

Mr. H. Brown
Sept 15. 65

Yale College
New Haven Conn. Sept 17/65

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

You spoke
of visiting the Sheffield
Scientific School, connected
with this college soon.

I write to inform you
that the improvements
on the building are not
so far advanced as
I expected when I saw
you, and while we

will be most happy
to show you all we have
and aid you all we
can, at any time, yet
if you delay your visit
until near or quite
the first of November,
you ~~can~~ will in that
case be able to see it
finished in most of
its details. Hoping
to see you at your
convenience,

I am yours truly

Wm. Beecher

Chgo Sep. 15
1865

Hon Eben Cornell

Dear Sir

Parties in this vicinity have trusted Mr A C Spaulding for Supplies &c in his work either as prin cipal or agt for some one in running over a Steam Saw mill and Woods job at Rt Lock. Mr John Meno a former student of your place is one of the creditors and suggests that you may be able to give him some information as to who his debts are of Mr Spaulding has in fact any Prin cipal in the business
Yours -

If any person suffers
by the transactions of Mr
Spalding Mr Mend
will be the greatest ~~any~~
the creditor and perhaps
the least able to lose at
all. He earnestly
urges you to give him
such information as
you may possess
concerning the matter &
Yours Respectfully
J. C. Reed

Placerville, 8th Month, 15th / 1865

Dear Friends

Frederick received a letter from thee
some time ago, we were very glad to hear that you were
all in the enjoyment of good health, it was a satisfaction
to me, to know that we were not forgotten by our old
friends and as we think of leaving here, I thought I would
write and let you know where to direct another letter.
John has failed in business, so Frederick had to go
back to San Francisco to his trade, the salary of the
Post Office is small, and they have had word that no
Assistant is allowed, he has a Shop and takes in job
work, he had not time to write again before he left. - I
think we shall go there and stay all Winter, we have
always lived in Santa Cruz, and like it better than
any other place in this County. Phoebe is married and
lives there, she has five Children, they are quite comfortably
situated, we are in hopes to get along better in the City.
I have always been able to Thrive untill last Fall. I
was taken sick, was not able to do any thing all Winter.

Ruth Burkhart
Sept 15. 65

it has left me very feeble, which is not strange, as I am getting old. Chester has a small Ranch in San Luis County but does not prosper very well. he has been very unfortunate like many others, lost all his cattle by last years drought. Anna is with me, she has been an invalid since she was hurt in Stanford nine years ago, she was lame three years, she got entirely over that, but has since been sick with Lung complaint, and for the last year has been suffering with Rheumatism. I thought you would both like to hear how we were getting along, although I have nothing very encouraging to write. You can see we are situated some as we used to be. Frederick has been steady for years, but is broke down. I find that age, and change of Country, does not improve my condition much. time Ezra has changed his condition, and I am truly glad to hear it, as thee writes, that thee has prospered and is now rich. Anna says she remembers Mary Ann very well, and joins me in love to you both. do write again soon, it is a great comfort to me to hear from my friends. direct your letter to San Francisco, we shall be there untill Spring and perhaps longer if we live and I am well enough. I shall go out nursing, as I expect it will be necessary. I bid you both Farewell. Your Friend

Ruth Pinkham.

Albany Sept. 16th
1865 -

My dear Sir

Owing to the death
of a near friend I was ^{unexpectedly} summoned
to Philadelphia the early part
of last week. It was a source
of great disappointment to me to be
absent from the meeting of our
Organization. Will you do me
the favor to send me a list of
the Committee &c. & to see that
in case my name appears in print
it is correctly written John Meredith
Read Jr. It was incorrectly printed in
the Charter J. Meredith Read.

I saw for? Morgan in N.Y.
on Friday of last week - but he
was unable to give me the
organization of the Committee.

With great sincerity

Very truly Yours

John Edward Mackay

The Hon. E. Cornell

Ithaca

N.Y.

Private - to be read at your leisure.

Vermont, Sept. 16, 65

Mr. Ezra Cornell -

Dear Sir: - Though personally a stranger to you, I presume to ask your attention to a matter of much interest to me & to those whom I represent, which may be of some interest to you. My letter, however, is not, let me first say, a begging one. I have so often been to Gerrit Smith's, that I suppose that you, like him, are daily appealed to for money, & must be annoyed with so many letters of pecuniary character. But here is what I wish to say: -

I have known Ithaca some what for ten years, & have always wished that there might be a "liberal" & influential church there; & now that you, Sir, by your almost unparalleled generosity, are making the place so important & attractive, educationally as well as otherwise, I have resolved to move in the matter. For the last three years, I have been preaching to the Unitarian Church of Vermont, Oriskany Co., & I have lately suggested - & been sanctioned by an Association - that some of our representative ministers of New York & Boston, as Drs. Bellows & Ozgood of New York, & Jas. Freeman, Colver & Edward Everett Hale of Boston - some eight or ten of them - visit & preach in Ithaca on as many consecutive Sundays, & see if they cannot create such an interest there as will result in a truly liberal church to stand by the side, with ^{the} other churches, of you

If you could favor me with just a line or two expressive of your feeling I should be much obliged by return mail.

& the States, coming College. Much as we should, of course, like ^{it}, we do not ask, nor in your relation to the public, expect you to patronize ~~us~~; but we would like to know, then, in projecting our movement, ~~that~~ we should be sure that you would feel the same interest in our success as in that of the other churches of the place. If we could know only this, privately & confidentially, we should feel encouraged to begin our meetings as soon as the middle of Oct., & try the experiment for at least three months, without cost to any but ourselves.

The Unitarians have hitherto done but little outside of Boston & Mass.; but they have lately raised \$11,000 ~~for~~ to aid their cause in new places, & to strengthen it in old ones, & I have thought that above all places ^{centrally} in New York, they ought to aid in the establishment of a church in Ithaca. Of course the Presbyterians, Methodists, & so on, are satisfied with their churches, & we do not propose to interfere with them. But there are many outsiders - & some of them intelligent, excellent, & enterprising citizens - who are, religiously, "as sheep without a shepherd" - enough of them, could they be united, to make a strong & large church. We should want to find a first class minister in it - one of superior ability, culture, character, & influence, & who would thus command respect from all, & be worthy

to represent the denomination that has Harvard Col-
lege in its hands. Such a church, I am sure, could
be in harmony with your noble & liberal movement,
not hinder but help it - & help the place; & in
some ways, even the other churches. When 'ortho-
dox' churches, so called, stand alone with the field
all to themselves, they are quite apt to be very sec-
tarian & to use their sectarian influence upon edu-
cational institutions. The Academies & Colleges of
this State are generally thus perverted by them. But
a liberal church, with a minister of commanding
talents & culture, has a liberalizing influence re-
strains bigotry - besides purifying a religious ^{the} un-
churched.

But I am speaking quite freely
for a stranger, & perhaps taking too much of your
valuable time even in the reading of this letter.
In a conversation, however, with which you excellen-
tified Prof. A. White favored me not long
since, in Syracuse, he expressed the thought
that you, being so liberal in your thoughts &
spirit, would be even glad to see Dr. Belcher
& his friends try their experiments, & this has en-
couraged me to speak thus freely & frankly
to you.

There is, then, dear Sir, comfort with
your feelings & your sense of propriety to say
to us, privately & confidentially, that we have your
good will in our movement? We should not
want to begin it with the knowledge before

hard that you would use any influence,
against it, or even be entirely indifferent to it;
but assured that you would feel interested in
it as you do in all other things that are designed
& calculated to help humanity, we should soon
be likely to launch our little barge & catch
such a breeze as might come to us to waft us
to ~~our~~ heaven.

I suppose we should have
to begin our meetings in the Town Hall, &
perhaps, send our ministers to the Clinton
House. We should not want to compromise
you in ever asking for your beautiful Hall -
unless, indeed, we could hire it, but we
shall be grateful for any suggestion you
might make, & that is sacred in our con-
science, so far as propriety & prudence should
require.

A line would reach me next week.
Should you time & sense of fitness prompt me,
at ~~Yerres~~. Having once met your wife with
her sister Carrie, & knowing well her father &
mother, I ventured, not long since, to mail her
one of our Monthly Journals for which you can learn
something of our present movements. Pardon this long
letter. Very Respectfully Yours, Wm. H. Hills

Wm. H. Hills
16.5.54

Leavenworth Sept 16th 81/3

Hon. Cornell

Dear Sir

While spending a few days in New York recently, I was called upon by Prof. A. Moor, author of an extensively used Botanical Atlas Book. He is interested in the Cornell University generally, and especially, because he is of opinion that he might be of some service, and in this way.

He is about to visit California. (he sails on the 1st Oct.) for the purpose of making collections of the plants of Western America, and on his return he expects to publish a complete flora of that portion of our country, as he has already published that of the country east of the Rocky Mountains. He would like to make collections for the University and says he would do so at a ~~very~~ much less rate of expense, than otherwise could be done. He would be glad even, to furnish a complete herbarium of the United States & its territories.

If the time has come for the Board of Trustees of the University to enter upon such undertakings, I am persuaded, that the visit of Prof. Moor to California furnishes them with a valuable opportunity and one

not likely to occur again very soon. Prof Wood is
a most estimable gentleman, thoroughly devoted to
his favorite science and competent for the task.
Should you desire it he will visit I think at
once

Horace Mann jr has recently returned from
California where he has been making collections
for Antiquary College in Ohio. I mention this merely
to show ^{what} ~~these~~ other institutions are ~~also~~ doing.

Please inform me at your earliest convenience whether
any thing can be done at present. I told the Professor
that I thought the time too short but that we have
could come from making the inquiry. Or you may
communicate with him directly. Adelp in
that case. Prof A Wood - care Barnes & Barr
51 John St. N York.

Yours very truly

H B Lord

P. H. B. Lord
Sept. 16. 65
Prof. A. Wood
to the College
of the W. S.

Youst Grow Rahway
20 Sps 1865

E Cornell Esq

My dear Sir

Will you reserve one of our
best Hams for me this fall?
I hope this will reach you in
time to secure the services
of the best one you will list
Please write me say I am
not too late for I want a
better animal than that of
last year - not wishing to
disparage him - I want a
better -

Respectfully
George Markstone

Mr E Cornell

My Dear Sir,

I send you by train
the 1st & 3^d. Dispatch of Geneva
to be served by 4th Lord of Cyprus.
Please assist the train to
return with the three fingers
now at your house. on the
first boat if possible. if
not by the first boat that
is coming and very
grately oblige
Yours Friend

James V. Sheldon

Geneva Sept 20. 55.

NY Sept 21

Dear Sir

Yr favor just
recd. I have made a
brief statement of yr route
which will appear in the Journal
on Saturday which I will
send you. If yr plan rests
on the support of the people
of Ill. it will fail, for
while they are very willing to
see other people expend their
money they are very careful
of their own. They have never
yet had a first class hotel
to attract visitors to the
beautiful scenery about the
place though much has been
written about it. Yr plan

It would be to make your
report, with map, estimate
or to invite My capitalists
to take hold of it. Money
is plentiful & cheap & I
think there are persons here
who would take hold.

Your public spirit
with regard to the College
has attracted my admiration.

Would a donation
of a few acres of land for
a site be any object to
you on the side hill a
flat?

Yrs truly

S. D. M. Bloodgood

An E. Cornell
or

Truj N. Y. Sept. 21. 1865.
Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sir.

I have this week received full power to dispose of the library of which I have heretofore written you. If I do not dispose of it privately, I shall soon have a catalogue of it begun, and shall dispose of it by public auction. One or two Boston booksellers have looked at it with a view of purchase. Should you still wish to look at the books, I will accompany you to Boston, or any friend you may suggest. I should not care to delay such a trip, however, later than the middle

of next month. An examination of the books would be far more satisfactory, than any catalogue. The books are arranged in shelves, with the exception of the folios, which are on Tables.

Awaiting your early
reply I am

Very respectfully Yours
Benj. H. Hall

14 Grays Inn Square. London.
Sat. 23rd September 1865.

Sir,
My Father wishes me (in his
unavoidable absence) to say that
circumstances have unexpectedly
interfered with his writing to you.
This Mail as he wished - he
hopes to do so in the course of
next week -

I am, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,
John Taylor Jnr.
E. Cornell Esq.
Ithaca
New York -

Office of the
Mich. State Board of Agriculture,
Lansing, Sept. 26, 1865.
Hon. E. Cornell.

My Dear Sir:

Returning here on
Saturday evening last, after a
week's absence in attending
the Agricultural Show of
Canada West, at London,
(where I hoped to meet you),
& the Mich. State Show,
at Adrian, I found
your letter of the 18th inst.

I take pleasure in com-
plying with your request
in regard to additional
copies of my Report, & have
delivered to the
agent of the Am. Express
Company here, three cop-
ies, directed to you, which

I trust will be duly received.
There is no charge for
them - it is a high grati-
fication on my part
to devote them to so
useful a purpose as
that to which you
put them.

Prof. Miles, whom you
met at Utica, has returned.
I met him at the Lan-
don Show, & he told me
of your liberal donation
of a South Down ram.

I well recollect the flock
you purchased of Mr Webb
- they were very fine.

I have no doubt the
ram you propose to send
us will be a decided
acquisition to our little
flock of South Downs.

When you send him,

Please direct to
Prof. M. Miles,
Agl. College, Lansing,
Mich.

It might be well for
you to drop Prof. M. a
line by mail. I am
obliged to be from
home this week, on
account of delivering an
address in a distant coun-
ty, & I think of attend-
ing the Indiana State
Show next week. After
that I expect to be at
home for sometime.

Thanking you for
your very acceptable
gift to our Institution
& wishing you the full
enjoyment of the fruits
which your beneficence
deserves, I am, yours truly,
Samford Bowditch

Boston. Sept. 28th, 185-

Hon Ezra Cornell. }
Ithaca N.Y. }

Dear Sir.

I should be pleased to have you give me from time to time, any suggestions or ideas that you think would be of service to me in preparing the plans &c, for instance in heating lighting &c. I am making my designs. The executed in stone, which I understood you to say, would be the material used, of course if brick, or brick & stone combined are used, the treatment of the exterior would be quite different - I am giving the matter my whole attention, and trust I be able to forward the plans in due time.

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Yours truly.

J. H. Moore.
83 School St.

Wm. A. B. Sept 27th 1865
Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

At the request of the President I enclose you a Complimentary Ticket for our Fair.

Among the Patrons of our Society we number many of your fast friends & admiring your attendance would be gratifying to them & I trust entertaining to you.

Very Respectfully Yours &c

J. H. Briggs

P.S. We should like very much to have some of your thoroughbred stock on exhibition not to compete for premiums but to add to the interest of our Fair. Will gladly pay all the expense of sending & taking care of them.

Yours &c J. H. B.

62 Wall St New York
Sept 28th 1865

Mr John Watts

Sir:-

Have you had
any conversation with Mr
Carnell as to whether he wishes
to part with any of his Short
Horn Stock -

I want a young Bull old
enough for some little service
this autumn, but I want a good
one -

I also want some cows and
heifers. If Mr C. is willing to
sell any stock, please let me know
what, and about what price.
If I should come to Ithaca should
I be likely, or would it be needful
for me to see Mr Carnell?

P.S. Where do you go to
England
Yours to
A. M. Wiswold

Dear You Sept 28th 65-
Hon E Cornell

My dear Sir

When will it be
convenient for you to see Mr Root
the President of board of Trustees
of Geneva College in regard
to the \$25.000. If some day
at your own convenience when
you will be at Ithaca. He will
come & see you. I write because I know
you are absent a good deal and he
might not find you at home unless
by previous arrangement

Have you thought favorably of
the suggestion I made to increase
this 25. up to \$50.000. with the
assurance on our part that we
will establish a permanent

"Cornell, Professorship" of Agriculture
he has a small farm connected
with the College and could make
such a department practical and
useful. It would be but a branch
of the University and I think it
would be a very useful one. It would
also be carrying out the designs
of the land grant. I wish
you would think of it and I believe
on reflection you will think it
a wise appropriation of money as
one which will not only not be
prejudicial but in fact auxiliary
to the "University" which I hope
is to be a great success. A branch at
Iowa in the shape of a "Cornell" Depart-
ment of Agriculture in the College would
certainly help
Yours Truly
D. A. Ogden

Rose Hill, Sept 28th / 1865

Egna Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I met Mr De Forest at
the Union Fair last week & he told
me you tried to see me at Utica
& wished me to write you what
I knew of the Gallows heifer
I sold you, I bought her in
the City of Toronto, warranted a
full-blooded Gallows, from
stock just imported, I did not
remember the name of the man I
bought of, but wrote to the hotel
proprietor & a cattle dealer to get
the pedigree for me, I have not
heard from either as yet & as
it was early in August I suppose
I shall not. You wrote me

if the heifer was sound & would
breed you would take her, nothing
was said about pedigree & on
those conditions I sent her, the
price asked was only what
native cows are selling for here,
in fact below their price, I
accidentally came across this heifer
the man was a milk peddler & fed
distillery slops, as the distilleries
were about to stop or had stopped
the peddlers were selling their cows.
If I could give you any better
pedigree I would cheerfully do
so, but I think & supposed
till I saw Mr De Forest, that at
the price you would be satisfied.

Yours truly &c

James Thompson

Office of the American Express Company,

124 BROADWAY,

New-York, Sept. 28th, 1865.

To Ezra Cornell

The Directors of this Company have declared an extra Dividend of \$50 per Share, payable on or after October 12th.

The form of Draft annexed will be paid on presentation, when properly stamped, filled up and signed by you, for the amount that will be due on the Stock standing in your name on the 7th of October, 1865.

The transfer books will be closed on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th of October.

The Directors having, on the 11th of February last, authorized an increase of the Capital to Ten Thousand Shares, have also declared a Stock Dividend of TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT., to be issued on or after October 13th, 1865, to the holders of the Stock as they stand on the Books of the Company on the close of the Transfer Books, October 7th, 1865. Before receiving this Stock it will be necessary to send in to the Treasurer all outstanding Scrip to be stamped with the amount of the authorized increase of Capital. No dividends will be paid on fractions, until after the same shall have been consolidated into full Shares.

Respectfully, &c.,

ALEX. HOLLAND, Treasurer.

Hamilton College, Clinton,
N.Y. Sept. 30th
1865.

Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir:-

On the 20th
inst. I wrote you a letter in which
was enclosed a note for \$250 - \$50 of
which we had received last July
and the balance \$200 you was to
send us pursuant to an arrange-
ment made with you before we came
on to College, as you could not spare it
then, you told us to write you about
the 20th of September and you would
send us a draft. Hearing your letter or
answering have miscarried, I write you this
to say that we have not received any
thing yet. Our College bills are pressing on
us and we have nothing to discharge there-
with. Respectfully H. S. Cunningham

7 Gray's Inn Square, London.
Sat. 30th Sept. 1885.

Dear Sir.

I have been prevented
by various circumstances, from
answering your enquiries before,
but I do so now to the best
of my ability -

I have always con-
sidered that Mr Emery's pa-
tent for spinning Cotton was
a most valuable one: but un-
fortunately for him that in-
terests, he, before I acted for
him, had entered into such
an arrangement with Messrs
Burgess & Key as to render
the development of the patent

dependent mainly on them, &
I am sorry to say that the
last quarterly accounts they
have rendered - that is, up
to the end of June - only
show a produce of about
£377 - I am told that it
may be better this quarter,
ending yesterday - but we
have experienced so sad a
falling off, that I know not
what to make of it. How-
ever, Mr. Thonvoo (who
is Mr. Emery's agent here) is
too careful now to be troubled
with much details, and so
have given you his version
of the probable cause of

this - Mr. Emery has had the
whole of the acc^{ts} rendered to
him. They showed a good re-
sult for the first 18 months
nearly -

The patent itself is
vested in Messrs. Burgess & Co.
but they are under obligation
to assign it (subject to
their having an exclusive
license granted to them) as
Mr. Emery may direct - &
under this arrangement,
it has been proposed by
all parties, that, subject
to the consent of Mr.
Thonvoo's advances - now
amounts to about £250 I believe.

the Patent is to be so assigned
as to give Mr Thomson $\frac{1}{4}$ th of
the net produce for his own
share for the past & future
management. The remaining
 $\frac{3}{4}$ ths are to be at Mr Emery's
disposal. Of course it is
compleat for him to give
you a charge on these shares.

Mr Emery has had
some drafts before him for
consideration, which I
sh^d like to have pass.
I then I could arrange
the form of assignment.

I am afraid that
Messrs Burgess & Key do not

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give that attention to the
fullest that it deserves -
this perhaps arises from
a good deal of feeling having
been shown by Mr Burgess
to Mr Emery, which may
have arisen from some
misapprehension about writing
too of the letter. Which
I so gladly have had
avoided - but so it is,
I fear Mr Emery's prospects
are suffering - Burgess
is an obstinate person,
I cannot be made to see
his own interest, I fear
from my past experience,
that we shall never be

Mr John Taylor
30. Sept 85

able to get him to take a
rational view of the case.
Therefore we are greatly
gladdened -

As soon as Mr. Thom-
son is well enough to enter
into details, I will discuss
the matter with him, &
write you with his views.

I shall be very
happy to send you copies
of the accounts and you
wish for them: but Mr.
Emery has them already.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

John Taylor.

McDon: C. Cornell.

New York 30 Sept 1865

Hon J. Cornell

Dr Sir

Will there be an effort made during the coming winter to pass the Cayuga and Ontario Ship Canal bill? I visited Soda Bay during the month of August and while there ascertained that the tract of land which had been selected for the terminus of the old canal as projected by Adams. can be purchased on very reasonable terms or at least a part of it. It consists of 800 acres. partly wood land and partly under cultivation. fronting on the Bay. It is owned jointly by two parties. The interest of one of them can be bought at the rate of 40 dollars per acre - & it is possible that the other also ~~by~~ can be purchased.

The land is of good quality -
has now on it a large orchard &
an old grist mill & sawmill &
a small water power. and is
worth fully the price named for
farming purposes. I mention
this to you. as in the event of
the procuring of a canal through
this tract might be made
very valuable as a terminus
particularly by the creation of
an immense water power. by
the surplus water of the
canal and the erection of a
town. If you wish any other
particulars I will give them
as far as I am informed.

Yours truly

Wm Sumner



State of New York

Executive Department.

Albany Oct 2. 1865-

Wm Ezra Cornell }
Ithaca ny }

Dear Sir:

The Governor directs
me to enquire if you are intending
to be here on the 11th instant

Very Respectfully
Geo. S. Watkins
Private Secy

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Executive Department

Boston, Oct 2^d 1865.

To Hon. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca, New York.

My dear Sir :

I send you my annual address of 1863, and that of 1865. The first contains at some length certain views on the Agr. College in connection with Harvard and also with education in general. The second declares my adhesion to the same views. I send also some other occasional performances, with my grateful remembrance of a very pleasant day in your town and with my respectful regards to all

those whom I met there.

Yours very truly,

Shakespeare

Hyacinth

Oct. 5th 1865.

Hon E. Cornell

My dear Sir

The letter, & plans
you forwarded have been fully considered
First - as to Mr. Britton.

I like the tone of his proposal, and at first sight. I do not dislike his plan of travelling & collecting. but before we have anything to do with him in view of his appointment to one of the very important Professorships he seeks, we must let us see ~~some~~ of him & talk with him, and of course he must produce full credentials.

As a general rule, however, I think it much cheaper & better to purchase collections after they are made. If a man collects specimens in any department of natural history he is rarely satisfied with one of a kind. he collects duplicates and from these duplicates collections can

be formed sometimes very cheaply. Besides
you can easily satisfy yourself, by looking at
the advertising columns of some foreign literary
or scientific periodical, - the London Athenaeum
for example, that by keeping an eye out upon
the London Auction Rooms you can often secure
at moderate rates all sorts of collections made
by the most eminent men in their several
departments.

It however occurs to me that possibly,
under the act of Congress, we might appoint;
even as early as this, a Professor in any de-
partment, paying his salary from the Congressional
fund and allowing him to employ himself for
a year or more in making the collections necessary
in his department or in otherwise fitting him-
self to discharge more effectively the duties of his
department. If anything ~~can~~ ^{should} however be
done in this way it might be well. but
I should hesitate to pay any man, except
some very famous genius perhaps, any large
sums to collect foreign specimens in Zoology
or Entomology much as we should prize them -

Regarding the time when the appointments

should be made, I do not suppose we shall reach them in a year yet; and even then but few of them. Perhaps the best answer to applications if you choose to answer them at all, would be that the appointments will not be made for some time yet, but that the application & any further papers relating to it will be placed on file and receive full consideration.

In a few weeks I hope to present you a report wh. shall be of service. I mean to visit New York, New Haven & Cambridge. to have a quiet confidential talk with the Professor & leading Scientific Men, to ascertain their naming absolutely the best men they know with some sketch of their characteristics. I would give more for facts thus elicited than for cart-loads of credentials.

But the Presidency. How about - Dr. Andrews. He has declined Antioch College. Why may not we ~~not~~ secure him if he be desirable?

I had already written Allen to get confidential information regarding ^{Dr.} Brewster. but I am inclined to think Dr. Andrews would be better.

although I am not sure that Dr Peabody would
not be better than either. I shall write it a
hint to examine into this.

I have received a long letter from
Prof Watson the very interesting young director of
our Observatory at the Univ. of Michigan, but
~~cannot do until we meet for there are several~~
~~things in it wh. I should like to discuss with~~
~~you~~ ~~live~~ ~~over~~ and send it with this.

I also enclose a subscription paper for Watson's
new work. It is to be a great book - destined
to make him famous not only as an astronomical
observer but as a writer. When I tell you that
he has lived nearly on bread & water for two
years & saved his salary to enable him to
publish it. Perhaps you will think it best
to take a few copies for libraries in your vicinity
as I have done for those in mine. I think
too that for any such small expenditure we
shall be amply repaid in the advice & suggestions
wh. he will furnish us. Please return the
subscription paper to me as soon as you have
passed judgment upon it.

But above all do not let the observa-
tory depart from your thoughts. Take no

thought for the building. With the means
at our disposal for building during the first
two years we can easily provide for that.

When may I telegraph to the Associated
Press that you have contracted for by far
the best telescope in the world for the
Cornell University?! I ache to do it. It
would show people how deeply you enter
into the whole thing and the news would
spread through the world.

As to the plans, I ^{for dramatic}

Suspend judgement somewhat. But - I
observe that after all you go into the
Pory-hall or Hotel arrangement - - about
24 students in each hall being in close
communication with each other. I cannot
help thinking that it would be easier &
simpler to take the Yale or small hall
system or a modification of it. - or else have
single Pory halls from one end of building
to the other. But - wait a little. I am

going to Albany & New York shortly and
hope to send you something from there -
another thing occurs to me regarding your
plan. I see no adequate provision for lighting
in your upper halls.

I am now tolerably free to attend
to University matters. The Dist. Convention
recommenced one day before yesterday by acclama-
tion. When are you to be in Albany or
New York. Let me know that I may
meet you. It is quite likely that I go to
New York on Monday or Tuesday. Will
keep you advised. But don't permanently
settle on a plan for donating such a set.

I remain with warm regards
to your family

Most truly & heartily yours

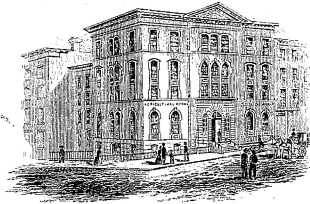
And. D. White

P.S. I have some information regarding a collection
of engineering & mathematical models wh. I reserve
until we meet -

A. D. White
Oct 5 1875

B. P. Johnson
Oct 3. 65

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)

Albany, Oct 3^d 1865

Hon C. Cornell

dear Sir. I could not leave on Saturday -
as our Journal is not ready for the press. I
cannot leave until it is printed -

Will you advise me when I can dispose of
the Telegraph Stock - What is the price at
present - I desire to dispose of it, if I can
at fair price -

I hope you may find a place for my
son to make an effort to earn his way - in
some good business, where he could be useful
to his employer as well as to himself -

I am desirous to get under way our
trial of implements & I desire to ascertain
what are the most important questions we
ought to settle as to Reapers & mowers - Mr
Gould has furnished me with the points
desirable in testing plows - and he will furnish me
with horse power &c -

I am preparing a Circular for the
Manufacturers as to what they desire -
and whether we shall have two trials
one for plows in May - and the other for

Reaper Mowers in July — As soon
as we can receive answers — and the
propositions as to the implements to be
tried, have a meeting of the Ex Committee
to settle upon the plan of operations so that
we may select the place for trial —

Shall we have two trials? If so, is it
best to have them at the same place —
and what shall we require of the citizens —
As to premiums shall we have more
than one in each class or division — that
to be a Gold medal & diploma —

A proposition was made in 61 for a
new diploma to be issued — but would it
not be better to have altold medals of
equal value? — There are other questions
that will arise, which should be disposed
of if practicable before our annual
meeting.

Yours Truly
W. H. Johnson

CURTISS & CO.,
Commission Merchants,

No 10 Central wharf.

Buffalo, N. Y. Oct 3rd 1865

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I notice through the papers that you are at the head of an enterprise to construct a Rail Road from your place to the Coal regions of Penn^a. As Buffalo is directly interested in such a movement, and as a few gentlemen here have under consideration the purchase of a colliery in the Wyoming Valley near Wilkesbarre Pa. They are much interested to know what progress you are making, and what coal fields you will touch. An early reply with particulars, would greatly oblige

Yours truly
Chas. J. Curtis.

Beviden Oct 4th 1865

Dear Brother

Your letter of Sept 28th is received. in which you say you cannot help me to purchase a farm this fall. I have a team harness & waggon & have hay enough to keep my team & cow through the winter. — I have a job of work ^{to do} which will bring me in \$100. which I shall do between this and the 15th of Nov. — I also have a fair prospect for work next summer. but I have no place to live except to buy a place. The place we are living now is in the unfinished part of a house near where I lived when you were out to visit me. There are several desirable farms for sale near here and I think I can make arrangements to get one of them if I can have some help from you next summer. There is one farm of 100 acres with

living water - good fruit & shade trees
good fences - and first rate land for
\$85. pr acre. is handsomely situated and
has a small stone house, stable, corn
crib and two good wells on it.
and I am well satisfied that if I
can get it I can make from two
to three hundred dollars more than
I can at my trade alone,
If I bargain for it can I depend
on your helping me by first of any
night.

We are all well. Schilah sends
respects to all. Give my respects
to Mary Ann & children.

Yours Respectfully

J. B. Cornell

E. Cornell Esqr
Athens N.Y.

J. B. Cornell
Oct 4, 65

Mr Correll would confer a
great favor upon Miss Bloodgood
by affording her an interview at any
time most convenient to himself

She would be happy to see him at
her own home or would meet him
at his office as he would prefer

Her Ever Correl

Wmcc

Wednes. Oct 4th

Yerona Oct 4th 1865
Ezra Cornell Esq:

2^d Sir: I
have recently had an interview
with three of the Directors of
the Lake Ontario Auburn & N.Y.
R.R. Co., at which they all
expressed a desire to have
you present, at a meeting
of the Board to be held at
as early a day as you may
name.

The object, as I understand
is to compare views & see if our
arrangement cannot be made, so
as to unite the two roads &
concentrate capital, influence & energy
to its completion. Will you name
a day on which you will meet
them in Auburn?

Yours &c J. R. Herritt