when I am qualified I
shall every effort to cancel the debt
as soon as possible.

The cause is a good one and
I am encouraged to believe that
you will assist me; at all events
please let me know whether you
will or will not as I shall watch
with almost breathless anxiety
for your reply, and shall prepare
my mind for a disappointment.

Do not I beg of you fail to write
even if it is to say but a blank
"no", for I shall then know you
received this.

Most respectfully yours
Melissa Jenkins

Address,

Melissa Jenkins
Plainfield
Amir Co
N. J.

Troy, N. Y. June 21st. 1865.
Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca.

Dear sir.

About the middle of the following month I shall begin to remove from their cases for the purpose of having them catalogued for sale, books to the number of from 7,000 to 10,000, which have been stored in Boston for three years last past. They are a portion of the library of my brother, an American citizen, for many years a resident in India, and now Professor in Sanskrit at King's College, London and engaged in the India office. This library consists mainly of English works from the English press. About 1000 volumes are, I believe, in modern foreign tongues. Should you, or any gentleman you might designate and known to me, desire to examine these books, I should be glad to afford the opportunity.

I am acquainted with the Hon Lyman Truman and Mr. J. Wendell Reed of Albany, and was told by them that you might be pleased to look at the collection of books to which I have referred.

By the post that takes this note, goes
another to Mr. White of Syracuse, con-
veying similar information

Very respectfully yours,

Benj. H. Hall #

Benj. H. Hall
24 June 65
Brooklyn

Rochester June 22 1865
My Dear Sir

Our Commencement
occurs on Wednesday
evening July 12th. I beg
leave on behalf of my
colleagues and the
Trustees to invite you to
be present on that oc-
-casion. As a munificent
friend of education we
shall rejoice to meet you.
We also have a sort of claim
on you as in one sense
a citizen of Rochester where
business so often brings you.
Hoping to meet you here I am

Very truly yours

M. B. Anderson

Hon Ezra Cornell

A. Brown
June 22, 65

Arvid June 22. 1865.

My Dear Sir:

I have written the following sentence to be inserted in the paper I send you a day or two ago, before the sentence commencing "I have only one further suggestion to make", viz: As to what branches of knowledge should be distinguished in a University of the character of yours, the question should be determined by a consideration of the public need in the country, & by reference to what is being done in other Universities of learning to supply such needs.

It may be of no consequence for me to inform you of this fact; yet since the sentence above, perhaps, add something to the completion of the method of what I have before sent you I have concluded to forward it to you. — I have this to add to my other suggestions. When you have made

a plan of instruction for the Uni-
versity as perfectly as it may be possible
to do it, there will be some branches
of knowledge still unprovided for - as
for instance some of the modern lan-
guages & some of the branches of applied science
motus. For such branches of knowledge
you will, undoubtedly, conclude to provide
by the appointment of Extraordinary
Professors - or perhaps, better by providing
in the Institution a Provincial Experi-
ment.

Mr. Cook has returned to the West
as is expected.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours &c.
Amos Brown.

Wm. Ezra Cornell,

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

Bureau of Military Record.

Albany, June 22, 1865.

SIR:

In compliance with the joint resolutions of the Honorable the Legislature, adopted on the 28th of April last, the Flags of New-York Volunteer Regiments now deposited in this Bureau will be publicly presented on the Fourth of July proximo, His Excellency GOVERNOR FENTON receiving them on behalf of the State.

In conjunction with the Young Men's Association of this City, a temporary building, capable of seating several thousand persons, will be erected on the Washington Parade Ground for the ceremonies. The Association will unite in the exercises.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL GRANT and MAJOR-GENERAL HOOKER have promised to be present, and other General Officers have been invited. Their acceptance will be duly announced.

The exercises will consist of the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a brief address by MAJOR-GENERAL BUTTERFIELD, reception of the flags (about two hundred in number), address by GOVERNOR FENTON, and an oration by the REV. E. H. CHAPIN, of New-York.

The ceremonies will commence at one o'clock and close about four in the afternoon.

Seats will be reserved for those accepting invitations, and tickets will be furnished them in advance. A collation will be provided for guests by the City of Albany.

In behalf of GOVERNOR FENTON I have the honor to tender you a ticket for the occasion.

Will it be your pleasure to attend?

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

L. L. Doty

Chief of Bureau.

The Hon. *Ezra Cornell*

The favor of an early answer is requested.

M. Booth

Nevada City, C.T. June 22nd 1865

Hon. E. Cornue

Dear Cousin

Your favor

of May 24th was duly rec^d & perused with interest. After some delay owing to the absence of a gentleman of our acquaintance whom I wished to consult in regard to the information sought in your letter I will proceed to answer some of the questions.

"Has the government surveyed any public lands yet in the Territory?"

It has. "Can land warrants be profitably located there"? They cannot because all but mineral lands (and these cannot be) are already taken up.

"Where is the land office"? In Denver.

"What can you do in the way of procuring some good specimens"?

For these I would refer you to the gentleman above alluded to.

"What financial provision will
be requisite to forward the matter".

This will depend somewhat upon the
number & value of the specimens sent
& of which the above mentioned gentleman
will be a competent judge as well as a
very suitable person to procure them
for you. It would seem desirable that
these specimens designed for the "Cornell
University," should embrace as large a
variety & of as superior quality as possible.

In regard to express charges the
terms as stated to me by the agent in
Central City last winter were one dol-
lar per lb. to Atchison on the Missouri
river & ten cents to any other point
from there. Atchison is the better point
from which to embark upon the "plains"
at least I have heard it conceded to
be. You are very correct in your
estimate of the wealth & importance of
these mines & as you observe they are
destined to "largely enrich the nation".

The present owing to the decline in
gold & other causes is not a season
of so much activity as formerly yet large
& fine quartz mills are being erected by
many companies & preparations are
making for extensive operations.

While I pen this sentence some huge
machinery drawn by eight yoke of oxen are
passing by & this is of frequent occurrence.

Processes are being tested & machinery
invented for more perfectly extracting the
precious metal from other metals & substances
resulting very favorably & as science &
skill throw their light upon the subject
a good degree of perfection may be ob-
tained. To imperfect methods may be
attributed the failure in many instances
to secure so large a proportion of gold
from a cord of quartz. The Freiberg
Pan & the Bartola assist very materially
in increasing the yields of gold. With
this I send a No. of the "Daily Register"
containing a scientific article on mining.

This is the second article but
I will endeavor to send you
the series as they are published

If you will permit me to make a
suggestion it would be that the "Weekly
Rocky Mountain News" or the "Weekly Mining
Register" the former published in Denver
Ct. & the latter in Central City Ct.,
would communicate valuable information
especially the "Register" in regard to mining
or the country generally

Mr Wm. S. Arnett is the gentleman to whom
I have alluded in this or it is proper to state
that he is altogether competent to transact
any business you may wish to entrust to him
as well as worthy of your entire confidence

Not only from personal acquaintance but from
numerous written testimonials which were
presented upon his coming to Col. by
persons having ^{had} business transactions with him
are we led to place confidence in him or
thus to refer you to him He has been engaged
in railroad business for some eight years

The first paper is dated Albany Sept. 18th 1864
where as car inspector he was employed by the N. Y.
C. Railroad Moral character & business qualifications
are unquestionable & signed C. Vibber Gen. Supt. Eastern
Company or C. C. Dennis Another similar signed by
J. J. Tracy Supt. Chicago or Rock Island Railroad 1864

He refers you to Gov. Evans of this Territory as more
recent with whom he is associated in some mining claims
I trust you may find him all we think him as a
gentleman or business man

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At last dates my parents were well — were living at a small place called Waterloo but there is no P. O. there. Their P. O. address is Potosi Grant Co. Mo.

My Father Sanford Chace was born in Rehobeth Mass. Jan. 27th 1794 ^{from Leicester Mass.} He removed, with his family six daughters & one son to Mich. in 1832 & to Mo. Oct 1844. His first wife my own mother was the youngest child of Benj. & Sarah Chace — her mother my maternal grandmother was Sarah Cornell ^{before his marriage with B. Chace} — the second wife of Benj. Chace I can not find the date of her birth but her marriage to my father was in 1816 I was born July 28th 1817 I have not the date of my mother's death but I was not two years of age I think. My father's second marriage was with Miss Mary A. Atterson of Bristol R. I. Her parents died when she was young. She was born Aug. 17th 1795. My oldest sister Sarah Ann married Saml. Ashley.

Their P. O. address is Potosi
Grant Co. Wis. My second sister Ellen^{B.}
is unmarried the third Mary S. died 1858
My fourth Almira P. died 1855 my fifth
Esther Elisabeth^{J.}, in 1834 my sixth Esther E.
is at home with my parents My only
brother died on his way to Cal. 1852 &
was buried in the Pacific His name was
Wm H. he was 25 at his death, unmarried
My sister Elisabeth J. died in Mich. where
my youngest sister^{Esther} was born & where
another babe was born but died in in-
fancy My parents are active & able
to manage their affairs Our oldest child
Mary E. is married to J. G. Cary of Lan-
caster Grant Co. Wis. the youngest
Lillian H. is married to J. A. Tidland
of Jackson Minn. Sarah C. is with us
My husband is not very strong
physically or mentally - with little busi-
ness talent yet steady & industrious
& doing what he can but nothing that
will result beneficially in a pecuniary

way we kept a boarding house
till my health failed though
at present I am comfortable yet not
able to endure much hardship Our
house is comfortable for this place
My husband has been twice to Cal.
the second trip resulted in total fail-
ure on the mortgaging of his farm
This mortgage was foreclosed one year
since & a village home in Hazel Green
Grant Co. Wis. sold when he thought
it best for his family to follow him
to Cal. whither he had gone in 1860
in the ~~step~~ hope of relieving the farm
of encumbrance by success in the
mines His feelings & tastes have
never inclined him to do anything
in mining claims which I have often
regretted as some have placed them-
selves in easy circumstances who
were very low Yet I have abundant
reason to be thankful to my heavenly
Father for unnumbered mercies

I have a circle of beloved relatives who contribute largely to cheer & soothe & make me happy by their frequent & kind letters & small tokens of remembrance. Besides I have good & kind neighbors. Our own dear children are precious treasures to me no mother was ever blest more in this respect.

Even here we enjoy superior religious & literary privileges. Our acquaintances are among the intelligent & pious & what surpasses all is my hope & trust in the Redeemer. As I look upon the sublime scenery of this region it almost overwhelms me with the emotions inspired. The music of the birds the beauty of the tiniest flower & the sighing of the wind all have power to charm me & direct me to the Being who made all things & upholds all things by his power.

My dear Sir pardon me if I seem to ~~hold~~ myself too conspicuously before you. I only intended glancing over these matters & will trust to your goodness to pass over what may seem to you in any way improper.

I hope the box of specimens have arrived. Mr. McCann "No. 17 Abbott's Lane Providence R. I." is the P. O. address of the man who took them in charge. I gave him money to meet all charges as I wished you to receive them thus without charge. My own & husband's & daughters kind regards to your wife & family.

Very Truly Yours M. Booth

Central City June 22/85

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

I have
been shown a letter
from you to my friend
and esteemed acquaint-
ance Mrs Horace Booth
in which you express
a desire to become in-
terested in working
some of the Gold mines
in this Territory if you
had an agent in whom
you could trust

I think I could oper-
ate matters here to your
satisfaction but I would
advise you to visit
this country before
investing

I have to-day forwarded
to you per Express some
Quartz (Surface) from
a Lode on which I have
been working at times for
the last year and as
yet it is not very well
defined (That is it
is not down deep enough
to have solid wall Rocks)

Now if you wish you
can form a working
Company on the same
and I will give or
beed a half interest
to sixteen hundred
feet on it to the Com^{can}
pany (I own and ~~can~~
control sixteen hun
dred feet on it.) It is
called The Mojave Treas
ure Lode. The Quartz
I have sent you can

Test or have it done
and satisfy yourself
as to its richness. It prom
ises to be a very large
crvice and I believe
a very rich one

Yours Respectfully
W.D. Smith

N. B. I have paid ex
press charges to the
River which was as
far east as the express
agent would receive pay
ment

L.C.

W.D.

C. M. Cox
23. June 65

Newfield June 22 /65
Wor. Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir.

You will doubtless
recollect that over a year since, on the
day before you left Ithaca for Al-
bany, a female called at your office
soliciting assistance - Craving Testimonials
from men of undoubted veracity -
viz. from the Pastors of the different
denominations of this place; also from
Dr C. C. Cook, W. W. Ayer, C. M. Starr
D. Nichols &c.

You gave her the privilege
of writing to you - and probably have
often thought strangely that she did
not, as you treated her with so much
kindness, and with such tender regard
for her delicacy in making known

her wishes to you. And even were so generous as to promise (if she did not misunderstand you) to gratify those wishes on condition that she wrote after your arrival to Albany, and state the amount required to meet the expenses.

You have had reason to think that she thought this was taking too much pains for a small matter, and consequently spurned your humane proposal.

Allow me to apologize for her, for I am that female, and know full well that such thoughts were not cherished in her heart. No, never. But on the contrary, her heart swelled with grateful emotion, and was uplifted to Heaven in your behalf. Very, very often since that interview, has she asked God to continue to smile upon you, who have proved that your generosity was equal to your wealth.

And asked that you might be delivered from the "snare of the fowler," and from the "noisome pestilence," and from "the destruction that wasteth at noon-day."

And though others should fall, that you might be preserved to be a blessing to the world; especially to the afflicted, and needy.

She had prayed more than a score of months, for courage to approach you, on her delicate errand—and no one can know the depth of misery that oppressed her, when meeting you. Yet, stern necessity, with a hope of meeting with success, drove her into your presence.

And you Sir, must have comprehended her feelings to a degree, as you were so kind, and subdued in your manner towards her—for which she will be ever grateful to you.

Yes Sir, for this kind act of regard for her embarrassment, has inclined her heart, often to be uplifted in ear-

most breathings, not only for your temporal, but for your spiritual good. Has asked that you might be directed by the teachings of the Spirit - and be kept from the evil that is in the world that you might seek, and finally possess an inheritance that is incorruptible, and never-fading, which lies beyond the bounds of time and space, in the eternal world.

Where infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

And that you might realize that it would profit you nothing, if you "should gain the whole world, and at last lose your soul."

Health is indeed a great blessing, and she would have yours increase in your keeping.

And, with your vast estate in your hands, she desires that others should ever dwell in your heart, that you may always be able to say, as did our dear deplored Lincoln, "I do love others."

As I before said that often she had made the attempt to approach you - yes very often - yet her heart failed her, for

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She shrunk back with horror at the thought of being considered a mendicant when she had friends that could assist her. And friends who, (her Testimonials say,) stand as fair in community as others. And what would they say, and, ^{do} but reproach her, and frown upon her, for bringing a stigma upon their reputation. This, with her physical infirmities would have been more than she could endure.

Thus she failed to follow her convictions; and would then weep (to human eyes) over her afflictions, and disappointed hopes, when no eye saw her, save His who pitieth, and looketh with tenderness upon every tear, and who listeneth compassionately to every sigh—and who hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. And she was comforted by the whisperings of Divine love.

And then, as well as at other times, when looking forward to the time when she would be

left without parents, or home, or health, or money, has your image arisen before her, as the one whom God was to raise up as her friend, in time of need.

And when Brothers, ^{refused} to assist her (pardon me for revealing the fact) in her undertaking, she naturally looked towards you, and came to you at the time herein mentioned.

As you may not distinctly recollect her history, I will relate.

I am the 5th and youngest child of religious, enterprising, public spirited, and intelligent parents, who were always zealous in every good cause, and contributed very largely for their means - so that now, in the decline of life, they have but little to depend upon for their support.

As my father was a farmer in only moderate circumstances, I saw the necessity of being industrious, and economical; and resolving that with the blessings of Heaven upon my efforts, I would secure a competency

which would place me above want, and dependence upon relatives, if health should fail, or old age overtake me. Consequently I commenced teaching when young, and taught arduously, for 7 1/2 years successively, Channing & Went.

I loved children, and the school room, and saw so much to be done for the immortal minds placed in my care, that I labored with so much energy, that I contracted a bronchial affection, from which I suffered considerably for 3 or 4 years, before I was willing to abandon my favorite employment. But my health failed so rapidly, that I was at length obliged to yield to disease, and urgent solicitations of friends, ^{and} physicians - yet did so reluctantly, as I knew of no other way in which I could maintain myself, (after a partial recovery) as I had not been qualified for any other position.

And now that I must return to dwell under the paternal roof from which I had gone out, no more anticipating a re-

turn than any of the older children, all of whom had homes of their own, save a sister, also a teacher - now married.

Must I, after so much self denial, at last become dependant upon my father?
O the thought. — — — — —

Oad was the day to me, when I was carried home - doubly sad, because all said I would not teach again - others said I would not long survive - but this did not sadden me.

Oad were the days, and the nights, and ^{the} months, and the years, that I remained an invalid in my father's dwelling.

And an invalid indeed was I, yet I labored to keep up courage, and did all in my power to bring back my lost health, by exercising in open air, and in any way that would be beneficial to me, and tend to elevate my spirits - and my Physician said that my perseverance, and firmness was all that had saved me from the grave.

After remaining home 2 or 3 years, I believed I could engage in some employment that would pay a part of my expenses.

Although my board cost me nothing, (but an aching heart) other bills were eating like a canker on my hard-earned savings; which was far from cheering to me - besides this, my Physician said I must neither teach

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nor saw, for several years; which certainly was discouraging. Yet, I knew I could sit erect and write, and thought if I should expend a sum not (at that time) to exceed \$60.00 I could secure a commercial education, which would prove to be of real value to me.

I took some steps towards its accomplishment, but my parents opposed me so strongly, that I was compelled to abandon it.

They argued that it would be wasting time & money to no purpose - that I would not be able to keep book after I had qualified myself. I had written much for my brother when Town Clerk, and found that I could write $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day, (by occasionally resting me,) for several days successively, without injury - and felt that they were doing wrong to "coerce" me - thought they ought to permit me to make a trial and satisfy myself, so long as I was so anxious to relieve them of their burden.

But they turned a deaf ear to all entreaties and I dared not go against their will.

Probably no man in 500 has done more for his family, according to his circumstances, than my father. Books, papers, Schools—religion, temperance, Country—reputation, integrity, and economy, were ever held up before us. Everything else vanished before these. We knew he could not be rich, therefore his investments were in the church and in the reputation of his family.

We aimed to have his children useful in this world, and to have them secure a home in a better world.

His 4 older children are proofs of his successful teachings, as regards this life—all of whom, as well as myself, are members of the N.E. church.

His oldest son, W. A. Cox, is energetic, intelligent, persevering—commands respect in every circle where vice does not predominate—is ^a Steward in the N.E.C. and was for 4 years Cupt. of Cal. School—stands for the right, in every place—of course has some enemies—has a good farm & buildings. I will conceal nothing.

The 3rd son is a cabinet-maker in this place—owns property—is energetic, persevering, Amiable—not so intelligent as W. A. but has more friends—is beloved by all.

His 3 oldest daughters possess the family traits energy, perseverance, and intelligence—both were Teachers—both possess the strong will of my father; (that trait I also possess) yet, ^{they} use it to advantage, and with discretion—and have ever occupied leading positions in their sphere—(some must lead) Now Ch., I have tried to avoid saying anything in praise of my family—but just here I ~~found~~ it necessary in order to atone for something that I wish to say. It is this.

I know it is a wrong to expose family faults, but, as I am anticipating that you will be a friend, and besides that, when I called at your office, you said you would not betray me, you will pardon me if I say that often, my father has thoughtlessly said that he was not able to keep me—which I knew was true—but O the aching heart it gave me.

Yet always when making an effort to relieve him, has he said I should not spend my money, and held me with so strong a hand, that I have had to yield.

Notwithstanding his other good qualities, his will must always be the will of any child dwelling

under his roof, if 40 years of age. And now that he is in years, I often think that the only faculty remaining unimpaired, is his will - and that, without judgment to control it - yet, O how I pity - not condemn. Still that will kept me imprisoned at home, idle, restless, alone with 2 aged people, away from society and privileges, save those of the Cab. - which was such a contrast with my former life of cheerful surroundings, that many said, I would never overcome disease, while I remained at home.

Yet tears & entreaties were in vain. Parents and Brothers thought - I ought to be thankful that I had a home - and said that if I spent what little I had for an education, they would finally have to support me - which, (I dislike to acknowledge) was the principal argument urged against it, every time I urged my plea.

My Brothers had been so thoroughly taught in matters of economy, that they knew how to preserve what they had accumulated - which was commendable. Yet, they little thought how much good a few dollars would do to cheer an afflicted sister, when every penny she drew from her hard-earned savings brought a sigh.

And from seeing their fears, that they would some day have to support me, I knew if that time came, it would be done grudgingly.

(Pardon me for telling aught against a Brother.) Yet this increased my desire to be saved from dependence - which I have dreaded more than any other calamity.

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Two years last Apr. my father being sick, and in debt, sold his farm, and bought a house in Newfield village, where he now resides - had a few hundred left besides the house - but sickness & high prices I knew would soon take all, and saw the necessity, very vividly, of qualifying myself not only to provide for myself, but for my parents.

As prices were high, and I did, ^{not} know positively that I should be able to teach, ^{attending} ^(of all kinds) school, was thrown out of the question, for the time being, but not out of mind.

Therefore I saw no other alternative than to learn a trade, and carry on business, if I were not able to work much myself - although my talent never lay in that direction - yet necessity demanded action in some direction.

I resolved that I would go away for that purpose - but as my father loved me, he would not allow me to have the money for any such purpose. And then with stern necessity in view, I applied to you. And while

I was pondering my ways, and expecting, yet dreading to write to you, I was applied to, to teach an infant school in this village.

You may be assured that this was a relief to me, as the idea of making out a bill, and presenting to you, seemed so imprudent an act for me to do, besides some other considerations, that I shrunk from the task, and accordingly commenced teaching a year ago last Apr. - am teaching my 4th Term, and have a very pleasant school, and as I ~~anticipated~~ cheerful surroundings have very ^{much} improved my health - although I can't endure much, and never expect to - yet now I feel as as I once did - that I have something to live for, that I have a work to do. O that I had the education, and the books that I have ever ~~earnestly~~ ^{have} desired, to fit me for that work - yet, I had neither the time nor means to become richer.

I mean a good, a thorough education; as my nature demands. And I am foolish enough to think that I may be gratified in this, before I am 40 years of age (?) No I would go to school at that age. But no more of any airy castles.

You will excuse me, if I am getting too sociable - but your name has so often been in my mind, that it really seems as if I were writing to one with whom I had long been personally acquainted.

Now to my school again. Permit me to say (without boasting) that the best citizens of our place are my patrons - including all that wrote my testimonials, who have children ^{send} to

But, there is so much competition here, that I dare not ask a sufficient price to meet my expenses - i.e. for such small children. The walk from my father's is so fatiguing that I board myself, instead of hiring my board, in order to save. But, with all my precautions, the expense of board, wood, & school room, ^{&c} have exceeded my receipts.

And I have still been obliged to draw occasionally from the old low purse - which I do, ^{not} mourn over so much, as I have not been dependant for board. But this will not answer much longer. I must lay up for the future.

But how shall it be done? The only way that I can see is, first to make an outlay, as does a farmer in sowing seed - which

we will know, is not lost. I think if I could attend a second class commercial college, as soon as this term closes, which is in July, I could in a few weeks, or months, qualify myself to fill a lucrative position, the coming winter. If this should be too expensive, I could attend an academy term to review, and could then teach advanced pupils - which I dare not now attempt to do. Now I have no time to review.

Perhaps I would have, if I should attend comm. college, besides practicing the usual lessons there given - which would give me a two-fold advantage.

The future is coming, and I am not prepared to meet it. Poor health, no home (if my own) no money. sickness may come - old age will creep along, and I would have a spot that I may sit down upon, that I can call my own. My poor parents will soon need assistance. And what I do, must be done quickly.

But Oh, I am so placed that I can do nothing at present without help. Where else can I, or will I go but to you? Nowhere else - nowhere. Hard as I have tried to avoid asking you, I am driven to it at last. Oh I am thankful that you have not seen the tears that this has caused to flow from their hiding place. But I see no other remedy, for I wish to know soon, what course to take.

If you should see fit to assist me to attend comm. college, my heart would be too full for utterance. Still, I could offer no returns, save those which a grateful heart would call down from Him who can fulfill the promise, "least thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." If I had the time, I would copy, and condense this tedious & erroneous letter, which I have written evenings when very weary, and not notice its errors till now - which I am, sure you will excuse. I am glad to have known whether I must teach another term here, I ought to have written long time ago - and would if I could have found the heart. But I know you will answer me as soon as convenient - for which I will be thankful. To refresh your memory, I will enclose our instructions - which you will please return.

And oblige

Yours respectfully

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