E. S. Comell
Jan 1st 1869

Pine River Jan 1st 1869

Dear Brother

We wish you
all a happy new year
we are well and we hope
these few lines may find
you enjoying like blessing
The sled your wrote
home in by a severe nor
west storm which comme
nced on Wednesday night
and ended Saturday 4th
P.M. Snow 12 inches deep
Business is pretty lively this win
ter, in the pineries Lumbe
r is in good demand and
the yards were pretty generally
cleared out up to the close
of navigation
Breadstuffs are plenty and
the laborer already employ

at remunerative wages
Money which for a time of
a Presidential election was
scarce is becoming more plentiful
ly and finding ready invest
ment The year just closed
has been one of abundant
harvest the industreous
tiv[illegible]tor of the soil, the Michi
nite has had constant employ
and ready pay. The Manufa
[illegible] has found ready mark
ets for this fact here, thus enable
ing him to meet the heavy drain
ins incidental to his departm
of industry if home manufactur
could enjoy a heavy protective
vail on all articles produced

very heavy the heaviest burden in
rejoined taxes.
We shall soon enjoy Electric
facilities to Saginaw
as the road has been under
contract for nearly two years.
I would rather for choice have
(Turner)
concerning such a road, now
as I was when I first immigrated
has found ready market to Detroit. but it is heavily pos
ed to for this fact here, thus enable the we may have yet railroad
ins incidental to his departm our State length wise. before
of industry if home manufactur many years. I received a letter
could enjoy a heavy protective tax on from Brother Daniel Lute last
vail on all articles produced Sumner stating that he was in poor
of home or not necessarily Needed health, and during 1200, on a
from abroad. the great national house he had been building, and
debt would soon be of small found it all he could do to make
magnitude - compaired to what a living, and receives a pride
she is now. as that class of pro he might drop away and ow

cumber his family I wrote to
him in reply stating to him
my inability thereto raise money
as I was building, but that if he
could sell his house subject to
the incumbrance and gather it
gather what little money he cou
ld and move to Beloit, I would
deed him 40 acres of my farm,
as I thought in case his fears sh
ould soon prove true, and his fa
mily be bereft of a protector, &
wife might manage the home
stead and make a comfortable
living, in answer he respectfully
declined the offer on the excuse
that his wife did not wish to leave
her friends, to come here. I wish the
poor Brother Shoulder boy had him
& living home free from debt, it
seems to me if any one is meriting
it is those who defended our co
untry and put down Secession.
E, Lomis Yours E. S. Conde

De Ruyter Inst Jan 1. 65

Hon Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I recd your letter in answer to mine and in reply would say that I had no idea that I laid any claims upon you to give for De Ruyter Inst. If I did I did not express myself as I intended, but having to do with the financial management of the Inst I felt deeply the embarassment that it labored under and under that feeling I wrote the letter that I did. without the knowledge of any one but Mrs Coon. I say this that the trustees need not

be considered responsible for what they were not. I think they are faithfully trying to carry out the trust committed to their charge yet under many hinderances to a completion of their ideals and if their organization is not founded on the right basis I believe they would gladly change if convinced of that fact. I am glad of the prosperous opening of your School I have a friend at school there a Mr Chatfield's private secretary & Pres White who keeps me some what posted as to school affairs there. Our school opens with 85 scholars. Hoping that no harm is done by my letter and knowing that we are all laboring for the some noble object, "a broad and thorough education" I remain as ever Yours truly

Hon Ezra Cornell H. C. Coon

Box 159

P S As it regards your donation to the endowment of the school I was ignorant, as I have only been connected with the school and a resident of the place since last August

H. C. Coon

Astor House N.Y. Jan^{y} 1. 1869

My Dear Mary Ann

I wish you a happy New year and wish you to pass the greetings around to all the children, grand children & friends,

I am disappointed by not being with you to day, but one thing after an other delayed until now and now I am detained by the severity of as bitter a North East storm as I ever saw in this city or any where =

I paid my bill at the Aston this morning, and went to Brooklyn with view of going up on the stopping train this evening. I have spent the day in getting to Brooklyn & back to the Aston thoroughly convinced that it was not prudent to encounter the hazards of the

storm to go home, and then encountered the fore part of the week the snow banks between Ithaca & Courtland, and Syracuse, as I suffer from indications here that those roads will be drifted full =

I shall therefor go to Albany and be prepared to help elect Selkreg for Speaker, and to get my Resolution through at the Opening of the Session, and get home the Earlier next week, and perhaps to go to Washington the week after say directly after the grand party =

I improved part of the day yesterday to purchase a few books as New Years presents for my wife & Children - I suppose they went up by express today - They are as follows. Viz

I scratched the names of the books down so badly with my pencil when I bo^t them, that I cannot transcribe these correctly, but may get it so you can designate therefor distribution =

For my Wife ~~the~~ I got Hogarths writings and illustrations, which has been original and pointed enough to add an inch of fat to her ribs, from Comfort -

For Sue, I got the Pilgrims of the Rhine - I thought that would carry her as near the Rhine as she could get without crossing brine =

For Mary Emily = I got Art Illustrations & a smaller book of fancy letters, I thought they might serve as a Study for her in the art of fancy letters =

Emma Pellet - Will find her share in 13 vol^s of French history - I did not recollect what books you said she wanted, but I concluded these would be found useful to learn her to read French - and

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learn history at the Exercitium.
I got for Elen - Macaulay Dr Grecy
I dont now recollect enough of it
to remember what prompted the
selection, but thought it would
suit her =
Charles Ezra, will find instructive lessons
Microscope teachings =
For Louse. I appropriate Frost & Fire,
I dont know as it will suit her taste
but I think it can be read with
profit =
Emily Dunham. I thought would be
pleased with Plutarchs Lives 5 volumes -
For Cordilia. I got Blakes
life or history two volumes -
Molly, I supposed would be pleased
with Art History of Ceylon, as it
would furnish profitable reading for
her girls = There then is the Memoirs
of Oxford 4 vol. and the Tribute Book
not appropriated, so for the present
you will hold them. The smaller class
of books for Grand children I did not
get, you can get them at Ithaca -
Affectionately
Mary Ann Cornell Ezra Cornell

P. S. – I made the first real New Year call of any life, this morning, at Mr Rookers and I told Mrs Rooker, that as it was the first such call I had ever made, "I did not know how long it would be proper to stay – nor how to act while I did stay" – I called there for Rooker to go to Photo-Lith Works with me, but he had gone to Tribune Office to get out a paper for Saturday, and when I returned to City he had just before gone home, so I did not see him – You had better send them invitation for 11th 4 I think they will go up=

At Osborns I saw Mr McCarthy & wife Editor of a London Paper, good clever people, but Mrs McC. Out Herods Herod Dr. Sam, she wears her hair loose and it is thick, and long, and looks as if she had been badly frightened – a clever woman but has more hair than her style demands – I want Perry to have his inventory of debts ready, when I get home, so I can see what can be done with them,

My Note of $20.000 and Frank's of $4000
will come round before I get home
I think, but if they do they will have to lay
over - Frank will get a protest, I suppose -

J. Dunham
Jan 2 1869

Etna N Y Jany 2/69

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y

My Dear Sir

Yours dated New York Dec 29th is rec'd — I do not know as it calls for any reply except to acknowledge its rec't; also express my regret that any error should be found in my Book Keeping for the Photo-Lithog Co —

I am thankful that the error does not show an embezzlement of funds which leaves me out of fashion

I am also thankful if a more favorable phase can be shown in the manufacturing a/c of Mr Osborn's

management — For truly we are all more or less frail & faulty and need the influence of the Cornell University! and Mr Osborn has been my object of censure perhaps far too much; but really he has my sympathy instead of condemnation. I

Hoping my errors may not cause you much more trouble I remain a well wisher of Photo-Litho and all its stockholders

Yours truly

J. Dunham

5000 - Small
3.500 2 - 5
2000 3 - 7
1.000 4

CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION

OF THE

ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES OF PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Pa., (U. S.,) Jany 4th 1869.

Dr. Wesley Newcomb

Dear Sir

Your favor of Dec. 29th/68 is at hand inclosing $10 payment for American Journal of Conchology for 1868. which our treasurer will place to your credit.

I think that you will have great difficulty in preserving your specimens if they are to be handled by students in the manner you describe. My opinion is, decidedly, that such a course should not be permitted by any Institution. Duplicate specimens only, should be handled. A type series should be arranged in glass cases, locked up, and the key mislaid.

Small specimens might be protected

by enclosing them, with the labels in glass tubes closed at the open end by cork dipped in hot sealing wax.

Mounting on glass will not answer. We propose to mount our large specimens on card board printed to order - and made to fit our trays exactly. Our trays are of following dimensions

500 400 1000 1000 500
3×1½. 3×2. 3×2½. 3×3 - 3×6 -

500 500 500 200 200
4×3. 4×4. 4×6. 6×6 - 6×9.

I send you a sample of our card-board label - The Number in brackets (imaginary) would refer to the No on a Catalogue.

I shall be very glad to talk with you on this subject - if you visit Philad[a].

Rev. Gabb asks me to remind you of his continued existence, and suggests that you will please consider yourself to have received from him all the usual Compliments of the season. Geo. W. Tryon Jr.

Offered to sell 1/4 Section at dollar

Independence Mo
Jan 5th 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell - My Dear Sir

Yours of 28th Dec & Circular were both duly recd - Please accept thanks I feel that I am justified in manifesting pride that such an institution is being established in my native State which I believe is destined to meet the practical wants of the age better than any other in the country shall do all I can for the Institution

You speak of lands located &c Emigration from nearly all of the older States is now pouring into southwest Missouri & Kansas beyond all precedent - Can I be of any service to you in locating or selling - Will you sell scrip in quantity to suit purchaser at

$1. per acre or do you exempt it
for the whole Amt. of sch
100,000 acres. Hoping to receive
an early reply I am
Most Respectfully Yours &
Donell Cryster

Census Cards
Jan'y. 1879

Fall River Jan 5th 1869

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I send to you this day by Express a small Chromo of our Bay which you will please accept as a small token of our esteem and in consideration of past favours from you

I intended to have had it gone last week but was prevented by other engagements. We are all in usual health both our own family and that of Father and my mother

Sarah joins with me in respects to you and your family

Respectfully yours

H. A. Skinner

Office of Chief Engineer
Ithaca Jany 5 1869

Wm. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir: I am advised that yourself and President White have been invited to the Fire Suppers to be held this evening and to-morrow evening, Allow me in addition to urge your attendance, as it is earnestly desired by the companies who have invited you, and will please them very much, and be productive of much good feeling between the University and the Fire Department

Respectfully Yours
B K Williams
Chief Eng.

Owego Jan. 5th 1869.

Hon. E. Cornell,
Ithaca N.Y.) Sir.

Inclosed you will please find. Photographs of two original historical "pen pictures". They are entirely the work of a pen. The size of each is 32 by 42 inches and are works which must rank high in that department of art. Pecuniary embarassment only could induce me to offer these works for sale. Would you wish to purchace them for your museum? I would take $500/00 for the pair which would include a very heavy carved Black Walnut and gilt frames for each of which I paid upward of $300/00.

I am Your obt. Servt.

C. F. Ames.

Owego N.Y.

N.Y. Tribune,
Jan. 6, 1869.

Dear Mr. Cornell,

We must publish some day during this month a statement of the American Photo Lithographic Company's assets and Liabilities. The law requires this. Failing to do so makes the Trustees personally liable for the debts, and neither you nor I, nor any Trustee should run like risks. As soon as I can get the assets together — or rather a list of them — I will send you the advertisement to sign. At present we are safe enough, but it is wrong to neglect this duty.

Yours,
Thomas N. Rooker.

T. V. Rooker Jan 6. 68

New-York Tribune.

New York, January 6, 1868.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cornell,

Your Cards inviting Mrs. Rooker, myself, and Mary, to attend your Reception at Cascadilla Place on Monday, Jan. 11, were received yesterday.

The Tribune Association holds its Semi-Annual Meeting on that day. This meeting is the most important one we hold during the year, for at it is elected the Officers of the Association for the year ensuing. Also other important business is always brought before it, such as a recital of the year's business, plans for the future, and dividend. Therefore it will be impossible for

me to be present in person, although I certainly shall be in my spirit and heart. Mrs. Rooker and Mary could attend and I hope to persuade them to. but my wife, I fear, will decline for the reason that she never yet left home for a visit, at all distant, without me. She usually says to me when I suggest such a thing "I shan't go without you." Now it is a very hard thing to accomplish to get one's wife to leave your bed and board when she says "I won't!" Mary is more self-reliant, and has visited friends in Boston and other places alone, and possibly I may induce her to go. All of us would gladly be with you if convenient, but I have told you why it is not convenient for me.

Now, dear friends, allow one who feels in his heart as near and true to you as your own blood, one who feels his soul throb and fret in its endeavor to aid and honor you for your love of God and man, to say that I hope that the day you propose to inaugurate and celebrate shall prove the happiest you were ever permitted to enjoy — that in years to come you both shall have health and opportunity to participate in like festivities. I am certain you will have many greet you on this occasion who long years afterwards will glow with enthusiasm as ~~they~~

they think and recite to their children, and their grand-children the pleasure they enjoyed on the first Founder's Day of the Cornell Universities; and although my eyes shall not see, my heart will feel and keep in sacred remembrance the happy event.

To your children and grand-children this will prove a lesson and a gratification. It will teach them how they may earn true honor and loving respect, and in beholding that their father and mother, their grand-father and grand-mother, have loving friends besides themselves they will have a gratification which will satisfy their hearts, and urge them to efforts which shall in like manner bring them honor, respect, and love, from their fellow human beings.

God bless and prosper you both.

Thomas N. Rooker.

Remember us to Frank, his wife and children; also to Edwards and his family, as well as Perry, Dunbar, Chace, &c.

Abilene Kansas
January 7th 1869

Ezra Connell.

Dear Sir.

Yours of Dec 28th at hand
Your tax for 1868 is. $265-36-
Tax for 1867 ---- $222.54-
interest at 25% per annum from May 5. 1868 up to day of payment on $222.54 $ .....
Redemption certificate $ 1.45-
fee $ 1.00
Total $ .....

I cannot compute the interest as I cannot say when you will pay — you can count as above indicated & fill the amt of interest in the blank Space left & add all to gether & send the amt. by draft. send me this Circ. & you keep a copy.

Yours very truly
James B. Shane.
Deputy Treas.
D. Kansas Co.

265. 36
222 54 + 265.44 58
44.51
2.45
554.85

13. Backhouse
Jan 20. 1869
Bedford England

Havelock Villa
Bedford
England
Jan 18/69

Dear Sir,

Mr James Howard M.P. directed me this morning to make use of his name as an excuse for thus intruding on your time & attention — in asking some few particulars respecting the University which you have been enabled, by divine providence, to inaugurate. I wrote some months ago to the Secretary for prospectus &c — but have received no reply — Mr Goldwin Smith's brief note in the daily papers was I suppose deemed sufficient to quiet if not to satisfy — all English enquirers.

The only full account of the institution — I have seen — is in the Daily News of 9th Inst — but I shall be grateful for any full & authentic information — on the following points —

1- Is the University - with all its privileges open to English as well as American students?

2- Are there any openings now in the University for 2 or 3 youths - in the mechanical or agricultural departments who could wholly or in part pay by their own labour - their college expenses? Is there also any limitation to the number of ordinary - paying - students?

3- Supposing the College buildings &c. &c. is yet incomplete & occupied with students - can comfortable accommodation be found in the neighbourhood - where they could board & lodge - as bona fide members of the Institute?

4 What is the average cost of a student's education - including board & lodging?

5- Are there arrangements in the shape of new loans &c. to enable such kinds of families to live near the College - while their sons attend the lectures &c.?

6- Would Youths of a first class education - & well up in French & German - & literature generally - secure any advantages - in first entering the University?

The fact is I have six sons all of whom are at the Grammar school in this town - except the eldest (aged 19) who has been two years with the Ordnance Board at this Agricultural Works - & is a capital draftsman & writer - He & his second brother - are very anxious to try their fortunes in America - & I am aware that in going ourselves they could find a home for a year or two in the University or some similar institution - where they could supplement their general - with a scientific education -

I myself am an Independent Minister - & if we should find an opening for ourselves at Ottawa

we would all remove thither
& that each boy in succession
might enjoy its University ad-
vantages —

Excuse my thus troubling
you — with so many enquiries —
but acting on the Board's kind
suggestion — I have presumed to
address you personally for the re-
quisite information — & shall feel
very deeply obliged to be favoured
with particulars at your earliest
possible convenience — since my
sons are eager to sail in March
or April — if things be possible

Trusting that your worthy
Institution will reply to the fullest
extent to sincere fraternal aspi-
rations — & be ever the home
of that true & Christ like spirit
which is the hallmark of Christianity

I remain Sir
Yours respectfully
B. Backhouse

Dear Sir,

I have been giving my time, energy, and own means to the laudable attempt to establish a large college of Chemistry, in San Francisco. It is now necessary to secure a small fund, say one thousand dollars, to provide for preliminary expences, such as printing, etc. I had thought best to secure the amount in the form of contributions in sums of $50, 100 etc from individuals. In this manner the aggregate contributions of about ten persons would amount to the sum named. I have thought it not improper to address you in order to learn if you would be inclined to further the measure in the manner suggested. If you should send me a check for such amount as you may be disposed to contribute, I will return you a receipt for the sum, which will be acknowledged in the report on the Institution.

I have the honor to be,

Your very obdt. humble Servant,

William Sharswood

Philadelphia, 24th & Sharswood Sts. 10, Jan. 1869.

Mr. Cornell

I should like to receive a copy of the published papers, connected with the history of your great Institution.

P.S. The money alluded to will be forwarded here in the East.

EXPRESS
JAN 11
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PHILA

Mr Connell

Cornell University

Ithaca

New York.

College of Chemistry
in California
1869 —

Mary R. Rowell
Jan 10 1869

Home, Jan. 10th 1868

Dear Cousins

Ezra & Mary Ann

I am thankful for this strength and opportunity enabling me once more to commence a letter to you. Thankful to Mary Ann for her letter, thankful to Cousin Ezra for the apples, and if I know my own heart it is full of thankfulness to God for this renewal of my health. Mother is and has been for six months past very feeble, quite unable to attend to the domestic duties, and it has been my great privilege to relieve her of this care. In the meantime we have moved, and for the last two months sister Lydia's little girl has been with us, she having a boy-baby born the same day Lillie came to us. With the combined force of Father, Mother and Myself,

we take care of the Dear Little Immortelle quite comfortably. You would be amused to see how we limit our strength in the necessary life work. It reminds me of that aged pair of whom I read awhile ago, one was blind and the other deaf.

As regards the copying of the pictures Cous. Ezra desired me to do, I am waiting his directions, since the Artist spoiled the only single copy we have of Uncle Elijah. His price for making a copy of the four generations before spoiling the single picture was Seven Dollars. In consideration of the mishap he will do it for Five Dollars. We have told some of the friends in Somerset for whom there was to have the pictures, of the result of my efforts to procure them, and they express themselves being satisfied with having a likeness of the Son although would be gratified to have one of Uncle Elijah too. I will appropriate the Five Dollars then sent me in whatever way they desires.

I met Mrs. Young a few days since. She always enquires after you, and this time stated that Cous. Ezra promised to send her some information concerning the Cornell University, but she had never rec'd. any and would still like to do so. Will you please send to her address or mail a copy of each of the Circulars which have been issued? I have given away and sent all I have.

Now My Cousins believed, if you can afford the time to peruse and think so much of my affairs, I want to tell you of our New House, my greatest effort and work in my little life. I have told you the circumstances of our building, the object wholly to make a more comfortable abode for my Dear Parents. Father's Means being limited as they are, it did not seem best for him at his age to involve himself to build, therefore as I told you with a capital of my own of just One Thousand Dollars, I undertook the work, and the House is built

I have mortgaged it at the Bank for Two Thousand Dollars, An Aunt of Mine has loaned me Seven Hundred and the gentleman who did the Mason for three Hundred work has taken my Note for four Months at Eight per cent. So you see I have used Four Thousand Dolls; and it will require at least one Hundred more to pay all my bills. I expect to receive at least four Hundred and Seventy five Dollars per year Rent, and if I can make this meet the demands for interest Taxes Insurance &c I shall be well satisfied. I am insured only for Two Thousand, fear it is not enough, Mr. Westgate the Mason tells me he will loan me this Three Hundred unless he fails to collect payments elsewhere, in which case he shall call on me, as he is building and shall need the money. Should he require me to pay it I do not know what to do better than to ask the loan of this amount of Cousin Ezra although if not convenient for him to spare it I must ask of some of my other friends. I feel sure I shall succeed and not be obliged to sell the House. God is good I know He will help me if I try to do the right, and I expect by I think I can earn some money, Then I will pay more than the interest.

I cannot write longer today as my head aches, I am very tired, I was up most of last night with Clarence, Love to all Who Care to hear from me.

Affectionately Mrs. W. E. Woodall, Jr.

Dr & Mrs E. J. Morgan
regret their inability to accept
Jon, polite invitation for
this evening.

Monday Jan 11th 1869

Mr + Mrs Joseph Osty Jr-
Regret- their inability to
accept- Mr + Mrs Cornells invitation
for this evening

Ithaca Jan 11th 1869.

Mrs. & Mrs. Rev. J. J. Crippen *Compliments to*

Mr & Mrs Ezra Comell

regretting the necessity to decline, this *kind*

Invitation for this *Evening.*

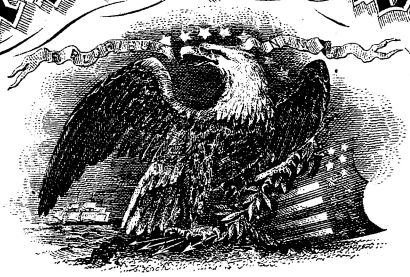
Jany 11th 1869 J. J. Crippen

W. A. BURRITT, PRINT.

ESTABLISHED JULY 4TH 1858.

Office of The Old Soldiers Advocate

Government Vouchers Cashed.
Land Warrants Bought & Sold.
Pensions Collected.



Residence
No. 288 Euclid Avenue.

CAL. G. F. LEWIS, Editor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, January 11 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y

Sir

I Spent tow dayes in Washington last week and was quite disappointed in not seeing you Mr Conklin of the Senate and Mr Lincoln of the house Seem anxious to do justice to you and the holders of the Scrip — But of course if you do not attend to it yourself they cannot be expected to do it

Plese write me what you have don also write Mr Conklin & Lincoln at once and send a piece of the Missouri Scrip to Mr Conklin of the Senate The Scrip Contains a Contract with the assignee and copies the law under which it was issued Mr C may want to read it in the Senate Do this at Once

Yours with Respect and Esteem
G F Lewis

Z. G. SIMMONS, President.
H. B. HINSDALE, Sec'y

North-Western Telegraph Company,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Kenosha, Wis., Jany 12, 1869

The Directors of this Company have declared a Dividend of Two per cent. on the Capital Stock. out of the nett earnings, being One Dollar per Share, payable to the Shareholders or their legal representatives, on and after Monday Feby 1st at the Company's Office.

The Transfer Books will be closed on Wednesday Jany 20th

By Order of the Board,

H. B. HINSDALE,
Sec'y.

Fayette County Ky
Jany 12th 1869

Wm Cornell
Respected Friend

I have received your last letter & its contents is all I could expect or desire of you, Number one Durham cattle, here, in form & in pedigree are very valuable & sell high here because of their scarcity, Second or third rates are reasonably low. They are easily to be had If not providentially hindered I hope to pay you a visit that I have long had in contemplation (next Spring) If you would let me have two or three say last two of your finest females with a fine young Bull to breed to I think I could in a very reasonable time with them & their produce give your stock or rather herd as much reputation (in their place) as the Cornell College has at the present time which is growing rapidly I hope & permit me to say right here that

that I hope & trust & pray that it will become all you could desire or wish and that you may live to see its com pitete & useful success. It is through the New York Tribune (wich I take) that I get all my information about it. I fel a good deal cramped in speaking of myself to you & I would not do it had you never seen me nor my farm but you will have to ex cuse if I say to you that I have been pre grantly urged by my Ky friends to raise up another herd of Durhams because no man in Ky (as they say) save the lamented Alexander had finer stock & knew better how to manage & take care of them than I did and why as I say because I delighted in the Stock equal to any man in America If I had say three or four of your finest animals letting it be known here they were yours & your raising as well as mine you could pay me a visit or two every year makeing my house your home looking after your stock with a good deal of pleasure & delight as I trust you could unless you have given up your whole mind & thought to your more noble object the College. I shall say nothing more to you about myself untill the Spring sets in hopeing that you write me a line or two about your cattle but especially about your College

Permit me to say to you that I said to our Union freinds here before the election that after Grants & Col fax election succes that my great desire was that Griswold & yourself should be the next Governor and Lt Governor of the State of New York but by fraud & villany you were bothe defeated. The Rebel Democratic party with me is the most party that ever existed in America

Give my best respects to your Son & accept the same for yourself John Covert

If you would write to me something about your College as I suggested to you in the inside of this letter I might get some of our Newspapers in Lexington to take some notice of it I Remd

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John Conrad
March 1829

Rooken Jan 12, 69

New-York Tribune.

New York, Jan. 12, 1869.

My good friend,

We held our semi-Annual Meeting yesterday. We made a dividend, as I expected, and I can meet your draft, on sight. So draw on me at your pleasure.

I hope that you had better weather in Ithaca yesterday than we experienced. We had a storm of rain and wind.

We hear nothing from Washington yet, but feel that everything is working right, and that we are sure of the job. I presume you have noticed that Foote is showing the Congressmen and the public how and when the frauds were perpetrated. This is done to help him get his pet idea adopted, which is to repro-

duce. The drawings in some cheap manner, and thus facilitate the work in his office, and save the Government the expense of employing a Corps of Draftsmen to make drawings for the Public. We have engaged to do a very large job of photographic printing (not Photo-Lithographic) for Carlton, the publisher of Sensational novels, which will interest you I know. The job will amount to about $5000, and is the largest of the kind - photographic printing - ever undertaken in this country. Some party owns the negatives of the various College Presidents, Faculty, and students in the United States, as well as scenery about the Colleges. It is proposed to print pictures from them, sell the pictures to the students, who will buy copies and exchange

pictures with fellow Students in their own and other Colleges. You will recollect Jo. Meeker had a collection, and showed them to us one night when you visited his father and mother with our folks. The night he took us up and showed us his Cabinet of minerals. I think Carlton will work this trade up to a very large one. He knows how, and has got the Capital.

I shall send you in a few days the advertisement I propose to publish. We must state the amount of our Capital, whether paid up, and the amount we owe. That is all. That will relieve the Trustees from personal liability.

I hope you were all well and had a good, pleasant time last night, and if God will grant my earnest, heart-prayer, you will live to enjoy

many returns of the event your wife so thoughtfully and lovingly inaugurated. My heartwish is that you, your wife, your children and your grandchildren, shall live many years more blessing and being blessed - blessing God for the care and goodness vouchsafed to you, and being blessed by the poor and needy whose wants you have supplied.

I have been suffering for two weeks with an obstinate cold in my head and chest. My wife and family have been, and are now well.

Remember us as

your true friends,

Thomas N. Rooker.

Inst. for the Blind, Boston - Jan. 12th 1869.

Hon. Ezra Cornell -

Sir -

Allow me to ask in behalf of the Blind, a careful consideration of the accompanying Article.

It is now a settled principle of American Legislation, that blind children shall have a common school education: but of the thirty thousand blind persons in the United States, there are many who would rise to distinguished positions of usefulness among their fellowmen, if they had greater educational privileges. May this noble cause receive your sympathy and encouragement. -

I have labored long, and thought much upon this sub-

ject. If it interests you, I shall
be happy to correspond, and
give you more information, in
regard to it; or if it is agreeable, will
visit you. One hours conversation
will be worth more than I can
write. My friend B. G. Wilder,
Prof. of Comparative Anatomy
and Nat. Hist. in your Univer-
sity, is somewhat familiar
with my efforts, in behalf of
the Blind. Perhaps you will
converse with him, upon the
subject. I have the Honor, Sir,
to be Yr. most Obed't Servt,

F. J. Campbell
Inst. for the Blind
Boston.

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
N. Y.

Thirty one of the United States and the District of Columbia, have made provision for the education of their Blind. In the twenty three Institutions or common schools which have been established for them, the education of the Blind is no longer regarded as an experiment, nor their schools as Asylums, or Alms Houses, charitable establishments whose inmates are made to feel that they are the especial objects of charity.

The American schools for the Blind stand among the noblest monuments of their civilization;

We no longer discuss the propriety of expending money for this purpose; the great question is, How can the Blind be best prepared for happy and useful independence?

Graduate work departments, or homes for adult blind workmen have been established, where all necessary appliances and raw material are placed at their hand; their manufactured articles are sent into market for sale and when sold the profit returned to the blind workman.

These establishments have conferred great benefits upon this class of individuals; but those blind persons who are desirous of studying literature and art, have but few advantages, now and then one forces the pressure of circumstances, and elevates himself to a distinguished position among his fellow men; generally however the weight of poverty combined with the trials of their situation, blast their brightest hopes in the bud without a single blossom, much less fruit.

It is for this class of persons that we ask encouragement; The seeing have their primary, intermediate, grammar, and high schools; then many universities with open arms invite them to their halls of learning, the first men of the age are ready to commune with them, and make them the companions of their best thoughts.
They not only have a collegiate course, in which they are thrown much upon their own resources, but professional schools are in reserve to prepare them for their peculiar avocations in life: If the seeing require so much preparation, can it be expected that the blind should succeed with less!

The blind have but one common ungraded school where they receive their intellectual, musical and mechanical training.
As it is with the seeing, so it is with the blind, the majority are not highly gifted, and as all are compelled to labor under one general but irregular classification, it is impossible to give those, who are talented any thing more than a very meagre course of study.
Blind children leave home where they have been taught no self-reliance; they enter school where the arm of kindness is thrown around them, and as they grow older, habit and well meant but mistaken sympathy, with other causes, continues this tender sustaining care, which if it does not cause them to lose, certainly does not develope, individuality and independence of character: when they leave school, they enter the world with dread.

Young persons who see, behold flowery paths inviting them on every side, but with the blind it is not so; feeling ill prepared for what they are about to undertake, they find themselves in a vast waste, where if there be any paths, they are but faintly marked: they can only measure the length of their arm around them, everything is new and strange; In despair they sit down and pine for the hand which has led them for so many years; It is like exposing hot house plants to the chilling frosts of early spring.

In each Institution it is true, there are only a few who are capable of the highest cultivation, but if these few can receive that cultivation it will act as a powerful lever to elevate the whole class.

Therefore if a School can be established which will receive meritorious Students from all the Institutions in the Country, it will supply a great want; and give a completeness to the present system of Institutions for the Blind.

We want a School which while it gives a more liberal education and prepares them especially for the profession they are to follow, will as much as possible throw them upon their own resources.

From the nature of the case, the blind are shut out from nearly all of the ordinary avocations of life, but music both as a profession, and an Art; is very practical for them; therefore they should have a Conservatory which should afford the greatest possible privileges equal to any;

for the seeing, either in America or in Europe.
Experience has proved that the Blind should not be brought together in such a manner that they will be compelled to depend upon each other wholly for social enjoyment; it is far better for them to mingle in the world, and associate with the seeing. Therefore it is proposed to connect this school or educational plan for the Blind, with some University, the pupils of which shall be divided into two classes which may be properly designated as the collegiate and musical students.

Those of the first class will take a regular course in the University; The school will provide means to defray their expenses, furnish them with readers, and such other facilities as may be necessary for their success.

Those of the second class shall have the privilege of attending not only all lectures, but also the recitations of such classes as may be deemed essential for them.

The musical department shall be normal in its character, it will have for its design the especial preparation of the Blind for teachers. The Piano, Organ, Voice, Composition and various single instruments will be carefully taught.

The Blind need and ask for greater opportunities of self culture. Shall they have it?

I appeal to the friends of education in their behalf: Let the benevolent answer.

F. J. Campbell.

Boston Jan 13th 1869.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

ITHACA, N. Y., January 15th, 1869.

The Trustees deem it proper to issue the following circular in answer to numerous letters of enquiry from persons who desire to become students of this Institution.

The Cornell University has closed its first term, and the second term commenced on Wednesday, the 6th of January, 1869. The third term will commence on the 14th April. Students who desire to enter the University at that time, or later, cannot be admitted unless they are sufficiently advanced to enter and keep up with the classes as they may exist at the time of their entrance. Another freshman class will not be organized until the commencement of a new collegiate year, September 15th, 1869. The requirements for entering this class are knowledge of English branches and equations of the 2d degree in Algebra. There is no preparatory class for these studies.

Students will be admitted for special courses in Agriculture, Mechanic Arts, and Engineering, at any time, if possessing the requisite preparation for the studies in those departments. Payment in every case is required in advance ; $10 for each term.

There are as many students already at the University, who desire to labor a part of each day, as can be accommodated during the present winter season.

Students desirous of entering at the Spring term, and who also wish employment to aid in defraying their expenses in part, can be admitted if prepared to enter the classes as they then stand, and can be furnished with the various kinds of farm work, carpenter work, landscape work, and some mechanical and miscellaneous work. The work will be limited to three hours per day, and arranged for such hours as will best suit the convenience of the Professors and Superintendents of labor. The amount paid for such labor as students perform, will be such as would be required to get a like amount of work done by laborers or mechanics, who are not students. No provision is made for high priced labor in any department.

The amount thus earned will help the student materially in paying his way, but will not defray his entire expenses for tuition and board, except where great economy is observed by the student.

Board, room-rent, fuel and light, is furnished in the University during this winter, at eighty-three cents per day, payable to the end of each month in advance. It is hoped that this price may be reduced, as soon as the products of the farm can be brought into requisition to cheapen the cost of board, as it is the intention of the University to charge no more than the actual cost of supplies furnished.

Board, inclusive of rooms, fuel and lights, is furnished in Ithaca, at $5,00 to $7,00 per week. Some students, by clubbing together, are reducing the cost of board to three dollars per week, during the present winter.

We desire it to be expressly understood, that the Cornell University is not a charity school. Our labor system is voluntary, and based upon the idea of furnishing to industrious and worthy boys, who lack the money to pay college expenses, the means (in part at least) of procuring a thorough and practical education, by the agency most likely to develope a healthy body and a vigorous constitution, and fit the student for future usefulness, by familiarizing him with, and teaching him to dignify honest and useful labor.

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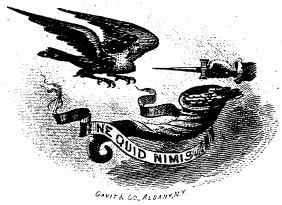

State of New York.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Albany, Jany 16th 1869

Hon: E. Cornell

Ithaca.

Dear Sir

Enclosed find a Statement of the Capital of the College Land Scrip and Congressional Endowment Funds, as requested a few days since, by your Committee.

Respectfully Yours

Henry Gallien

2nd Dep. Comptr.