Land Office Stevens Point, Wisc
Novr 14th 1868

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithaca
N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ult. duly ~~Act~~ hand. A. C. Scrip No 2376 Received, (am) transmitted to the Commissioner at Washington.

Respectfully
S. H. Albaw
pr Clk Register

State of New York,

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Albany, Oct 21st 1868.

Ezr: E. Cornell,
Ithaca N.Y.

Dr Sir: - I return herewith certificate of College land scrip No 2376, with the signature of the late Comptroller Jas: Thos Gilbert.

Respectfully Yours

Philip Phelps Dep Comptr

The Scrip No 2376 Rec'd from Comptroller and forwarded to S. H. Allan Rexford Saint Nis Oct 24 68 by Mail

E. Cornell

Land Office Stevens Point Wisc
July 20. 1868

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithica. Tompkins County
New York

Sir:

I enclose herewith Agl. Col Scrip - N. Y. - No 2376 which was located at this office in Your Name June 19. 1867 - upon the SW¼ 34. 42. 2E.

You will perceive that the Assignment to you on the back of the Scp lacks the signature of the Comptroller of the State. You will please cause said deficiency to be supplied and thereafter return the Scrip to this office for transmission to the Department at Washington

Very Respectfully &c

S. H. Alban
Register

per clk

Sent the above scrip No 2376 to Hon F. Allen comptroller for signature Oct. 15. 1868

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DeRuyter Ost Nov 14. 1868

Hon. Mr Barnell

It has been with pleasure that I have watched the preparatory steps, plan and inauguration of the Institution that bears your name, and sometimes I allmost wish I had my College days to live over again so that I could enjoys its advantages and even now the hope arises that I may some day enjoy the treat of hearing your course of lectures especially on Natural Science and Philology, I hope that time will develop your plan so that your school may become in truth a University of the true American Type where Students may receive all

the best instruction in whatever department they may chose and this for all races and sexes, I am told that you are a native of this town and still hold a property here, and as such I conclude that you know of DeRuyter Institute a School that has done noble work in the preparatory department of education and we hope will do much more in days to come. We have two or three students who are fitting for College, who have their minds placed upon attending Cornell University when they are ready. I write this, no one but myself having any knowledge of it. To say that the trustees are struggling against adverse circumstances to sustain, and build up a school here that will meet the demands of the place and the times as a preparatory School they are trying to raise a small fund for its endowment and to pay off a debt of about $15 00 00 and knowing your interest in Education and in this place I write this to say to you that if your heart should incline that way any sum however small or large would be gratefully received and applied for the specified purpose, the prospect looks favorable for the Midland rail to reach this place next year. I would like your Catalogue, excuse this intrusion prompted by my desire for the school and I remain as ever Yours for Education

H. C. Coon
Box 159

H. C. Coon
Nov. 14, 68

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SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

Nov. 14 1868

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I wrote You a note a few days ago in relation to that case which You received in mistake for the case of models — how it is important that the case You have got should be shipped to New York — immediately. as the packs at the Cunards stores do not — know what case You have got and as it has been there

mistake. they are afraid that the owner shall come and claim the case: and they not having it would cause them a great deal of trouble and they have asked me to try and get that case down as quick as possible. it should be marked this way. Edwards Storey — care of. mr abbott Superintendent jersey city. N.J. and on receipt of the case I. will Immediately shipp to You. that case of. Models. please have it in as good order as possibel so as they may be able to identify what case it is. they have always shown me all the favors in there power and I. wish to return the compliment

So hoping there will be no more mistakes

I Remain Yours Truly

J Flanagan

P.S. Dont forget that Circulars I. told about Please advise of the shipment

Mr Connell
Plant Connellsville
Pa

Dear Sir

Will you please
send us a draft on N York
or Boston for amount of our
bill of instruments. You were
assured by Ray Blake that the
payment would be made at once,
and the delay has caused us very
great loss & inconvenience.

We filled the order with
great difficulty & labor & felt sure
that he should not have to have
for our payment and hand our
obligations upon us.

Yours truly
Geo W Lyon
E Mitchell Jones

Boston Nov 16. 1869

Ithaca Nov. 17th 1868

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

I have been up to your office this afternoon to see you and you where not there and as I did not know where to find you I hereby trop a few lines to you wishing you to arange money matters concerning freight and unloading of stone the amount that we will need will be about $. 500. and you would oblige us very much to arange it before you go away.

Yours truly.

O'Connor & Jenger.

Prof. Goldwin Smith's
Introductory Lecture, at
Ithaca, Nov. 17, 1868, before
the Students of the Cornell
University and the Citizens
of Ithaca.

The Cornell University.

Professor Goldwin Smith's Introductory lecture.

last word

X The following is a synopsis of Professor Smith's Introductory lecture before the Students of the Cornell University, and the citizens of Ithaca, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 17:

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After acknowledging the kindness with which his audience received him, Professor Goldwin Smith said that on that occasion he did not intend to enter upon the subject of his course, but rather to explain the relation which he considered the study of history would bear to the general plan of the Cornell University. He conceived that the foundation of this University was an indication and a consequence of the tendencies which were visible in the whole country but were more marked in America - a tendency to adopt a more practical education in place of the old classical system and a tendency to elevate Labour in the social scale and to give the labourer a greater share of the intellectual advantages of civilization. He traced the history of education through its three periods - the early part of the Middle Ages, the later part of the Middle Ages, and

[Nov 17, 1868?]

The period commencing with the ~~revival of~~ ~~Letters, and embracing about two centuries,~~ showing how Renaissance the value of classical learning had been diminished by the growth of modern literature and of modern science. He examined the classical system of Education as pursued in the English public schools & Universities pointing out at the one hand its defects and at the other hand the advantages which it possessed and which it was desirable to retain as far as possible in any new system. He then traced the history of Labour through the successive periods of eras of Slavery, Serfdom and Free hired labour, showing that the Labouring Class had still remained up to the present time excluded in most countries from political rights and everywhere from the intellectual privileges of civilization. As these privileges he was now claiming admittance, and the foundation of the Cornell University was

the dawn of a time when learned labour and intellectual culture would be less completely separated than they had hitherto been. This change like all great social changes would be ~~not immediate~~ gradual not immediate, but gradually it would come. The Cornell University, as contrasted with the Universities of England which Mr Arnold, he said, as being emancipated from the old medieval system of ~~faculties~~ Faculties and Mr Grannis himself as being by the old medieval system, and also by as not being under direct clerical or ecclesiastical control, the removal of which from a seat of secular education by no means implied, in his opinion & according to his experience, any diminution of the real influence of religion. The Education given at the Cornell University he understood was to be practical, and it trained to be practical men in life. But the object of cultivating the mind at the

some time was not to be neglected. It was not necessary that a study should be undertaken in order to cultivate the mind; any intellectual pursuit would have the effect of culture. It was intended however, as he conceived, to include in the course of instruction everything really essential to the citizen or the man. In America, every man had political duties to perform, and it was impossible to be an intelligent politician without some knowledge of history. But besides this there was a special class of men connected with politics who needed a training in political philosophy & history to enable them to perform worthily the duties of their ~~important~~ calling. He meant the class of Journalists whose power in the world at present was immense and their responsibility equal to their power. He suggested that as some manual dexterity was connected with other departments of study in the University, short-hand writing and printing might be

connected with this department. ~~He then proceeded~~
~~to touch on~~ this special subject, he
proceeded to say, could he the history of England,
that he should endeavour to write in no
spirit of narrow nationality, proud as he was of
the greatness of his country, but in the spirit of
those who beheld all the actions of nations as
such as of men to be subject to the moral law.
and the nation itself to be subordinate to
humanity. He then touched on the deeper
interest of History as a philosophic study
connected with Ethics & with Natural
Theology and Ontology, in connection with
Natural Science, to lead us to the truth
as to the Chancellor declined of the Divi-
nity of Man. In concluding the
Professor opened his audience that in all
his teaching he should regard perfect
political neutrality and abstinence from
the slightest
any party allusion as his most serious
duty

duty in a country in which he was a stranger
& a guest. He also begged them to believe
that in leaving his own country at the present
juncture he was not consciously deserting any
political duty, and declared that he remained
a loyal Englishman, bound to England by
as firm a bond of allegiance as ever, and
ready if it were possible that a subject could
ever be called by honour to perform any
political duty in his country, at once to
answer to the call.

[redacted]

Port-au-Prince

HAÏTI

November 17th 1862

To E. Cornell Esq.
Ithaca University
State of
New York

My dear Sir

By the "Illustrated London News" of the 3rd ult., my attention was for the first time drawn to the University which bears your worthy name, I was certainly very much struck with the general merits and bearing of your great Institution, it appears to me to be singularly adapted to the age in all its designs and intentions, not only as to its vastly extended utility, but you have left the youths of our day without excuse for their non-advancement in all that is good and useful, in fact it must be felt, that humanity owes you much!

You will not therefore be surprised if I should look with longing to wards the Ithaca University, as a suitable place for my second Son Arthur, whose admission to your kind attention would be a great pleasure to me.

Arthur is a Lad of 17 years of age, he was born here, from nine to fifteen, he was at School in England, after which he returned to Hayti, he has been more or less habituated to the French Language from his earliest utterances, and is now quite capable of teaching it, he has a good taste for drawing, both in crayon & painting, and is also a pretty good organist, he is not I trust without piety.

I should very greatly appreciate a line from you on this subject.

I have resided in Hayti some 27 years as a Missionary from England, in connection with the Wesleyan Methodists, whose Mission House is in Bishopsgate St. London, In 1860 I had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of D. Curry of 201 Mulberry Street, during my visit to New York that year.

"The City of Port-au-Prince" a Steamer from New York which visits this Port, will leave for Hayti a day or two after your reception of this note, anything sent under cover to me, addressed to R. Thackray Esq. 44 Exchange Place New York, will be forwarded.

Hoping to hear from you, by the return of "the City of Prince", I remain

dear Sir

Yours truly

M. B. Bird

Wesleyan Missionary

Rev. H. B. Bruce
Pontiac, Penn.
Hewitt
Nov 17, 1858

E. Cornell Esq.
Ithaca
Cornell University
New York State

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New-York Tribune.

New York, Nov. 17, 1868.

My good friend,

Yours of the 15th received. Osborne went to Washington last night to consult with the Commissioner and to look carefully over the work which the Commissioner has now to give out. We do not propose to deal in this matter with any body except the Commissioner and his Agents. I will write you what Osborne saw and did, on his return — if you have not already arrived in this city.

Greeley is now writing a Lecture entitled "The Woman Question". I have just spoken to him about his visiting Ithaca for the purpose of delivering it. He says that if you wish

he will go to Ithaca for the purpose sometime this winter. Now make your arrangements, and authorise some one or more to invite him.

Young says that in case he can have an exclusive report of Prof. Smith's first lecture—the one you allude to in a previous letter as one you intend publishing—he would be glad to print it in the Tribune. He makes this proposition in order to secure credit for ~~it~~ enterprise for The Tribune. He ~~did~~ will, if the Professor does not write out his letter, send one of our short-hand reporters to report and write it out, if you so desire.

Has the Professor got his trunks yet? Let me know as soon as you can, as the non-receipt of them by him has annoyed me. I keep thinking that he may feel I have not done all I could. Here is a Cabinet I have shown to Greeley as my choice:

Sec. of State — Chas. F. Adams or Sumner, Bancroft, Motley.
Sec. of Treasury — Wade, Boutwell, Morrill, or Sherman.
Sec. of War — Stanton, Dix, Sheridan, or Gen. Sherman.
Sec. of Navy — Farragut, or Porter.
Sec. of Interior — Ezra Cornell.
Post Master Gen. Greeley.
Attorney Gen. — Wendell Phillips,

A Cabinet made up of like men will be one which will command respect and secure us Peace and prosperity.

To Mrs. Cornell, your children and their children I send Mrs. R's, Mary's, and my own good wishes and respect; and tell them although far off in the flesh, we are ever near in our spirits.

Yours, Thomas N. Rooker.

Town Clerk's Office
Portsmouth, R. I. Nov 18th 68.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

Dear Sir- Yours dated Nov. 11/68, came to hand in due time. In answer to which I have to say, I have procured the service of a young man, to copy the friends records, in this town, for you, in relation to births, Marriages and deaths of Cornells; now if we can get liberty to search the Books we shall be all right, and I think we can, will endeavour to attend to it as soon as we conveniently can,

Yours truly
P. B. Lehare

No. 17 Bromfield St.
Boston Nov. 18. 1868.

Ezra Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir

Yours covering a remittance for the Register for 1868 and inquiring the price of a set of this work lacs ~~vol XI~~ for 1857 and vols XXI + XXII for 1867 + 1868 is before me and its contents noted. At the present time it is very difficult to procure a full set of the Register, and the difficulty has been increasing for the last two years. Some vols. are very plenty others will readily bring from five to eight dollars each. The only party known to me who can furnish a complete set is Mess. Wiggin + Lunt 221 Washington

street. They have taken special pains for the last year or two to pick up at second hand Book-stores and Auction sales all that they could of this work, and they now have two sets only one bound in Goat backs and corners, Marble paper sides, the price of which is $4. per vol. and one set in numbers the price of which is $3. per vol. both net. The bound set came from the bindery this day. You can have the bound set as above and they will allow you $3. per vol. for the three vols. that you have, or they will sell you nineteen vols. in numbers as above and the three that you have will complete the set. With respect and esteem I am,

Yours truly
Wm. B. Towne

W. Newcomb
Nov 19. 1868

Off Point Malo Bay Panama
on Steamer Constitution Nov. 19. 68

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir

We shall arrive in a few ~~hours~~ at Panama and I hope to be able to commence my dredging operations tomorrow, and continue for 7 days or until the arrival of the next Steamer from San Francisco, which will be due in New York the 6th of December. I hope to be able to add largely to the duplicate specimens in the Collection while here and perhaps may find some new species although it is now the rainy season it is favorable as the dry for collecting marine specimens. The Merchant is with me and will aid me all in his power in preparing the specimens for

I shall visit the mines of Old Sam in search of Gold Steers as this is the most favorable season for obtaining them.

It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report the kind consideration of some of our fellow passengers upon your noble efforts in the Cause of Education. The warm encomiums of such Gentlemen as Senator Williams of Oregon, Judge Field, associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and Geo. Gorham Esq. Clerk of the U.S. Senate are especially gratifying.

When I reach New York I will write you at once, and shall be glad to learn of the arrival of the Consuelo de Valparaiso in that port.

I hope that the building for the Museum will also be in a condition to at once commence the labor of mounting and arranging the Cabinet.

I remain very truly Yours

W. A. Newcomb

Aurelius Nov 19th 1868

Dear Sir

I am informed by one J. K. Richardson of Waterloo that you have lands in the States of Illinois and Wisconsin for sale pleas send your circular with price list as i want too buy land in either of those states

Yours and c

D. B. Wooden

Adress, Aurelius P. O.
Cayuga Co.
N.Y.

Howes Cave
Nov 19. 1868

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 2d
inst was duly rec'd. I would say
in reply that I shall be una-
ble to meet You at Albany as
I expected to in Consequence of
a broken leg. I should very
much like to have You come
up and see me when You
are at Albany. I will sell
You the Cave Property and
take a portion in Western
Lands and the ballance in
money by instalments.

If You should conclude not
to purchase I should like to
to loan five Thousand five

hundred dollars and give a Mortgage on the entire Cans Property which would be the only loan on the property

Since You was here we have discovered a very valuable deposit of Plaster on the Property in very large quantity and also other minerals which will be of immense value when fully developed. if You can spare time to call here I think You will be satisfied that there is good deal of money in store for some that will develope it I would also say that we have Cement in very large quantity and of a quality not surpassed for the quality I would refer You the Hon. I. H. Ramsey Please answer immediately

Very truly Yours
Lester Howe

Hiram, O. Nov. 20-1868.

Hon. Ezra Comte.

My dear Sir: In reply to your question relative to the education of boys and girls in the same institution, I would say that,

There is no difficulty under proper regulations, such as,

1. Allow them to recite in the same classes.
2. Allow them two "sociables" in each term, in the winter, from seven till nine o'clock. Let these "sociables" be held in some suitable room, or rooms in the institution.
3. Let some of the faculty always be in attendance on such occasions. Do not make these meetings "formal and stiff"; but "free and easy".
4. On Saturdays, or recreation days, allow calls on the young ladies, in reception rooms, from 2 till four o'clock P.M. and no other occasions.

Under such regulations we find no difficulty. There has been no case of scandal among us.

More liberties than the above we think incompatible with progress in learning.

I have undertaken to raise $20.000 this year towards a further endowment of our College. The hardest business I ever undertook is to raise money for a charitable purpose. Mr. Cornell, if I could, in justice to my family, I had rather give $40.000 out of my own funds than to attempt to raise it in the ordinary way. I could not only do it much quicker, but also with much less pain of feelings.

We have adopted the plan of entering every donor's name on parchment, placed in a suitable frame, to be hung up in the Chapel, or Library. There are some men who could give $5.000 without injury to their families, who give only $100. We have, however, one man who has given $50.000.

Remember me kindly to Mary Ann, (I like still to call her by her given name), and to the rest of your family.

Affectionately,

S. E. Shepard.

"University" Nov. 20th 68.

Hon. Mr Cornell.

Dear Sir - Allow me to call your attention to the chimney in the South end of the University building, which, every time the wind changes to the south, smokes terribly, driving me out of my "den". It isn't so much the discomfort as the danger which troubles me, for, the story is the down-draught, that the ashes are blown out on the floor, and if it should happen at the time of making a fire or just after, there would be danger of setting fire, the students in the whole South division are troubled in like manner.

Cheap ~~attic~~ blinds or shades are needed for room I where I am putting up the collections. I spoke to Mr Woodward about them but he referred me to you.

I have nearly completed the unpacking of the Leverett Collection. I find some very fine

things and the collection will be exceedingly valuable. The packing was very badly done and as might have been expected a very large percentage of the specimens have arrived detached from the tablets and some fossils are broken. The labeling is not up to the present state of science and it will require a long study of the collection before it can be thoroughly & systematically arranged. I shall take up immediately some set of the fossils & with the aid of my students work it up as fast as the nature of the work will permit.

Very respectfully yours

Ch. Fred. Hartt

D. B. Conell
Nov 23, 1868

Belvidere Ill Nov 23 '68

Dear Brother

I wrote to you some two months ago stating that I had an opportunity to trade my house & lot towards a farm & asking if you could help me to $950. with which to purchase team & implements. I recieved a letter from Frank a few days later stating that you were confined to your bed but would answer my letter as soon as you were able to get around. and as I have recieved no answer though perhaps it had been forgotten.

My health is such that I must of necesity quit my trade and I want if possible to get on a small farm - the boys can do all the work on 80 acres except a few

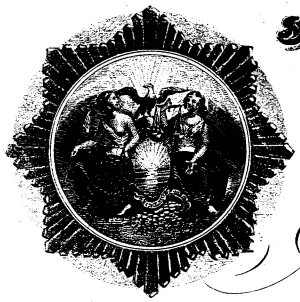
days in seeding + harvest
and a little help now will
be of more benefit to me than
a great deal in years hence.
I have been troubled since last
May with a severe pain in my
breast + side which Doctors say
is caused by a derangement of the
liver and I have been unable to
get any permanent relief, nearly
two months of the time I was
unable to do anything in the line of
work and have been compelled to
work light all summer.
Now if you cannot help me I
know of nothing else to do except
to sell out and go where I can
get Government land — I believe
that will be doing the best for
my family but I am satisfied
that the hardships + privations of
a new country would soon use
me up — broken down as I am
in health + constitution by my
three years of camp life
The opportunities to purchase team
and farm stock is at least 33
per cent better now than it was
two months ago.—
Now Brother I dont ask help
of you as having any claim on
you for it.— but as I believe I
should be willing to grant it were our
situations + circumstances reversed.
and I believe if you fully under-
stood my circumstances you would
help me if it were in your power.
I admit that I have not been
as prudent + saving as I ought.
I would never have went into the
army had I only consulted my
personal intrest, but I went
and was so unfortunate as to get
wounded and my health impaired
and the expense attending these
things and the difference in

the financial affairs between the time I enlisted and was discharged was such that it was at least a thousand dollars out of my pocket.— and again. I should have gone to some new country immediately on coming home had it not been that you gave me encouragement that you would help me here. I am however looking the matter square in the face as it now stands and have got to make some change. being unable to work at my trade. the rest of my family are well except slight colds. Austin and Monroe are going to school.

Respectfully Yours

D. B. Cornell

E Cornell
Ithaca N. Y.



J. E. Gavit, sc.

STATE OF NEW YORK

Bank Department,

Albany, 23 Nov. 1868

Hon. E. Cornell

Dr Sir,

The Comptroller informs me that he cannot pay us any thing till after the 1. Dec. inst. when the taxes of New York city are to be paid in. The premiums on the stocks in which our funds are recently invested have nearly used up the bal.ce of the funds in his hands. He has promised he will pay us something soon after the 1. Dec.r.

Truly Yours

J. W. Schuyler

Union Springs, Nov. 25th 1868

Respd. Friend,

I take the liberty to make a suggestion, which probably will not be new, but which can do no harm. Having been ill through the season, I have been unable to visit the University, to learn what has been done towards a mechanical museum.

I have been interested in looking over "Browns 500 Mechanical Movements," just issued from the office of the American Artisan, New York — figuring and describing nearly all the single or elementary contrivances for modifying and variously altering motion. It has occurred to me that many of these movements might be shown in actual motion in a room devoted to these and similar objects, systematically arranged, where students could see at a glance the many modes which have been adopted for modifying motion. It would doubtless tend much to give and develope a taste for machinery, and be of use by way of

assisting in the construction as well as the invention of Agricultural Machinery. I make the suggestion for what it is worth, & should be pleased if it contains any thing that will prove of any value.

Very respectfully
J. J. Thomas

J. J. Thomas
Albion 3/31/1848