Z. G. SIMMONS, PRESIDENT. H. B. HINSDALE, SECRETARY. C. C. SHOLES, GEN'L SUPERINTENDENT.

North-Western Telegraph Company,

Kenosha, Dec 20th 1865

My Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 17th on my arrival here and I was not disappointed with your decision in regard to exchanging -

As soon as I learned that the Western Union Stock had depreciated so rapidly on the market I knew that you could not Consistently with Common Sense increase your interest in it. On receiving the Statement of the Directors I made up my mind to promptly dispose of one. third or one fourth of my interest in it even at the present reduced rates & I have put 200 Shares in the market.

On looking over our business here we find that it will not be practicable to pay a dividend in January as Mr Simmons had Calculated in Consequence of the extraordinary expense incurred in building & rebuilding this season

In Minnesota especially the cost of labor and board has been frightfully high — Nowers our affairs generally look more encouraging now than they have appeared on any of my previous visits —
The month of November has been the most favorable month of the whole season for pushing forward work, dry, Cool and pleasant and laborers in greater abundance so that our heavy work was nearly Completed when Cold weather set in, Still but one party will be knocked off this week and the last of our wire stringing will be Completed early in January — We have already Contracted for most of the poles for next seasons work half of them to be delivered early in the year so that I expect to see the work of next year done more economically than any that we have yet been able to do —
It is not likely that they will

be able to pay a dividend before
January 1867 as so great a portion
of the earnings in the early part of
the season is required for wire poles
labor &c — Our receipts so are
very light the early part of the year
We have a heavy snow storm
here and I fear that we will
have difficulty in reaching home
for Christmas —
With much love to Mary Anna
and Children —

Anna

Yours very Sincerely
D. Moore

Ann E Gould

John A. Griscom
Dec 20. 65

New York

Dec 20 1865

My dear Sir

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 16th Inst., especially for the interesting information respecting the prospects of the magnificent undertaking to which you are devoting so much of your time and means,— whereby the Name of Cornell will in future years take a place by the side of Harvard & Yale, constituting a trio of which not only our "noble country," but all humanity, will be justly proud.

I am gratified to be

allowed any part in the great and good work, even the collecting of information for it; and I shall be pleased in my brief visits to London & Paris, to look up whatever may be advantageous, especially in the branch of instruction particularly interesting to me, that of Physiology & Hygiene.

A long study and familiar acquaintance with the diseases of mankind, have convinced me that a very large proportion of them are not, "ills that flesh is heir to", but are the results of a want of knowledge of the structure, properties, physical relations &c, of the machine, which every individual has "to run" for himself or herself.

Further I am convinced by long observation, & several cases, that the sufferings of humanity can be prevented to a large extent, & life prolonged, by a proper knowledge, and that it is as capable of being inculcated, and comprehended by every pupil, as is chemistry or astronomy.

With these views, and ameniated with the privilege of contributing my mite to your great work, I will most cheerfully comply with your request, to obtain all possible information that may be of use in that branch of instruction, and any other suitable for the Cornell University.

The necessary brevity of my visit will probably

diminish considerably
the power to complete
enquiries to the desired
extent, but all that is
possible within the
time allowed me,
shall be accomplished,

with sentiments
of high esteem,

Jno. H. Griscom

Hon: E. Cornell
Ithaca.

J. H. Wade, President
Anson Stager, Gen'l Supt } Cleveland, O.

Geo. H. Mumford Vice Pres't
O. H. Palmer Sec & Treas'r } Rochester N.Y.

Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N.Y. Dec 20 1865

Hon C Comell
Ithica N.Y.

Dr Sir Your Categorical letter of 16th Rec

1. Progress of Commission not very Encouraging. The question so far as holders of Short Bonds & Stockholders are concerned will be substantially determined by the 25th inst - Look Out here
2. Statement showing results of Nov. business not yet out so far as appears all favorable
3. Time for Directors meeting not fixed - will not be till I hear from the President who is now on his way to New York. Will advise you as soon as determined. Since writing the above Mr Watson advises that it is agreed to have the meeting next Wednesday the 27 and you will please to take notice accordingly
4. I enclose you check for $10. on on Directors account which is the best I can do Will remit balance as soon as possible

Yours truly
O H Palmer

Ithaca Dcor 22d 1865

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

I have learned this morning that Chs Smith asks $8000. for the Ebenezer Mack place 75 acres on South Hill. It is believed that $7000 or $7500 will buy it. Why would it not be advisable to take that as a site for the Blind Asylum. If that should be done any portion of the land not wanted could be sold off for about $100. per acre leaving the buildings for immediate use. You know these buildings are so commodious that at a slight expense they could be made to accommodate from 50 to 100 patients while the new buildings are going up. After such new buildings are completed the old

ours could be used to great advantage and economy for farm house, wash house laundry, dining room and lodging rooms for workmen & servants &c. &c. while the barns, sheds, carriage house & other out buildings would be very useful and doubtless adequate for present wants. Mr. Bates assures me that an abundance of good water can be obtained very conveniently.

In thinking this matter over it appears to me that the purchase of this property for the State would be far the most economical and available of any site looked at for the reason that immediate use can be made of it

You may think my views of sufficient value for the Commissioners Consideration, in which case you can present them under such modified forms as your reflection may determine to be most fair and judicious

Very Cordially Yours
D. V. Boardman

Owego Tioga County N.Y.
Dec. 22d - 1864

Hon.
Ezra Cornell
Ithaca

Dear Sir Not long since I addressed a note to you in reference to the office of Canal Appraiser - and asking your influence in my behalf for that office - Hon Charles B. Darling of Owego is an applicant for the office; in which there is strength I was not aware that he or any one from Our County desired the office at the time I wrote you. You will not further trouble you in my behalf - Mr. B. would doubtless be pleased with any aid you could give him - I did feel that the office belonged to this part of the State and I would like it - and I felt that I had a right to ask for it at least.

Very truly your friend & obd. svt.
H. W. Davis

M. B. Wood
2 E. Dec 65

Albion Dec 23d 1865

Dear Ezra

I have been waiting more than a month, all the while thinking I should be able to write you that I was in a condition to assist you in locating some of the lands for the University, but I shall have to abandon all idea of doing anything of the kind, as my right leg is so badly affected that I cannot walk without a staff to support my steps I am in constant pain and a little exertion serves to increase the difficulty I am trying every cure that I can hear of but so far none has availed me.

We have now cold winter weather & snow covers the ground but not enough to do work with sleighs.

Orson & wife returned this week, highly pleased with the visit to their friends

The exercises at the seminary are now in progress preparitory to a vacation through the Holidays. I am getting the bills made out where the girls have traded and shall be able to report the amount shortly.

I have not been able to attend the examination of the classes and cannot say what progress the girls have made, Phebe and Ezra Robertson are at school but they are not in the same classes or they are not inclined to say what they are doeing

We had a fire this morning about daylight in Hannah's block on main street destroying one bakery, a clothing store, a fine millenary establishment, a doctors office & dwelling, a tailors shop, and the "National Exchange Bank of Albion" and damaging the Banking office of J. W. Sheldon, The loss of property is not as much as I should have supposed, owing to the slow progress of the fire which had to encounter a strong head wind, two streams of water, and four solid brick walls I think $20,000 will cover all losses.

The whole amount of insurance on buildings $4,000. I cannot say how much on the stocks of goods.

With regard to finance I can truly say I am "hard up" as I ever was. I have strained all my resources to buy bonds to put into our bank stock and they have lain in

Washington since August and we have not received our currency on them yet or any part of it and it squeeses us pretty light,

If we dont get a dividend from W. U. co next month, I shall have to put some Mortgages on sale to meet my engagements

Robinson left this morning for Oil city where he thinks his chances for "striking ile" is pretty good, All his interests in Pithole & Hickory Creek are land investments and is at no expense in boring, There are three wells going down on his land and he is ready to contract for more.

All our friends are well We heard from Daniel Gould & Benj. East yesterday at Davenport, Ia, All well. Arlina's baby has got teeth I know, for the little witch has bit my finger Yours Respectfully

M. B. Wood

E Cornell Esq

Ithaca Dec 23rd 1865

Ezra Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Yours of the 18 received I do not remember any thing in my note that would justify the construction you seemed to have placed upon it

I was not well at the time and the same reason that led me to omit the date may have caused me to express myself ambiguously - If misunderstood permit me to explain myself - I have been told that competition facilitates a sale - in asking you to consider the matter and make me an offer I thought if there were others parties wanting to take advantage of my position you would perhaps decide more

protect me by offering a price approximating to the value of the property, leaving them no option, but to offer at least a fair price (such as they give others) and then if you dose not care to ~~purch~~ purchase after that, there let it remain

I understood you had thought of purchasing - I have been offered eighty Dollars for the farm on the other side of the Inlet - which I should have accepted - thinking it best to sacrifice if forced to a part rather than the Whole, but was led to suppose that if you purchased, you would prefer taking the whole, and I wanted, answers to sell all to you rather than a part to others.

You say you would like to see me - I thank you for the kind expression I had heard this before of you and perhaps presumed upon it

Be assured you do me no more than justice in thinking I would not wish you to engage in anything unjust to yourself or others -

I desire most earnestly to meet all my just obligations and to be "fair and square" in all my dealing. I am unfortunately placed, home others depending on me and I know you will not blame me for striving to do all I can for them

Yours respectfully

E B Lovelgood

Fifth Av Hotel
Dec 25. 1865

My Dear Mary Ann:

I wish you a Merry Christmas - and I wish a Merry Christmas to Emma, & Mary & Frank & Sue, and Eunice and Ezra, and all the rest of the house hold,

I have not seen Santa Claus and dont know what provisions he may be making for you, but the papers say he is very busy about these days, and it will not be strange if he overlooks some.

There is one star of hope however for all good children, and especially to all good girls, That is if he perchance overlooks them in the hurry of this busy and

merry season, he always thinks of them afterwards, and repays them for all their disappointments -

It is even suspected of the cunning old Fox, that he goes by, sometimes on purpose to test the temper of little girls, and then looks back over his shoulder to see if they cry about it -

If any absence from home mars the merry day, with the children, it looks bright and rosy for Ithaca and I am much inclined to the opinion that she will be the recipient of a nice Christmas present,

I go to Albany this P.M getting there about 10 or 11 P.M and tomorrow P.M leave for Rochester, and I now think I shall return via Ithaca reaching there Thursday morning, so as to accompany you to Albany -

I will telegraph you from Rochester if any thing interrupts this plan -

Yours Affectionately
E. Cornell

Mary Ann

New York Decr 25. 1865

Dear Alonzo

I have very great confidence that the Comrs for the blind Asylum will decide to locate that institution at Ithaca, and quite likely make temporary provisions for the blind at Binghamton, so as to organize the machinery for running the institution there, while the buildings are being erected at Ithaca, & when the buildings are ready the whole will be transferred to Ithaca, management and pupils. The next thing after the decision of Comrs to locate and the approval of the Govr to the location, will be the appointment of building Com

of three, and the appointment of nine Trustees, I think two in the 1st Judicial and one in each of the other judicial districts of the State; The Trustee for our district should be located at Ithaca, and I wish you would canvass the subject quietly and select a suitable candidate for said trustee,

As to the building commission I think likely it would be for the interest of the State and of Ithaca to appoint me. I have no idea however what the Governors views would be on that subject. =

I did not find the Gov at home when at Albany, I called and left some strong papers in favor of Schuyler, had had a good talk with his private Secy — I expect to see the Gov tomorrow in behalf of Schuyler, and Bryant expected to have more papers to present at that time = The Gov will say in his message what we desire in relation to the College land scrip. =

I have just learned that we did not understand correctly Bulkleys report of length of Cable required to cross Behring Straits. That it will require 500 miles instead of 300 as we supposed, hence we shall probably make another call at once on the Extention Stock =

The business of telegraphing is good, Now in N.Y better than Oct = U. States is not paying Expenses = and still their stock is selling here as high as the W. U. =

I go to Albany this P.M. and to Rh tomorrow Eve - and perhaps home Thursday morning =

I will telegraph you from Rochester, whether I return home or not—

I wish a merry Christmas to You, Elsie & the boys—but I have not seen Santa Claus and fear he will overlook my wishes in making his merry rounds—

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A.B.C.

Eau Claire Wis Dec 25th 65

Hon Ezra Cornell—

Dear Sir.

I have first—Rec'd yours of 16th inst. As soon as I receive the Ships I will notify you. Shall probably get it within three or four days. and as soon as I can will give you Ships &c. also any information that will be of use.

You speak of "Old Tompkins" the first six years of my life were spent in Dryden Village the old Pine Stumps in the out skirts of town are very fresh in memory. the Sulphur Spring & the old Red Mill just out of town.

Of course I am an abiding Resident in "Old Tompkins" and am glad that she has been selected as the location of such an Institution as the Cornell University. May it & I trust will become: and anything I may do in the premises— I trust will be for the furtherance and fulfillment of your plans. and for the lasting benefit of the Institution.

In your Selection of Mr Woodward, I assist in this matter you are fortunate. I have perfect confidence in his judgment. he has had

Extensive operations in the Land business and as a man of Stirling county and integrity. See Mumps his own business well & will - for attns.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Robinson

Marcus Sion
26. Dec 65

Ithaca N.Y.
Dec. 26. 1865-

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dr Sir-

For several years before I went West, I was a Notary Public in Ithaca, and found it very convenient in my business- I would find it especially convenient now, there being no Justice of the Peace or Notary Public accessible, without going upon Tioga Street - I believe there is not a law office in town, except mine, where there is not a Notary or Justice at hand & in the office, to take affidavits, acknowledgments &c- When I left, I had a year yet to serve-

Now I would ask of you to do me the great favor of

procuring me the appointment of Notary Public for this County, at as early a day as convenient. You may be assured, that it would be no inconsiderable convenience & benefit to me, located as I am, so far from an acknowledging officer -

I hope you will find it within your power to oblige me in this request -

Yrs Respfly
Marcus Lyon

No 1 of 1864.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
General Department
Bombay.

Bombay 28th December 1864.

Sir,

I am directed by the Promoters of the Exhibition of the Works of Industry and art of all nations which it is proposed to hold in Bombay in 1866, to solicit the aid of Government in placing them in Correspondence with the various Foreign and Colonial Governments likely to be interested in the Contributions of their subjects to an International Exhibition in Bombay.

2 The Promoters propose to establish Commissions in the different Countries in trade with this port and they respectfully request that His Excellency the Governor in Council would apply to the Right Honble the Secretary of state for India on their behalf to furnish them with Credentials through the Foreign and Colonial offices to the different foreign Governments represented at the Court of St. James and to the Governors of the British Colonies and Dependencies.

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3 The Committee at the same time will through the Consular agents and Chambers of Commerce of, and their private Connections with, these Countries at once arrange for the nomination of influential Commissions on their obtaining such Credentials—

4 The principal foreign Countries and Colonies which it is desirable to have represented in Bombay are France, Prussia Germany, Austria, Italy, Egypt, Persia, China, Japan, the United States, Canada, the Cape, and the Australian Colonies—

5 The Promoters will arrange for the formation of an influential Commission in London by the outgoing Mail and the Commissions established on the Continent of Europe will be placed in Communication with it. The Commissions in the East generally will correspond direct with Bombay— The American Contributions it is proposed to direct by the help of a Commission sitting in New York—

6 The Promoters will arrange with the London and New York Commissions as to the establishment of forwarding Agencies and all other details— Here they would only say that the general Conditions of the Exhibition, and the terms on which Exhibitors will be invited to take part in it, and the arrangements of the Exhibition itself within the building will as closely as possible be regulated by the International Exhibition held in London in 1862—

7 The Promoters respectfully submit also to Her Majesty's Secretary of state for India that the same exemptions from Customs and transit dues may be granted in favor of Exhibitors in the International Exhibition proposed to be held in Bombay as were

extended to Exhibitors in the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the International Exhibition of 1862 - and that the former may in every way be treated with the same favor as the latter were.

8 The Promoters further beg Government to assist them by appointing official Committees in Bombay and the Chief towns of Western India and in the Political agencies under this Government for the promotion of the objects of the promoters just as Government did with reference to the exhibitions of 1851. 1855 and 1862; and that Government would apply to the Supreme Government to sanction the appointment of similar Committees in the Presidencies of Bengal and Madras and they trust that the Government of India will in every way be pleased to assist and further their designs as they assisted and furthered the European Exhibitions -

9 The Promoters have ventured to make these representations in consideration of the great benefit likely to result to the trade of India generally from holding the proposed exhibition, the success of which must necessarily be an object of the highest solicitude to Government -

10 It is of national importance to India to hold such an Exhibition as that now proposed while Government themselves could not well undertake it - The Promoters feel therefore justified in soliciting from Government all the assistance they can give them and without which the Promoters can do little within the limits of British India; and they pray that this assistance may be extended to them with the same

liberality and promptness as were shown in the cases of the Great European Exhibitions and also of the Indian Exhibitions of Lahore and Lucknow to all of which Bombay has largely contributed without up to this time receiving any returns—

I have the honor to be &c—

/signed/ George Birdwood M.D.
Chief Secretary—

Danby Dec 28/65-

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

The following is my Report of my Potatoe experiment

Planted the 24th of May five rows with the preventitive according to directions. Also five rows without. Prince Albert

The 24th of June hoed those that were planted without the preventitive which were four to six inches high. The others were not up yet. we had no rain since planting to June 23d Dug them the first of Oct Had four bu very little affected with rot where I planted without the preventitive. & three bu of the others fully one half rotten. I think the

12/6/1865

Composition injured the seed as they did not come up as well as those where not used

Yours Truly A. B. Keeler

Owego, Decbr: 28th: 1865.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

Sir!

You will pardon the liberty wich I take in addressing you through this letter. Knowing your love for music, your interese for all other artistic Sciences and your generosity in helping your town to make this Sciences interesting to them, I therefor undertook to compose a piece of music, through wich a show you, how high I estimate such a man as you are and your late arrangements, wich you have made for the support of all artistic Sciences.—

The Composition, (wich I send in manuscript)
I also like to dedicate to yow under the title,
„ The Cornell University-Polka."
I beg you hereby verry hardy for your consent
and the privelige to have the Composition
published under this title. —
Hopping you find this Competition worthy of
your consideration & patronage and by
wishing you and your respective familie
a happy new year I have the honor to
been with the greatest respect.

Your

most obedient Servant

Jos. Raff Professor of Music

P. S. In regard of my references I citat my latest
composition: May. G. Grants & May. G. Gillmores
Marches, Sheridans Quickstep, The Fall of Richmond.
Mr. A. Whitlock and his members of the
Band are acquinted with me.

O/

U. S. Assay Office

New York Dec. 29, 1865.

Dear Sir,

Owing to the financial panic at Bombay, the scheme for an International Exhibition there has been abandoned.

I shall invite a final meeting of our N. Y. Commission at my Office on Wednesday Jan. 3d, to dissolve the organization & make proper disposition of the funds entrusted to us. If you will send me a Memorandum of any expenses incurred by you I will have them paid.

Should it be your purpose to be in this city

during next week, I should be glad to appoint the meeting so that you might be present.

Regretting that all the kindness you have so kindly taken in this Bombay enterprise must go for nothing, and indulging the hope that I shall have the pleasure of your continued acquaintance, I am

Very respectfully,
& truly yours,
Geo. F. Deming.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca,
N.Y.

Geo. F. Deming
Feb 15

Nunda Dec 30: 1865.

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Dear sir: The other day coming up the Erie RR. I fell in Company with an Ithaca man & a friend of yours.

In alluding to your wonderful business success, your princely fortune and unexampled liberality, I mentioned that in 1852 I had a small demand against you for my Salary as Telegraph Operator at Nunda, but which although you wanted to you were then unable to pay. He asked me if I had ever made allusion to it since time [illegible] matured and your success assured; to which I [illegible] no. He says "you write him and [illegible] mention it because he has [illegible]

reference to time, and has in many instances taken great pains to hunt up [illegible] debtors. He will not be annoyed by being reminded of it, but on the other hand will be glad of it and obliged to you for calling his attention to it, & allowing him to know when you are so that he can pay you.

This is my apology for writing you. I had forgotten the amount sent on referring to the old account find the balance due me Sept. 1, 1862. to be $85.10. Just $79.42. Total $164.52.

I shall be much obliged to you for anything you may see fit to do in the matter.

Please send your answer to me at 104 Dean St. Brooklyn NY, where I now reside.

Very respectfully yours

A. N. Packard

P.S. Perhaps I ought to say that the gentlemen to whom I allude was Mr. Hulsey. He did not authorize me to use his name, & I would not like to have him called in question, if he said to me what you think he had no right or business to. I liked the men much better than I did his pictures. Ever.

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To Wm E Connell

From Cleveland Dated

Rec'd Dec 30 1865 6,45 P M.

I am unable at this distance to give an intelligent opinion in regard to the purchase but should think we cannot afford to pay that price. Should like to meet you at Albany last of next week before declining or accepting the same

A Slagen

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To Cornell

From Rochester Dated

Rec'd Dec 3 1865 4 40 P M.

Mager wants more time I have to let him to communicate with you when you & he agree I am ready to respond

O H Palmer

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To E Cornell

From Rochester Dated

Rec'd Dec 30 1863 12 55 P M.

The matter stands to Col Stager Yourself & Butterfield with power I have forwarded Your Message to Col Stager

O H Palmer

1908

F. C. Cornell
31. Dec 65

Dec 31st 1865

Dear Father

I wish you a happy New Year. you may endorse my Note if you please and that will do me for the Commencement of the New Year hoping it will be out of the way before another year Comes around

Tell Mother that I got your letter to her the morning she left but was so busy I forgot to give it to her after she was gone I took the liberty to open it, which she must Excuse me for doing

You can tell your Friends that attend the State Fair that we will be there next year with the best Calf that Lucy Ann ever had if nothing happens it will beat

any thing she ever had—
the rest of the stock is
doing well—

How did the canned fruit
get through & the Crock of Butter—
if they got through all right
and mother wants any thing more
in that line have her write
& let me know and I will send
them to her—

Give send love to Friends
Folks in these parts all well
Believe

Yours Affectionately
F C Cornell

E Cornell

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The great effort made by the Attorney of Charles Cook, to prejudice the minds of the Asst Com. against the bill chartering the "Cornell University" in his speeches of Thursday & Friday last - on the assumption of the aristocratic character of the proposed institution, or of myself as its patron, has led me to examin my own position to ascertain if it was obnoxious to the charge of aristocracy = My parents were quakers, and I was brought up in that faith and have only deviated from the direct line by marrying a lady who was not a member of the society, and by falling into the popular form of dress and speech - My grand parents & great grand parents on the side of both the father and mother were of the same religious denomination. I am a mechanic and a farmer, and my wealth is the legitimate fruits of those pursuits. I have never speculated, in any kind of property, stocks or securities = My wealth has arisen from carefully investing my surplus earnings in a business which has grown with the growth of the country. (the Telegraph) I have not even speculated in the stock of telegraph companies, when I could

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Sell Stock to make money, I have been content with the belief that I could make more by holding the stock and profiting by the increase in its value from the growing increase in the business. My father was a mechanic, and depended on his trade to support his family— his brothers were all mechanics or farmers as were any mothers brothers, my fathers father was a farmer, my mothers father was a mechanic - My brothers and my sisters husbands, are all either farmers or mechanics = My wifes father and grandfather were mechanics, her brothers and her sisters husbands are mechanics, farmers, manufacturers & engineers =

I have no relative of any degree within my knowledge, who is or has been a lawyer, Physician, Minister of the Gospel, Merchant, politician, Officeholder— Gentleman loafer, or common idler = None who have been drunkards, or recipients of charity. All have procured an honest and competent support for their families by production labor, none but myself have acquired any thing like a fortune, and mine is placed at the disposal of the industrial classes—

I cannot conceive it to be possible
that any man can be more thoroughly
identified with the industrial, labor-
ing, and productive classes, than
I am, and my ruling desire is
to dispose of so much of my prop-
erty, as is not required for the rea-
sonable wants of my family, in a
manner that shall do the greatest
good to the greatest number of
the industrial classes of my na-
tive State, and at the same time
to do the greatest good to the State
itself, by elevating the character
and standard of knowledge of the
industrial and productive classes,
I tender the sum of $500,000. to the State
to be added to the donation of Congress.
for the sole object contemplated by
Congress, for the Education of the
Agricultural & Mechanical classes-
In the Organization of such an in-
stitution, I am controlled to a great ex-
tent by circumstances, I find the only
two institutions in the State which were
organized on the basis of Educating the
industrial classes, failing from the
the want of adequate means, and
from other causes, which in my

judgment ordered it necessary for me to attempt to rear the desired edifice on their foundations.

Therefore after a consultation with the best and most influential trustees of both the State Agricultural College at Ovid — and the Peoples College at Havana, they advised the new organization — for the new institution and tendered the name of "Cornell University" The name I demurred to, fearing it would be charged that I had an undue ambition in that particular, I was met by assurances that it was eminently proper that the institution should bear my name, and I made no further objection =

The trustees, were then selected from the trustees of the two old boards, and from persons outside of both boards,

The ten persons named, represents, three mechanics = three farmers — One manufacturer — One merchant — One lawyer, one Engineer — and one literary gentleman = The Exificio trustees = represents, the State Government — the Common School interest of the State, the State Agricultural society ~~and~~ the County of Tompkins through its public Library — and the Cornell family

Can the industrial classes of the State select a board of trustees more likely to protect and foster & its interest than the one here selected? I think not -

As to the manner of my using money, I may be permitted to say that I never in any instance exacted or accepted in any form more than Seven per cent for money loaned, and the only loans which I have made to individuals have been to persons who were unable to furnish such securities as capitalist or bankers exact, and who required the money to protect their business and property from the grasp of the usurer, or from some misfortune in business - to young men to purchase farms - or to engage in business - to widows of Soldiers to purchase a small home and for like objects. = I have $100.000. thus invested, on what bankers call doubtful securities, but the loans are such as humanity demanded, and the security such as the banker's could give -

Of donations, I will not speak

other than to say, Since the war commenced, they have been given for the support of Soldiers families, supply Substitutes for drafted men and kindred objects for the support of the Government—

E. Cornell

Hon E. Cornell MSS.
Cornell Kansas (1)
Valentine

Made under the Act
of Congress approved
Feb 25th 1863
Entered according to
the Act of Congress in the
year 1865

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The meeting of the 24th of January, was numerously attended by Gentlemen who were Trustees of the Peoples College, of the State Agricultural College, and other earnest friends of Education from various sections of the State,

The discussions were earnest and thoughtful and demonstrated that the Speakers had no other motives in attending the meeting than to advance the best interests of the state by laying the broadest and deepest foundation in the interest of practical and scientific Education

Their deliberations culminated in the ~~opinion~~ that a new institution ~~ought to~~ should be organized upon the broad and liberal basis of an University which should become the recipient of the proceeds of the Congressional College land scrip fund, and of the half million of dollars which had been proffered by Mr Cornell: and they recommended to the Legislature the enactment of such laws as were necessary to give legal power and vitality to the proposed University.

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The requisite legislation was secured by the passage of Chapter 585, of the laws of 1865 ~~passed~~ passed on the 27th of April, following entitled "An Act to establish the Cornell University, and to appropriate to it the income of the sale of the public lands granted to this state by Congress, on the second day of July, Eighteenhundred and sixty-two, and also to restrict the operation of Chapter 511 of the laws of 1863"

This Act provided for a board of Trustees in every respect worthy of the important trust confided to their administration, who ~~set~~ convened and organized the incorporation at the earliest moment allowable by the Charter.

The corporate Machinery ~~was~~ being in motion, and its several parts nicely adjusted for carrying out the preliminary details requisite for providing a local habitation for the University, the attention of the Trustees was directed to the greater want, the intellectual head, who could organize the resources at our Command in such a manner as to give to the Nation and to the State an institution worthy of their great liberality, and to the age an institution that will be prepared to keep pace with the advancing ideas of the age.

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After scrutanizing carfully the qualifications of many eminent men, the unanimous opinion of the Trustees rested upon the Gentleman who we this day inorgurate as the Presidnt of the Cornell University.

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C. Robinson Esq
Dear Sir

We cheerfully endorse the fact of your having (during the term of our Service as Chief Engineer of the New York Fire Department,) labored incessantly to perfect a System of Fire Telegraph and consider the System put up by you as having been invaluable to the City

We consider the Telegraph from the City Hall to the Post Office Bell Tower, also the one from the City Hall to the Police Head Quarters as having been the more valuable, as (since the Burning of the Bell Tower on the City Hall] it has been the only means of giving an early alarm for Fires in the lower part of the City, and without it millions of property might have been destroyed -

Alfred Carson
Chief Engineer 1857 From 1858 to

Henry T. Feltman
John Decker
Chief from 1857 - 1860
Chief Engr 1860 to 1865

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Circular

The Cornell University.

The letter of E. Cornell to the Trustees of the State Agricultural Society,

Hon John A Kings answer thereto.

The Act of Congress Donating lands to the State. July 2, 1862

The Act Chap 511. New York 1863 =

The Proceedings of a meeting. Ag rooms Jan^{y} 12. 1865, also the meeting Jan^{y} 24, at same place,

Act of N.Y Legislature incorporating the Cornell University, =

Meeting Trustees at Albany,
Regrets. Notice that Peoples college dont perform
Military - Organization at Ithaca

Compliance, Acceptance, of Evidence of the fulfilment of act.