



ROOMS OF THE

State Historical Society of Wisconsin,

Madison, Dec. 18th, 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell -

Sir:

It is my pleasing duty to inform you, that at a Meeting of the Executive Committee, held this day, you were duly elected as
Honorary Member of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Should such Membership be agreeable to you, you will please signify the same by letter, as early as convenient.

The objects and wishes of the Society are briefly set forth in the annexed Circular.

I remain, with great respects,

Yours obedient Servant,

Symon C. Draper
Corresponding Secretary

Circular of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The Executive Committee of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin invite your attention to its objects, condition and prospects. Since the reorganization of the Society, under its Charter of March 1853, it bids fair to accomplish much in the field of Western Historical research and collection. The Legislature of this State, in the true spirit of enlightened legislation, has granted the Society an annual appropriation of \$1,000, to aid in collecting Works and Documents, and disseminating information, relative to the History and Progress of Wisconsin. This Fund places the Society on a firm basis—has enabled it to procure copies of rare works on the North-West, particularly the various early works on New France; and will ensure the collection, within a few years, of a Library of Western History, far superior to any other extant. Under such cheering auspices, the Executive Committee are solicitous to make known the prospects and wants of the Society, and earnestly solicit from its friends contributions of appropriate matter for its archives.

Let us commence with becoming zeal and energy, in the very infancy of our State, to collect and sacredly preserve whatever may tend to elucidate its history and progress. Much can be secured *now*, that would be difficult, if not impossible, to secure a quarter or half a century hence. Rapid and wonderful has been the past career of Wisconsin—its population having increased from 3,245 in 1830, to 30,945, in 1840—rose to over three hundred and five thousand in 1850, showing an increase in the latter decade, of 800 per cent.; and it may now be safely estimated at 800,000 people—exhibiting a rapidity of advance altogether unprecedented, even in the marvelous growth of the mighty West. This very advance, in all the elements of greatness, which will still continue, we believe, at an accelerating pace, admonishes us to secure what relates to the rapidly retreating past; to preserve a faithful record of passing events, and to keep alive the memory of the meritorious men who have contributed, or may hereafter contribute to mould the rising destinies of Wisconsin.

We desire, therefore, to procure, preserve, and constantly augment, with appropriate material, a public collection of Books, Manuscripts and other memorials illustrative of the history of the North-West, and especially of our own State. Something of the kind is greatly needed, and we earnestly appeal to our fellow-citizens of Wisconsin, and literary friends abroad, for their generous contributions to our library and collections. The various kinds of material wanted, are:—

1. Manuscript statements and narratives of pioneer settlers—old letters, and journals relative to the early history and settlement of Wisconsin, and of the Black Hawk War; 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, books, pamphlets, college catalogues; minutes of ecclesiastical conventions, associations, conferences and synods, and other publications relating to this State, or Michigan Territory, of which Wisconsin formed a part from 1818 to 1835—and hence the Territorial Laws and Journals, and files of Michigan newspapers for that period, we are particularly anxious to obtain.
3. Drawings and descriptions of our ancient mounds and fortifications, their size, representation and locality.
4. Information respecting any ancient coins or other curiosities found in Wisconsin. The contribution of such articles to the Cabinet of the Society is respectfully solicited.
5. Indian geographical names of streams and localities in this State, with their significations.
6. Books of all kinds, and especially such as relate to American history, travels and biography in general, and the West in particular, family genealogies, old magazines, pamphlets, files of newspapers, maps, historical manuscripts, autographs of distinguished persons, coins, medals, paintings, portraits, statuary and engravings.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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 Wisconsin history, biography, geography, or antiquities; all which will be carefully preserved for binding.

It may be interesting to the friends Society beyond the limits of the State to learn, that the library ~~now numbers~~ ^{now numbers} ~~volumes, and is rapidly increasing~~, and among them, including Niles' National Register, are nearly 190 volumes of bound newspapers; and if we reckon by titles bound and unbound, as is frequently done, the library numbers fully 25,000 volumes. The Picture Gallery, recently commenced, bids fair to become an ornament to the State; the portraits received, already number over 60, by the ablest artists of the Union. The Cabinet of historical curiosities is rapidly augmenting; and seventy periodicals are regularly received, and carefully preserved for binding. The meetings of the Executive Committee are held at the Society's rooms, on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

We respectfully request that all to whom this circular is addressed, will be disposed to give to our appeal a generous response. Packages for the Society may be sent to, or deposited with, the following gentlemen, who have kindly consented to take charge of them. Such parcels, to prevent mistakes, should be properly enveloped and addressed, even if but a single article; and it would, furthermore, be desirable, that donors should forward to the Corresponding Secretary a specification of books or articles donated and deposited.

DEPOSITARIES.

G. & J. A. REMSEN, at T. B. Lippincott, & Co's., Philadelphia.
SAMUEL G. DRAKE, Antiquarian Book Store, Boston.
CHARLES B. NORRIS, Appleton's Building, New York.
JOEL MUNSELL, Publisher, 78 State Street, Albany.

C. R. STARKWEATHER, No. 102, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.
George Oden Dean & Co., Washington City.
I. A. LAPHAM, Milwaukee.
JOHN D. THORPE, Cincinnati.

Donors to the Society's Library and Collections will, in return, be placed upon the list of exchange, and receive equivalent publications of the Society, the issue of which has already commenced, and will be regularly continued.

Very respectfully,

Gen. W. R. SMITH, President
LYMAN C. DRAPER, Corresponding Secretary.
J. W. HUNT, Recording Secretary.
D. S. DURRIE, Librarian.
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Hon. J. P. ATWOOD,
F. H. FIRMIN,
Gen. DAVID ATWOOD,
Dr. C. B. CHAPMAN,
Hon. D. J. POWERS,

S. H. CARPENTER,
H. RUBLEE,
E. A. CALKINS,
WM. H. WATSON,
WM. GENNET,
J. D. GURNEE,

Executive Committee.

Madison,

Ithaca Dec. 19. 1866.
Hon. E. Cornell;

Dear Sir - I regret that
an engagement will call
me out of town to-morrow
evening.

Allow me to thank you
for the honor conferred on
me by the invitation which
you have so kindly
extended.

With sentiments of Esteem
I remain Truly Yours
C. W. Barney
To Hon. E. Cornell

Canastota Ch. W.

Dec-21st 1866

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir,

A friend
of mine, Miss Lucy B. Cornell
left my house two weeks ago
yesterday, to go to Ithaca, intending
to call upon you, and return
here in three days time -

Since then her friends have heard
nothing of her and are feeling
much anxiety on her account.

I think she intended visiting a
family in your place by the name
of Hunt!

Many feel interested
in her welfare, because she has for
the past year, devoted herself so

Miss E. C. Beecher
21 Dec 66

enthusiastically to the relief
and education of Freedmen
in North Carolina.

If you can give any information
regarding her it will be thank-
-fully received by her friends.

Respectfully yours

E. C. Beecher

Hon Ezra Cornell.

A. Friend
Decr 21. 66

Ithaca ~~Dec 21st~~ ^{Dec 21st} 1866

Mr. Samuel Dear Sir
I am going to ask a favor of
you it is this a friend
of mine needs assistance
and I ask you will you
assist him I will tell you
how he is situated but he or
his ~~family~~ family knows not
that I am doing this his
name is Joseph C. Glazier he is
a shoemaker by trade works
for Christ^{ian} and son he is
a hard working man and as
far as my acquaintance with him
extends is honest he came
here poor and in debt he
has paid one after another as
fast as he could thinking

that by fall he wants
to clear of debt and have
something to settle his
family but ~~the~~ winter
has come and cannot then
do much without anything
to meet it himself and
wife have not been able
to attend school this summer
for want of decent clothes
his children are disappointed
of going to school & school
they want to school this
summer the winter school
has begun and for want of
clothes which he is unable
to get they have to stay at
home last spring by the
absence of his neighbors he
bought a cow and gave his
note with a signature for her

payable in March if he
fails to meet the note
he will have to give
up the cow and it does
harm what the year
means with it & have
tried to think of some
way to help him but
bought of me money but
to apply to your generosity
& want you to ^{help} give his
situation and compare it
with your own and see if
out of your abundance you
can spare him a portion &
have heard ~~him say~~ ^{that} he
wants a hundred dollars he
~~is~~ bought clothes & his
family and pay for his
cow and send his children
to school and not have

to suffer as they do now
you save the name of ~~him~~
being a very benevolent
man you are giving
away hundreds and
thousands of dollars
worth of property but i
dont know where you
could give money that
would do more good
than to give it to Mr
Glasier for i know ~~him~~
to be worth of the paper
i hope ^{you} will consider this
many case and remember
that he that ^{gives} to the poor
lends to the Lord for which
he will richly repay
if you will make him
a christmas present of one
hundred dollars himself
and family will always
bless the name of
Ezra Correll, a friend

NY 21 Jan 1866

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send my note
endorsed by F.B. Smith. I want you
to do me the favour to endorse
the note, and ask Albany to dis-
count it for me, and send me
a draft on city for the amt, less
the discount and premium -
The note shall be paid at maturity -
F.O. has used me badly. I cannot
now explain all the facts, but
I am in need of some funds to go
through the winter, and you will
add to the many obligations I owe
you to have the note discounted.

Randall told me that he
had invited you to take an
interest in our steel patents -
I would be very glad to have
you do so, if it should prove
to be, what I really believe it
will be, one of the most valuable
patents ever issued by our government.
I know that shoemakers, hosi-
ers, skaters
and hundreds of small artists

can be made of iron and con-
verted into steel at a merely nomi-
nal price. I believe that all Rail
Road iron will be treated by
Barrois process. I have shown
the samples of Rail Road iron
to numerous Engineers, and they
all admit that the bars treated
 $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch on the surface
will be better than all steel.
The bars will retain the tenacity
of iron, and have the hardness
of steel. The uses to which
the invention can be applied
are endless, and I see no reason
why it is not very valuable.
I have $\frac{1}{8}$ of the patent, and I think
my share will make me very
comfortable. If it is a fact that
it looks very much like a new
moon, and I believe I am well
decided in its value. I certainly
would not want you to invest
money in it, if I had any doubts
of its value. I believe it is really
a very valuable patent.

If Alougo will lend me the
money on the note, ask him
to send to me here, care of
L. Horrell 110 Liberty St
yours truly
J. J. Spurr

W. E. Cornell
Ithaca

C. M. Starr
Dec 22. 66

Newfield Dec 22, 1866
Mr Cornell

Dear Sir— You will remember that some few weeks since you told me the Copies of Transactions of the American Institute & of the State Society due the Census takers of this town for 1863 would be ready next time I came down. I have called at the Library rooms some two or three times since, but not being able to find you I thought I would drop you a line. Some of the individuals to whom these Copies are due have become a little impatient, thinking they are unnecessarily delayed. I would like to relieve them as soon as possible.

I want, in all, 23 Copies of
each, a list of the names for which
I will send you if you wish it.
I will also (if you can spare them)
thank you for a copy of each for
myself - You may if you
please leave word, in reference
to them, with Mr Lord, or in
any other way as best suits
your convenience & oblige

Yours Respectfully,
C. M. Starr

Owego Dec. 22/66

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

We need a Notary Public in this town outside of Bank's and in a part of the town where certain parties will be accommodated who are not now. D. O. Hancock Esq. is one of our best lawyers - has done valuable service in every campaign for the last ten years and has been especially the friend of the Tompkins Co. people and our friends there.

Adding a large business in the line of conveyancing and we very much desire his appointment.

If you can consistently procure same we shall esteem it a personal favor to ~~your~~ friends here.

Yours Truly
W. S. Lincoln

Whereas, the Hon. Ezra Cornell, on the 20th inst. donated to the Citizens of Ithaca & Tomkins County, the Cornell Library Building, & had extended to every boy & girl of the Community, full & free access to & interest in its Library, Reading Rooms, & its other advantages, & Whereas, we esteem this, one of the most valuable & useful gifts that we could have, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Scholars of the Baptist Sabbath School of Ithaca, tender to Hon. Ezra Cornell, our inexpressible & heart-felt thanks for his interest in our welfare, & for his princely gift for our benefit.

Resolved, That we, as a School, contribute, as a Token of our gratitude, some valuable standard works to the Cornell Library, as a New Year's gift.

Resolved, That Judson K. Folwell

Henry Sackett, Henry Northrup,
Frank Meix & Frank Morgan, be
a Committee to wait on & to deliver these
Resolutions to Honorable Ezra Cornell.

J. N. Folwell Pastor
Ithaca N.Y. Dec. 23. 1866. J. Drake Super^t

York 24th Dec 1866

Dear Sir

Your enclosing forward
of note recd, and for which please
accept my thanks -

We will have some reports
finished in a few days, and if
you should visit the City soon,
I would like to have you see
the prospect of converting iron into
steel. If there is any "nigger in the wood"
I have not been able to see him -
I go home this week, and will
return the first week in January -
should you be here while I am
absent, Randall will go with you
to Greenpoint to see the steel
works - If I am not deceived in its
value, it is the most valuable patent
ever offered by our government -
I am desirous I would like to
know it, and if you will examine
the prospect you may detect the
defects if they exist -

Yours with great respect

Wm E Cornell

J J Spaul

Buxton Dec 24th 1866
Mr Cornell

Dear Sir,

Mr Pitkin

thinks that immediate payment
of one half of the Messrs
Carpenters bill - with the
remainder in six months - is as
much as they should reasonably
expect just now. We are
going to Lockport this week with
Mr Pitkin and shall make
the easiest terms for ourselves that
we can in regard to this matter
because we will need some money
to carry on work this winter - work
is the only reliance we have for
bearing us out in this undertaking.
And we do not wish to trespass on
the goodness of our friends only as
little as possible beyond the

legitimate limits of our business
relations with them

So please dont send any
money to the Messrs Carpenter
until you see or hear from us
again

Yours respectfully
Francis Cormor

F. O. Cormor
Dec 24. 17

J. Stanton Gould
Decr 24, 1866

Madison Decr 24th 1866

My dear Mr Cornell

I have not yet been able to find a commissioner to take charge of the abortion business at once, but I have arrived at some positive results. In the first place, all that I have consulted agree that Dr John Dalton of New York is the true man for the place, and that he is more likely to bring the enquiry to a successful issue than any other man in America.

Unfortunately, he cannot enter personally upon the investigation until April or May, but I think he could send promising young men into the field who could make all the necessary physiological, chemical, pathological and botanical observations under his direction, so that he would be enabled to enter upon the personal investigation in April or May with tolerable prospects of success. Dr Dalton will make no personal charge for his services beyond his

necessary disbursements, but the assistants must be paid and some costly analyses will also be necessary. It is difficult to make accurate estimates of the expenses, but I think it will be necessary to have about five thousand dollars in addition to the one thousand dollars now in our treasury applicable to this purpose. We shall probably have a meeting of the Soc Com in January to consider this and other important matters, and I trust then in advance that you may think the matter well as before you are called upon to act. I spent four weeks in conference with scientific men in relation to this matter, but during the conference I kept an eye open for the interests of Cornell University and accumulated much valuable information bearing on its interests. When in New York in conference with Dr. Walton Professor of Medicine and myself had a long and interesting interview. We fully agreed that the best interests of the University called for a

a postponement of the time of its opening for another year. We agreed to recommend Mr. Pease for Professor of Modern Languages and Mr. Brown for Prof of Mathematics. Messrs Brooks, Wherry and Mr. Kipps ~~themselves~~ will spend a Winter in Europe early in January with a view of hearing Mr. Leconte speak. I should like to be pleased with him personally. I think it would be well to put him into the hands of some very competent person to receive Mr. White in making out the details of organization for which I think he has a very remarkable capacity. I have had the names of Dr. Ward of Lowell Dr. Wherry Boston and Dr. Silliman of New York as Professor of Veterinary Medicine. I have thought of Mr. Warner of Rochester and Prof. Howard of Chicago and Mr. Goodale of Chicago for much valuable information bearing on its interests. When in New York in conference with Dr. Walton Professor of Medicine and myself had a long and interesting interview. We fully agreed that the best interests of the University called for a

at Cambridge, a part of the conversation will be interesting to you as a breeder. He said he had been conducting a series of experiments with dogs, Guinea pigs and Rabbits, which demonstrated to his satisfaction that, the first male that impregnated a female impressed his own character on all her subsequent offspring. This shows the very great importance of breeding from the best male animals from the first, as a scrubby male will communicate ~~this~~ his bad qualities to all her progeny. I have heard this stated before, but I was very glad to find it fully confirmed by so accurate an observer after a careful and extended series of experiments instituted to determine the very point. When the University is started again, will be very willing to give his assistance in devising lines of experiment particularly in breeding which can be carried out by the students and professors. I have much more to say to you but will defer it until we meet. With kind remembrances to Mrs Cornell I remain

Very truly yours
John Stanton Gould

Wm. R. Stearns & Co.
BROKERS.

No. 18 STATE STREET.

John C. Gore
24 Dec 66

Ezra Cornell Esq Boston, Dec 24 1866

Ithaca New York

Dr Sir

If you have funds for investment in this direction I can provide good investments & should be pleased to be honoured with any business to transact for you, either individually or as a firm (My firm is as above) We are engaged in buying & selling Stocks & Bonds & securities of all kinds, negotiation of Loans &c &c We also operate largely in New York on the Regular & Mining Boards as well as here If you are selling or buying Western Union Telegraph or other Stocks, we would be pleased to have the opportunity to do something for you & ourselves All orders by Telegraph or otherwise will be promptly executed either here or in New York. I have smart & able partners in the stock business & abundant facilities for transaction of any business we may be favoured with. We are now among other things negotiating a loan to the Montezuma Gold mining Co of this City. Property near

central city Colorado. Amount of Loan
\$60,000, on Bonds of the Co to that amount
issued to present subscribers at 85% interest
6% payable semi-annually. 1st mortgage
given upon the whole property of the Co
to secure the Bond holders. \$75,000 is
offered cash for their property. The
Mill upon the ground including a 140
H.P. engine is estimated as being worth
alone \$75,000. Property is developed & impro-
ving. It is estimated that in 4 to 6 mos
the Bonds will be readily worth par.
(3 year bonds) from 1st Dec^r. Investment, \$25,000
are already subscribed for. Gunnell Mine
is but 250 ft from Montezuma Mine & they
receive \$600 per cord for their ore delivered at
month of their mine. If you wish to invest
in bonds of this nature I will furnish you
further particulars (Investment secure & safe)
Real estate mortgages here I however consider
better as they can be handled easier. Should
be pleased to hear from you in reply to
this & to transact business for you & will
make any inquiries & furnish such informa-
tion as I may judge of advantage to you if
you wish. With kindest regards to Mrs Cornell
& yourself & wishing you & yours a merry
Christmas & happy new year I remain
Yours Truly John C Gore

Grinnell Iowa Dec

24th 1866

Dear Uncle

Your favor of the 19th is before me. It will take me two weeks to finish canvassing around this town, so I do not think there would be any danger of my not receiving it if sent within that time. If it does not arrive by the time I have finished here, I will wait a few days for it, as I would like to settle all the bills before leaving town. It will take nearly seventy dollars to settle all accounts.

Grinnell is situated in the north west corner of Poweshiek Co and on the Mississippi & Missouri River Rail Road a branch of the Chicago & Rock Island road. It is a small town of about twelve hundred inhabitants. It was named after Hon. J. D. Grinnell, and he resides here.

I should like very much to finish my Education
in your University, and if I could only
afford it, I would do it. but the high
price of tuition and board in the East
would ^{soon} run me a' shore. If there is any
way that you ^{can} ~~could~~ think of, by which
I could pay my way I wish you would
inform me. I have engaged myself until
next April at thirty five dollars per month
and expenses. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I am Respectfully Yours Truly
Thos. Chace

To Hon Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

N.Y.

Thos. Chace
26 Decr 1866

St. Nicholas, Peter

Dec 25 1864
Wm. J. E. Corcoran
Dear Sir

I wanted to have seen you
before I left - but Cash being
away gives me double duty.
Last week and I could not
get out of Bed. Now I
intend doing any
thing with our road by
bonding the Town me

the most of the work
from recently to
Samuel and he hoped
some one from this area
to do the balance work
I hope you will all-
the necessary machinery
be operation to perfect
and coming out the same
of least fifteen to the million
it should be possible the work
is done ^{yourself} ~~yourself~~

should be all it ~~all~~
immediately, unless the
shown in the small dry den
while this is done (since
you of the this coming
out the same you have
shown as the same how
our road the first
road build this down
the field in coal through
which, has down the

Athaca Dec. 25/66
No. 9. Owego St.

Mr Cornell.

Dear Sir.

I would very much like to have some conversation with you upon a matter of business, before you leave town. If you will favor me with an interview please inform me through the Post-office when and where I may see you.

Very Respectfully
Mary J. Drake

STATE OF NEW-YORK,

Department of Public Instruction,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Albany, Dec. 25 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell,
Ithaca N.Y.

My Dear Sir,

I will thank you for a full and somewhat specific statement of the progress of the measures instituted during the past year for the establishment of the Cornell University, that I may call attention to it in my annual report. I greatly desire that the good people of this State should, at an early day, become so interested in that Institution that they will talk about it at their firesides in presence of their children. A laudable ambition may be thus awakened in their minds to excel in good manners and in the acquisition of knowledge that they may participate in the ^{great} privileges which it is hoped that institution will be able to offer to the most worthy and competent youth in this State free of expense.

I deeply regretted my inability to attend the last meeting

of the Trustees, but the Commission for the location of Normal Schools was in session till an hour in the day so late that it was impossible for me to do so. However my chief desire was gratified by the Board in selecting Senator White as the first President of the Institution - the man of all others whom I would have recommended for that responsible position.

Allow me to invite your attention to the fact that the future success of the Cornell University as well as the highest interest of the youth of this State depend upon the character and qualifications of those who shall have the ^{immediate} charge of the Common Schools. The necessity is indeed urgent that measures be taken for the establishment and efficient support of more schools for the preparation of teachers.

Yours Very truly,
W. M. Rice,
Supt. of Public Instruction.

E. O. White
26 Dec 66

Alexandria, Va. Dec 26th 1866

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of
addressing you to make appli-
cation for the position of
Steward for the Cornell University,
and beg to refer you to John E
May Esq, N.Y. - Winthrop W
Chenery Esq, Boston, - and Sigourney
W Fay Esq of the firm of Messrs
Stone Bliss Fay & Allen, N.Y. -

I am from
Massachusetts, and have had
about sixteen years experience
in Mercantile Life, mostly in
Boston, and for nearly three
years was an Officer in the Army.

I entered the Service as Quarter-
master of the 39th Regt Mass Vols,
and during the last year of the
War served on the staff of
Genl Crawford, comd'g 3rd Division,
5th Corps, Army of the Potomac, -
and have received the
Brevet of Major of U.S. Vols.

I can furnish abundant
testimony as to my integrity,
and ability to perform the duties
of the position I seek.

May I ask
the favor of a line in reply?

Very Respectfully Yours

Edward E White

Manlius Centre Dec 26/66
Mr. Cornell

Sir I have written
to you two different times about
the demerage due me while on
loading the Boot load of lime
I did not receive any reply from
the last letter. In your answer
to my first you said I must
look to a Mr. Green for my pay
I dont think I have any reason
to look to Mr. Green because the
lime was shipped to you and
I received my freight from you
by your Brother, and the receipt
for the freight was made in
your name. Now If you think
I have asked you for too much please
send me what you think is right
and I ^{will} be satisfied. I did not have
any good luck booting this fall and

I am very much in need
of the money and I would
be very much obliged to you
if you will send me the money,
Trs. Respectfully

J. H. Damon

P.O. Direct to J. H. Damon
Manlius Centre
N.Y.

J. H. Damon
Dec 1866

Sennett, N.Y.
Dec 26th 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell

Dr. Dr.

Your favour of
24th inst is rec'd. for which I
am much obliged. The picture
by new process is very
beautiful, much improved by
reducing from original woodcut
by camera. This is a the case
with pencil drawings. I have
made a large number this
season, of cattle &c. Draw them
Hard Book size & then reduce
them one half by ~~photograph~~
makes a beautiful picture.

The sample ^{horse} sent has all the
fidelity of a wood cut with
the fineness of steel. But if the
new process can copy a woodcut
I do not see why it should not
also copy a drawing in India
Ink

or by pencil, think, however you explained that, the drawing should be in line, hence it works well with a cut,

Now make a good drawing in pen & ink requires a degree of skill but few could attain, and hence I can not see the improvement in price, for if the artist who makes the design, has to spend as much time as I think he would, he would have to charge as much as for a lithograph. My charge for instance, for lithographing (aside from drawing) is \$20. & I think I could do the work sooner than the same thing in pen & ink, even if I had the requisite skill. I have worked some years ago a good deal at pen drawing but certain difficulties could

never be overcome,

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Of the
Photo Lith. could be made to
work India washes & penicil
combined, it would be much
cheaper than any process yet
in use & largely used for
works of moderate editions,
just as I use now, a
drawing & Photography, where
but 100^{or 200} copies are wanted,
where 500^{to 1000} are required use
dithography, for newspapers of
course only wood cuts will
answer,

If you wish an
animal drawn to try, I
will take my sketch of Lucilla
& make a copy to best of
my present ability, with much
pleasure, & forward same to you
without charge. Most respectfully
John R. Page

Office of Binghamton Iron Works.

Binghamton, N. Y., Decr 26th 1866

Mr E. Cornell

Order

Your favor of
the 22^d is read.

Your figures are
as follow. You owed it
Aug 29 1865. P. B. Hopkins 47,12
" " " L. Robbs 422,91
" " " Shopley & R 207,85
\$677,48

But the Lyons note was \$1000,
Please explain it -

We expect to be in funds in time
that note that we can remit
you for interest now down -
We are gradually reducing
the Bank notes & we want
to pay you as soon as next Spring
for the Lat for what you hold
the deed & get a clear title of
our Real Estate so it will be in

P. A. Hopkins
Dover N. H.

better shops

I Contracted for a building
lot here last spring & made
a small payment in it. I
held it 8 months & sold it
out at a profit of \$450,
above taxes & interest money.
There is now equally as
good a chance for buying
some lots & houses near
our shop, on which I think
as large a percentage could be
made, but they want more
down than I can pay. Their
price is \$4,000, half a month
down - I made 250 per cent in the
money invested in the other lot.

Yours truly
P. A. Hopkins

Pit Hole Creek, Pa.

Dec 26th 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

As the University is now
under way, I have no doubt your
desire is to collect specimens, both
Mineral and Vegetable.

For this purpose
I write to inform you that a
Mrs E. O. Adams, of Titusville, Pa,
has the finest collection of specimens
and Fossils, both domestic and
foreign, that has been my pleasure
to examine for a long time.

Her first Husband
was a captain, and has collected
these specimens himself. The Case
in which they are kept was made
expressly, about seven feet high by
four and half wide. and consists of
seventeen shelves, well filled. four drawers
in bottom, filled. The only objection
any one wanting them is that most

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of the labels are off. Each Specimen is just as he left it, = The objections spoken of can be easily surmounted by any well posted Geologist and one that understands Mineralogy. All quarters of the Globe are here represented, and would make a splendid Cabinet for University or Private dwelling."

I have been thinking for some days of addressing you in reference to it, but have been prevented by Business.

I presume the whole thing as it now stands could be bought for Seventeen hundred dollars, perhaps for less. She has been offered for one of the specimens three hundred dollars -

It would be quite necessary to send a good Geologist to inspect them and class them. This would cost but a trifle and

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I dare say would amply repay
you for "the trouble".

She was talking of
selling it, and I asked her to wait
until I could write to you.

Should like to hear
soon as convenient.

My name will no
doubt be familiar with you as
my Father "Isaac Randolph" lives
in Ithaca.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. S. V. Randolph
Box 245
Pit Hole City
Pa

The lady's address is
Mrs E. O. Adams
Titusville
Pa.

Wm. R. Stearns & Co.
BROKERS.

No. 18 STATE STREET.

Ezra Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Boston, Dec 27 1866

If you are disposed to sell or purchase through me Western Union Telegraph Stock I should be pleased to receive your orders. The stock has sold in this market a few days since at 49 & 50 & in New York even higher but it dropped to 44 & is to day a little better 45 1/4. We are operating largely here and in New York, & I should especially like to operate for you & can make money for you & myself. If you are disposed so to do & you think we might come to a better understanding I would call & see you at your home, or wherever you may appoint, as I expect to have ~~been~~ in N.Y. &c. within 2 weeks, & I will come around your way. An early reply will oblige

Yours Truly
John C. Gore Jr.

P.S. NB

My Brother (only) is not inclined to take up a commercial line of business naturally as I am, but is a student. He is a musician & Linguist & a Physician. He graduated last year at the Hygienic Institute in N.Y. & took his diploma as Physician. The practice

of a mere Physician is attended with many hardships & pay is generally very poor especially for a young man. People usually seek the oldest head in the medical fraternity if there is one to be found in preference to a younger member.

I would much prefer to have him established in some useful occupation of ~~the~~ literary or Scientific turn than a commercial one, one in which ~~you~~ he would have full play for all his better nature & ^{to be} of benefit to others, in short to make his life a labor of love & not of strife after mammon. He would be a happier & better man thus engaged & I know his heart desires such an opportunity. Now if you have in contemplation any operations of the kind where you require a trusty & reliable party who would devote his heart & soul to his work I wish you would let me know & greatly oblige. I would like to converse with you on these points. My Brother wishes to be engaged in a position to advance the moral & intellectual welfare of humanity & I wish he should be & not by force of circumstances be ground up under the millstone of commercial routine & work like a ~~Judge horse~~ ^{in order to gain} to make money for others ~~as well as~~ a living for himself. A word on this head from you will be accepted.

Your Truly
L. C. G. Jr.

L. C. G. Jr.
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