Washington Jan'y 17. 1869

My Dear Mary Ann

I have spent the day in my room, reading over that package of old letters you gave me. They end with Dec'r 1845- and thus do not reach quite far enough to contain the story of opening the first line of Telegraph from N.Y. to Phil'a which, I was seeking for

The letters however have been a source of rare enjoyment for me, and has carried me back a score of years, to the period of your heroic trials, when in poverty, you struggled so nobly to care for and bring up properly our dear Children, during the absence which a like struggle

imposed on me -
Those trials, and privations are past, and yet they are pleasant and profitable to look upon.
Honors, cheaply won, are lightly esteemed, our honors are the price of long years of toil, patient, persistant labor, scanty means, long absence from home and each others society, anxious cares and perplexities, such as swamp many stout hearts, and send them wrecks down the Stream of time to the ocean of Oblivion.
Happily we have reached a nobler goal, Your trials have triumphed, and you now hold a position envied by those who you once regarded as the most favored among women.
To pass by minor honors, the one of being the wife of the founder of the Cornell University, and the wife to whose efforts, and privations and struggles, that institution owes its existance, as much as to the founder himself, (for I freely acknowledge that without your assistance at home I could never have accomplished the successes which have culminated in the University) is an honor higher and nobler, than falls to the lot of many women.
I hope that a still higher honor awaits, my dear Wife -
The honor of founding a system of industry, by which girls holding the same position in society that you did at the period of our Marriage - may by the application of three or four hours of their time each day, provide the means for procuring the highest and most useful Education

The need of such an industry is becoming daily more and more apparent, and it is sure ere long to be worked out, and no where can it be more easily done than in connection with the Cornell University - And no woman or man will in future receive nobler and more lasting, or better deserved honors than will she or he who organizes such an industry.

That my wife may be the great benefactor of her sex, in this reform is an ambition that I dearly cherish -

The glory of womens suffrage will fade before the brighter rays that will flash from the sun of womans self reliant and independent action in providing for her greatest needs - Your practical and well organized mind directed in this channel cannot fail to arrive at conclusions that will lead to success - I shall be happy to contribute my mite in such a noble work -

Yours Affectionately

Ezra Cornell

14.76
7.39

Cottonwood Falls
Jan - 20th 1869

Ezra Cornell, Esq
Dr Sir

Your letter Came
To hand Shaw examined the Tax
Books & find 1096 N E 1/4 Sec 21. T. 20 =
Range Eight, Sold for Tax of 1866 =
Also Tax of 1867 Carried up, Marking
Marking a Total of $ 14.26
Redemption fee = 50
Tax of 1868 8.41
Total Amt, $ 23.19

I find in an other Township in
your Name 1100 S E 1/4 Sec 2. T. 21 - R 7 E Tax 11.22
1099 & N W 1/4 Sec 14, 21 - " " 5.45
Also 1098 S E 1/4 Sec 29 T. 19. R 7 6.40
& S W 1/4 " 32 " " " 6.40
Am't 1097 brought down — 19.47
23.19
$ 42.66

Those last 4 qrs - Are Taxed
for 1868 = for the first time

A penalty of Ten per Cent
Was added 10th of this Month
And if not paid by the 1st of
March Supt. they are then advertised
for sale that adds 25 Cents more to
Each Tract & if not paid before
the 1st Tuesday in May they are
Sold & that adds 25 Cents more to
Each Tract. Taxes Come due here
the 1st November & if not paid
by the 10th Jan - the penalty is
added You will See a difference
in the Amts. of Tax on Each quarter
that is Caused by the District School
Tax. Each Dist. Votes its own Tax
Some Districts that are building
have a Very high Tax

If you Wish to Send Money
to pay your Tax, Send Draft
on New York

Yours Truly
A. P. Gandy
Co-Treas

A B Brisbane
Jan 22. 1869

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Dryden Jan 22/69

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Allow me to trouble you with a perusal of a few lines from one who may have indulged in a vain hope of procureing a situation under the Professor of Agriculture in the noble institution so well calculated to enlighten the minds and understanding of all the labouring classes in Agricultural and Mechanick Arts. I had my mind nearly made up to make Cortland my future home but through the influence of our worthy friend Mr John Mc Graw I change my purpose he said he would gaurantee a situation for me at the University if I would say I would come. he said

spoke to you about it and you thought perhaps I might be made verry useful there, you are aware that my opportunities have not bin such as to give me much knowledge of the science of Agrieulture except what I have bin enabled to obtain by reading Agrieultural Books and Newspapers and close observation of the practical results of those older in experience in Agricultural pursuits. and I feel deeply indebted to such men as your honour and the lamented Benjamin Wood. Wm Randal, Noah Hitchcock. Jedidiah Barber, E. W. Cady Nicholas Halsey. J. C. Peters H. M. Rotch James Brodie and George Geder and many others who seemed to take a parental interest in instructing me. for which I feel verry gratefull. Though much of my life has bin spent in graveling darkness and ignorance of a scientific knowledge of my favourite pursuits yet it does seem to me yet I can begin to see the dawning of a brighter day since the organization of the Cornell University. I now begin to feel a special anxiety and a grave responsibility resting upon me in relation to the duties and obligations which I am under to the loved ones that a kind providence has placed under my charge I have 6 in all 2 Boys and 4 Girls the Boys and 1 girl are attending the Academy at Dryden preparatory to going to the University It is my intention to live and have them reap some of the benifit of having such an institution founded in our own beloved County by the almost unparaled liberality of your Honour and I am happy to congratulate you in the wonderful success which is the result of untiring perseverance liberality and Patriotism (crampted by (above all) a kind and generous Heart

I was in your Office a few days since and noticed that you was very busy and of course did not wish to interrupt you I understand you have secured Mr Harris the former Editor of the Genisee Farmer I have bin a reader of his writings for many years and in my humble opinion he will be the right man in the right place you are pretty well acquainted with my farm management and my main object in farming is to keep the Land clean from noxious weeds and I have always made large profits in farming and constantly improved the fertility of the Soil that is the main thing, there is much inquiry even in America this comparitively new Country (what is the best method of renovating worn out Soils I would by all means advise prevention instead of cure. Should you consider me worthy a position under the Professor I will try and lend a helping hand to carry and forward the noble work which you have got so well begun I have now an opportunity of letting out my Land and would like to know your wishes in relation to the matter at your earliest convenience. I hope you will pardon my long Letter and I will close by Subscribing myself your sincere friend and well wisher

A. B. Benham

Belvidere Ill Jan 24th

Dear Brother

Not having heard from you in some time I will venture again to write you a few lines altho I have nothing very encouraging to communicate. My health continues very poor, so much so that I am able to do only very light work and but little of that. — Austin and Monroe are attending school & are making fair progress with there studies. I shall not be able to keep Austin at school much longer unless my health improves. I have been finishing my own house this winter — have the inside all finished now except plastering 3 rooms which I shall do in the spring if I am able

My place is now worth about $1,500 (house & 3 lots) and I owe $325 on it. What has become of John — I have written to him several times since I was at Ithaca & have received no answer — at his request when I was there, I sent him a barrel of barley for seed. now nearly or quite a year ago. and a short time ago I saw it advertised in the Journal as unclaimed freight at the storehouse in Ithaca. It is with much pride & pleasure that I read of the success which attends the University — I almost wish to become a pupil there yet fear I should not pass examination. Austin is now making great calculations on a course of study there. and I shall do all in my power to accomplish that object. I think however that with equal chances Monroe will make the best scholar, — the ballance of my family are all in good health hoping this may find you all well & happy

I remain
Your Brother
D. B. Connell

E Connell
Ithaca N Y

Geneva New York
Jan 25th 19

Hon Ezra Cornell

Sir

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to the Honorary Membership of the Philophronthian Literary Society of Hobart College.

I am Respt

Your obt Svt

A Frank Kelley

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To

Hon Ezra Cornell.

Utica, N.Y. Jan 25th/69

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty to address you in reference to the introduction of a Commercial Department in the Cornell University for the purpose of furnishing thorough special instruction in practical business branches. Also, you will find enclosed, Extracts from Chicago newspapers bearing upon the same subject.

My own experience of Eleven years as principal of Business Colleges, and as founder of the Colleges in this city, Ogdensburgh, N.Y. and Washington, D.C., an experience attended with unvarying success, Encourages me to offer my ideas on the subject for your considerations.

The motto of your University, as

indicating its main purpose, will not of course leave out of its facilities the principal features of special business instruction which have proved so popular and useful in the experience of Business Colleges within the last fifteen years. Whatever course of Education a young person may pursue, a special business course should be added to it. Young Agriculturists especially will need it, as it is the general expression of authorities on the subject that the ~~main~~ chief cause of failure in farming is the want of the proper knowledge and practice of keeping accounts. From my own knowledge of the judgment of young men and parents throughout our country generally, I have no doubt that such a department properly conducted, would prove from the start one of the most popular and useful features of your great institution.

My plan for such a department would be substantially as follows: To set apart a special room for this purpose, to be called the Comil or Business Department. To have a principal for it, Competent to teach all the branches practically, with assistants only when the number of students should require them. The branches taught should be Book Keeping, Penmanship, Phonography, and perhaps Comil Law and Telegraphy.

Such departments are being Established in the New Normal Schools of this state, and are in operation at Oberlin, Ohio, Hillsdale, Michigan, and other University towns.

You will recollect that Prof. Goldwin Smith, in his first lecture, called attention to the importance of having Phonography taught.

Enclosed please find circular of some of my ideas and inventions connected with practical business instruction. Although myself now proprietor of a successful school here, I might be induced to conduct a Comil dept in your institution. Can refer you to Prof.

C. A. Walworth
25. Jan. 69

Daniel Willard Fiske, of the University, whom I met at Fort Plain Seminary some years ago, and also to Wm Reagon of the "Ithacan."—

Would be pleased to hear from you as soon as agreeable.

Very Respy

C. A. Walworth

P.S.— I see that I have not referred in the foregoing to the advantages which such a Department would confer upon young women, but it will readily occur to you; and the importance of such a department, already become the subject of discussion by the Trustees and favorable report of such a leading female School as the Rutgers Institute (or College) New York—

C. A. W.

T. N. Rooker Jan 27 1869

New-York Tribune.

The Aldine Press. The circular I do not send because the press is better

New York, Jan. 25, 1869

My good friend,

I send you by mail today a copy of todays Tribune containing an article I fixed up from The Era.

I ~~have~~ sent a day or two ago an Almanac for the Cornell Library, and one for the Cornell University; also one for Goldwin Smith, and shall send one for Mr. McGraw in a day or two.

I send with this ~~a descrip-~~ ~~tive Circular~~ The Aldine Press for the purpose of showing you the kind and quality of paper and press work I wish to see adopted by the publishers of The Cornell Era. Of course the paper, press work, and ink, will cost more than that now used, but what

if does cost more, it will not be so much more as to break up the enterprise. The paper is well edited, and has now a fair quantity of advertising patronage. Let the proprietors increase the size, say to 16 pages. It is now 8. Let them exert themselves to get 4 or 6 additional pages of advertisements from the various first-class School Book publishers — such as Appleton, Harper, Barnes, Ivison, &c. of New-York City — Lippincott, Blanchard, &c. of Phila — Ticknor, Osgood & Co., and others in Boston.

Now I wish you to make it a ~~point~~ duty to urge them to this course, because I want every thing done for and by the Cornell University as good as can be done. ~~Polonius'~~ instructions to his son Laertes on his departure from home for foreign travel suits my idea of advice " Costly thy apparel as thy purse will buy — rich, not gaudy."

Have you talked with White yet about Vail? If not do so, at once, because the poor fellow must decide whether to stay where he is, or not.

I shall expect you in New York on Saturday next, to stay at my house until you go home. I say I shall expect you on Saturday, because you cannot get to New York from Ithaca on Monday morning, when we hold our Trustee meeting. This meeting is a very important one to us, and I

want you present, without fail.

Further, I want you to bring Mrs. Cornell with you. Tell her that there are many things to be seen in the city during the winter which she cannot see at other seasons of the year. The "Elephants" are in town. Don't you fail bringing her.

Send me at once a lot of circulars giving information about the University. Greeley has asked me for information which your last circular gives. I mean the circular telling about cost of tuition, board, work, &c.

Don't forget to bring Mrs. Cornell.

Yours,

Thomas N. Rooker.

Peconic N.Y. January 25th 1869

Mr. Ezra Cornell;

Dear Sir.

I last summer, addressed a note to President White of Cornell University, calling his attention to our advertisement in "Silliman's Journal". We then offered the eleven inch objective which has been in use in Mr. Rutherfurd's observatory for ten years, together with the photographic objective, made by Mr. Rutherfurd himself, with the tube into which each objective is fitted, for $4500. in gold. I have read with great interest the articles which have appeared in the papers relating to the noble institution which bears your name, and have a strong desire that some of my own boys may in time share its benefits. My husband, the late Henry Fitz of N. York was a self-taught man and sympathized earnestly in any undertaking whose design was to aid those who were working earnestly to help themselves. We should feel that it was an honor to his memory to have this instrument, which was more closely associated with himself than any other which he made, find a place in Cornell University. And therefor I have taken the liberty of addressing you on this subject. The visual objective was sold to Mr. Ruther-

ford for $2500 gold and has shown perfectly satisfactorily all tests for which its size was sufficient. The companion of Sirius is a very easy test with it. My eldest son has made for Mr. Rutherfurd a 13 inch objective in exchange for these two. The photographic objective Mr. R. considers indispensable in an observatory and has already one attached to his 13 inch. I have consulted with my eldest son and we have decided to offer to the Cornell University the two 11 inch objectives etc. for $5000 currency, or if it be practicable to secure scholarships in advance, then I would wish to secure two scholarships, deducting the amount of the scholarships from the $5000.

I am anxious to sell these objectives as soon as possible.

An early answer will therefor oblige

Yours Respectfully

Julia A. Fitz

Peconic, Suffolk Co. N. Y.

Mr. Rutherfurd's address for the winter is St. Augustine, Florida. I can also refer you to Robert Van Arsdale Esq. of Newark N.J. And to any scientific person interested in Astronomy living in the city of New-York. Also to Mr. Charles C. Wakely 102 East 10th St. N.Y. who has been for some time Mr. Rutherfurd's assistant in the observatory.

Ithaca Jan 26/69

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

The check that you sent me for the balance of your a/c $371.21 is received for which please accept the thanks of

Yours Truly

B. Moore

MICH.
I. C.

Alma Jan 27 1869

Dear Uncle

As it has been a long Time since I have written to you and as you have been enquiring about me I will write to you and let you know how I am getting along I have got Twenty Acres cleared six acres to wheat ten to grass have an Orchard of fifty trees Two years setting they are Eight feet high I raised off the place this year 84 bushels of wheat worth $1,50 per bushel 80 bush of potatoes worth 70 cts corn crop was a failure this year I planted three acres had about sixty bushels of Ears worth 50 cts ten bush — buckwheat at $1-00

I intend to put in ten
acers of wheat an new ground
which will cost)$100-00(besides
my work my Taxes are)$23(
This yeear)$20(last year
so you can see we have a
nice little yearly Tax To pay
I have one yoke of oxen
one cow one two yeear old
heifer one yearling a Tolerable
good set of farming tools
and out of debt except for
my place and the horse
pithfork territory of Gratiot
and Isabellac Counties for which
I gave my note of)$150(
for two years without
interest I shall canvass the
Counties in march and Take
orders for parks To be delivered
in June I shall sell them
for)$12(apiece They will cost
me five dollears I expect
To sell one hundred This spring
will have to pay your them
in advance I will send you
a circular to show the plan
of the park This County
is improving very fast
The population of This
Town is)$1500.00-(
Uncle Edward is getting
along very well he has built
a barn This last summer 40 x 50
Father intends to build a house
next summer The reason
I write so particolar of the amount
of produce and prices is
so you can tell how I am
getting along
We are all well
please write
yours respectfully
Daniel Wade

Belvidere Jan. 29th 1869

E Cornell Esqr

Dear Brother

Your favor of 24th inst was received yesterday. I wrote you a short letter fore part of the week which you have probably received befor this date. In your letter you tell me that my ill health is caused by the billious tendancy of this prairie country and that to regain my health it may be necessary for me to remove to a less malarious country &c. I think you are in error as to the cause of the difficulty — Tho I am not so wedded to Ill as you seem to suppose. — I have been a resident & citizen here nearly 14 years & think I have reason to feel somewhat proud of the state for her near record if for nothing else. — but I never have

admired the climate, and the only ties that bind me here are those of friendship — I have a large circle of friends here and my wifes family are all settled in this county except one brother who is in California and for that reason it would be far more pleasant for her to remain here other things being equal, — as to the subject of agriculture I believe there are few places equal & none superior to this. —

So far from being wedded to Ill. I have seriously been contemplating going to Lincoln the Capitol of Nebraska and only have hesitated on account of my health as there are several families going there from this vacinity next spring — a friend & neighbour of mine was out there last fall and gives a glowing discription of the country & also of the thrift & enterprise of the city

In regard to my plans for the future I have only the building of one small house on hand & I expect to complete that by middle of April — shall take no other contract until that is completed and none then unless my health is better than at present — I have some work to do on my own house and some strawberry to set out which I intend to do this spring — My place has cost me thus far a trifle less than $900 (in cash paid for material & my labour) I owe $300 on it which will make $1200 the total cost of house & 3 lots, and at a fair estimate the house & lot it stands on is worth $1500 & the two lots joining $100. each at least, think I could sell at those figures as soon as spring opens. —

Delilah & Children are well & send regards to all the friends

Respectfully D. B. Leonell

C Leonell Esqr
Ithaca N. Y.

D. B Cornell
29 Jan'y 69

P. S. We have had the most remarkable winter thus far that has been experienced here for at least 14 years — there has been not more than 4 days during this month in which a person might not work out doors in shirt sleeves & base handed without inconvenance from cold have had but very little snow & no sleighing to mention. rained hard most of the time today & snows now & o'clock P M but does not freeze. — Do you know any thing about who sends or causes to be sent to me the N. Y. Tribune?

I have been recieving it since some time before election — I have 5 other weekly papers & do not find time to read them all.

DBC

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Osborne's Process.

WORKS.
Cor. 3d Av. & 10th St.
Brooklyn.

OFFICE
ROOM, 19. HERALD BUILDING.

New York Sept 29— 1869.

My Dear Mary Ann

I had a tight run to get the Binghamton & Albany train the day I left home. At Owego I learned that the Express train was 3 hours late, and that no passengers was allowed to ride on freight trains on Erie road. So, as there was a fast express that might get to Bn in time for A train say 2 P M, I telegraphed to Elmira to Supt and got Special permit to ride to Bn on freight, and thus started from Ow at 12.15, just before we got to Bn, had to stop for "hot box" had only 10 minutes to go balance on distance on foot Conductor took my baggage and ran with it & I ran myself

and made the connection, by cars waiting one minute for me after I was coming, I went on Chicago, Limited.

I have to go down by appointment to see Elevated R.R. and must close to get this on Mail —

Stopped at Mr Rookes they are all well —

Beautiful day —

Yours Affectionately

Ezra Cornell

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Cor. 3d Av. & 10th St.
Brooklyn.

OFFICE
ROOM 19. HERALD BUILDING.

New York Jan'y 30 — 1869.

My Dear Mary Ann

By being here yesterday I was able to avail myself of the opertunity to sell 1000 shares (or half of the Stock I bought last summer) at a price that will net me over $5,000 in clusion of the dividend and after paying the interest on the money I borrowed to buy it with — I hope to catch another Opertunity and let the other 1000 go in few days —

Dont Mention this, as I dont want to get the reputation of being a Stock Speculator, and if it was known here that it was my Stock that was sold it would have the effect to depress the Market —

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell

Monday Jan. 30th 1899

Friend Rooney

I cut the
enclosed slip from the
"Evening Post" on my
way home to day. This
paragraph tells its own
story, and bears on what
we were talking of this
morning.-

Truly Yours

P. J. Quinn

Fall River 2mo 3 1869

Dear Nephew Ezra Cornell

Yours of 25 of last mo came duely to hand I was Sertin I had Uncle Elisha Cornell Speak of Joseph C but whether his brother Or Son I could not tell, but am glad to to know the particulars, the farm that was thy Grand fathers I know Every foot of it, there was about 60 Acres of the farm as it was, it has Changed hands many times, of late it has been Cut up I Understand & Owned by Several persons, that lot where the burying ground is belongs to One Sanford Chase I dont Expect thy father when he gave the deed of it made Any reserve of the burying ground, I Expect the present Owner will Contend that

It has been held by possible
pregnancy so long that they can
hold it, I dont know how it would
be with a burning ground I think
how ever it would be held by the
former heirs as mentioned in
the will, I wish Mary or some
other person would copy that
will & send it to me it would
do me quite a favor, we are
all in usual health, my wife
& mother speak so if I with my
self Mary continues to gain
at this time she is troubled with
Sore Eyes has been for a few
days She thinks if she builds
a nother house she will have
to furnish her with funds
I was 83 years old yesterday
am among the oldest here
I find I fail about writing
am sensible of my ability
failing also, We are having
a Snow Storm to day I cannot
write so well to day as at Some
other times I must come to
a close for this time write us
often & Convenant we are always
Glad to here from those there
Affectionately thy Uncle
Ezra Carnell Miller Chase

My Father was 83 years old Yesterday
Feb 2nd. My Mother was 76 the 22nd.
of Jan. Thanksgiving and praise to
our Great and Good Father for His many
mercies, Mary K.

In the form that spoke of that
was Uncle Gideons was the form
that Uncle Elisha lived on
I think I have heard so Said
M. Chase

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WORKS.
Cor. 3d Av. & 10th St.
Brooklyn.

OFFICE
ROOM. 19. HERALD BUILDING.

New York Feb 3. — 1869

My Dear Mary Ann

I expected to have got started for home to night but probably shall not, and in the event of not doing so, shall not be home before Saturday morning —

Our Stock sold yesterday at 39 —

I did not sell my other 1000 shs holding for 45 or over. hope to get it —

We have a severe storm this morning, snow last night, rain this morning —

Am working in meeting, and will close, as I want to attend to talking. Mrs Rooker & Mary send regards. I have been there every night —

Yours Affectionately

E. Cornell

United States Senate Chamber.

Washington. Feby 5 1869

My dear sir:

I proposed, as an amendment to a bill relating to the public lands which was up for consideration last evening, the provision as contained in Senate Bill No. 802; and great opposition was manifested. It may be that eventually only a proviso putting the scrip on an equal footing

with military land warrants
will be obtained.

Very Truly
Your Obt Sert.
Roscoe Conkling

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca. N.Y.

W. Newcomb
6 Feb 1869

Lansingburgh 6th Feb. 1869

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

For the past two weeks I have been improving the time in examining the publics and private Collections of Shells in Boston, Cambridge, Salem & New Bedford. No public Collection in either of these places is in tolerable order or half worked up. Prof. Agassiz informed me that the land Shells were about completed and I must confess that I was much disappointed at the small number of species displayed, probably not over 1500 ~~species~~. I noticed the same species repeated 8 or 10 times and under 3 or 4 different names, using Synonyms as designating species. This in a scientific Collection is unpardonable;

Their plan of glass tablets has proved a failure in the Boston Nat. Hist. Society and has in Consequence been rejected.

I noticed in many cases that the black paint covering the glass had pulled up detaching the Specimen from the tablet. The labor is great of mounting in this form and not at all satisfactory. In the Nat. Hist. Society they are mounting on wood constructed in a peculiar manner.

a flat surface is grooved out for the reception of the Specimen with a space in front left for the label. The material used for holding the Specimen is Common drafting wax which is much preferable to the ordinary mode of hard cement, as it enables the transfer of the Specimen when desired without the risk of destroying the fragile Species.

They seemed very desirous of securing my services at the Nat. Hist. Society Rooms in Boston & Salem to classify and arrange (& name) their Specimens.—

I have seen no collection yet that numbers one half of the species of land shells that we shall be able to exhibit.

There is a great want of Scientific works in Boston & Cambridge in this Speciality. No copy of Reeve's great work could be found to refer to, and the recent works of Pfeiffer were also wanting. I have ordered on my own account a Copy of "H. & A. Adams Genera and want for the Institution quite a number of works that can be obtained without duty if ordered in that form; that will enhance the cost some 30 pr. ct. if ordered by an individual.—

I have 5 vols. of Pfeiffer's Heliciorum viventium, Pneumonopomorum & Auriculacea He has issued since Pneumonopomorum viventium — Supplementum primum et secundum Hel. viventium Vol V part 1 & perhaps 2 —

I have his serial Novitates Conchiliologiæ Vol 1. and want the second vol.

Also the heaviest & most expensive

Reeve's Conchologia Iconica of which I have but 9 Quarto vols. — Should these sets be filled out I expect them all to belong to the University —

The last named has cost me from $250 to $300 so far as gone and I have rec'd an equal amount as presents or in exchange for specimens sent to Mr. Cuming. So that the value is not far from $600 of the work on hand. —

There is no hurry for this last however as I have all his new or uncolored land shells which will first engage our attention: and have Sowerby's Monograph of Cyclostomacea to work up this group. I shall spend a day or two in Albany next week by which time I hope to hear that the tablets are in readiness so that I can commence work in earnest, and with my wife become domiciled in Ithaca. —

a few (say 3000) would be enough to commence on, as I find Mr Anthony (Agassiz assistant) can only mount about 20 a day. —

I have obtained a few desirable shells in my excursion adding ½ a doz, new species to the Collection I remain very truly Yours

W. Newcomb

State University Bloomington Ind.
Feb. 6. 1869.

Hon. Ezra Cornell: Dear Sir:

Deeply interested in your noble educational aims & aspirings for University reform. I hereby beg the favor of a few lines from you for publication in our School Journal, stating 1. Whether you regard labor & students performing manual labor, & if so—do they pay as an unmitigating by?

2. How many existing ~~XXXXXX~~ courses do you furnish, for the completion of which you

give diplomas." Please give names of courses.—

3. Are you responsible to admit young ladies?

For the effect, I desire that answers published over your signature— Since a circular or Catalogue will not contain so much.—

I enclose you copy of our Journal in which I quote from you

Very Respectfully Yours

Geo. W. Hoss.

Ed. Ann. School Journ.

S. Dakota
1 Feb 69

Union Springs, Cayuga C. N.Y.

2/9/69

Resp.d friend,

I see some brief strictures in the last No. of the Country Gentleman, from my friend the Tuckers, on the proposed admission of ladies to the Cornell University. Having somewhat different views, founded on seven years observation or experience, I conclude it will do no harm to throw in my mite of opinion in this respect. I was for seven years principal managing Trustee of a Yearly Meeting Boarding School, when both sexes were admitted, under certain restrictions, & the opinion of the Teachers was that if properly managed, it was not only easier to preserve order, & to control the students, but that the presence of each had a stimulating tendency on the others, in several ways, & that the young men became more refined and civilized. Before the school was commenced, I had a long conversation with the late Horace Mann, then visiting at my house, on this subject. He had adopted this mode by admitting both sexes into the College of

which he was President, as he thought, with much success, and remarked to me, "You will have to give careful attention to start right, and to make proper regulations; after which you will find it much easier to maintain order in a satisfactory manner, than if they were kept entirely separate."

I have no personal point whatever to carry in this matter, but thought if my expression of opinion was worth any thing, I would offer it for what it is worth.

I may add, that I am glad whenever provision can be made for extending the privileges of thorough education to young females — many of the present Seminaries for them, being beyond their reach, either in distance or price, & so far the provision made for them has been far more limited than for young men.

Very respectfully,
J. J. Thomas

Hon. Ezra Cornell —

Albany Oct. 9. 1869

Respected Friend

Enclosed please find an assignment of a right to use the lives of which a patent has been granted me by the United States. Please to make such use of it as as you and the authorities of the University judge best.

I also send a book and circulars giving directions for the construction and use of the lives. I regard the circles so great an improvement upon the other that I only build that for my use.

If any of the scholars or others wish circulars for themselves or friends, I will send them on receipt of the address and a three cent stamp or for 25 cents will send a book and circulars.

To any Clergyman on the receipt of 25 cents I send a book and right to make and use four lives.

Very respectfully your friend and obedient Servant

Jasper Hazen

Post Office address Albany My.

In consideration of the benefit resulting to the public from the organization and support of colleges founded for giving instruction in agricultural labors and pursuits, and desiring to assist in so good an object according to my ability, I Give to Ezra Cornell, in trust for the use and benefit of the Agricultural College known and distinguished by the name "Cornell University" in the Town of Ithica and state of New York, the right to manufacture and use the "Farmers Bee Hive", for which I recieved letters patent of the United States bearing date September second in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two. Numbered 36.349 which hives to be marked in durable characters "Patented September 2. 1862.

Also I give the right to manufacture and use the "Eureka Bee Hive", for which I recieved letters patent of the United States bearing date July 2. AD 1867. No 66 336. Said Eureka bee hives to be marked "Patented July 2. 1867. This right to extend to one apiary and one only.

In witness whereof I hereto sign my name this 9th day of February, AD. 1869. at North Greenbush Rensellaer County and State of New York

Jasper Hazen

American Social Science Association,

ALBANY DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

Office, 43 North Pearl Street.

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Albany, N. Y., February 1st, 1869.

A General Meeting of the American Social Science Association *will be held at the*

AGRICULTURAL HALL,

IN THIS CITY,

ON THE 17th AND 18th OF FEBRUARY,

Commencing at 7½ o'clock, P. M., on the Seventeenth instant. The pleasure of your company is earnestly requested and an early answer is desired.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servants,

JOHN MEREDITH READ, Jr., Chairman.

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American Social Science Association.

PROGRAMME OF ALBANY MEETING.

1st. OPENING ADDRESS.

By the Chairman of the Albany Committee,
JOHN MEREDITH READ, Jr., M. R. I. A.

21. ADDRESS ON THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

By the President, SAMUEL ELIOT, LL.D.

31. A PAPER ON UNIVERSITY EDUCATION.

By Prof. GOLDWIN SMITH.

4th. A PAPER ON THE CATTLE DISEASE COMMISSION.

By Hon. JOHN STANTON GOULD.

5th. A PAPER ON THE SUPERVISION OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

By F. B. SANBORN, Esq.

6th. A PAPER ON MODEL LODGING HOUSES.

By CHARLES L. BRACE, Esq.

7th. AN ADDRESS.

By the HON. HORACE GREELEY.

8th. A PAPER ON PROTECTION OF THE BALLOT.

By CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, Jr., Esq.

9th. A PAPER ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

By the President of the Association.

The members of the Association are invited to discuss the above subjects and others in which they may be more especially interested.

"The Proper Study of Mankind is Man."

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, was organized in the fall of 1865, after the model of the British Association, founded in 1857, which has exercised a very considerable influence, both in public and in private.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION declares its objects to be

"To aid the development of Social Science, and to guide the public mind to the best practical means of promoting the Amendment of Laws, the Advancement of Education, the Prevention and Repression of Crime, the Reformation of Criminals, and the Furtherance of Public Morality, the Adoption of Sanitary Regulations, and the Diffusion of Sound Principles on Questions of Economy, Trade and Finance.

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The Education of Neglected and Vicious Children.
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Quarantine in its relation to Epidemic Diseases.
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The Inspection of Food and Drugs.
The Sewerage of great Cities.
The Management of Hospitals and Insane Asylums.

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Taxation and Revenue.
The Labor Question.
Modern Progress of Political Economy,

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Reform of the Civil and Diplomatic Service.
Crime and Punishment.
The Province of Law in regard to Education.
Public Health and Morals.

THE SCIENCE OF SOCIETY stands, from its very nature, more than any other, in need of associated labor. Its aim being the promotion of human welfare by ascertaining the natural laws, whose application will insure the greatest human happiness, reflecting men and women must be brought together for a regular exchange of thought and information. In order to facilitate this commerce of minds, a Central Bureau has been opened in Boston, and a salaried officer placed in charge of it, who will give his whole time and attention to the work of the Association.

THE EXPERIENCE OF THREE YEARS has fully convinced the members of this Association that it was not instituted a moment too soon in this pre-eminently progressive country, whose very intense vitality and rapid development call for safe guidance by Right and Truth. It is this firm conviction that leads us to ask anew the co-operation of all engaged in Law, Medicine, Education, Commerce and Finance, and of the friends of human progress in general.

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Respected Sir

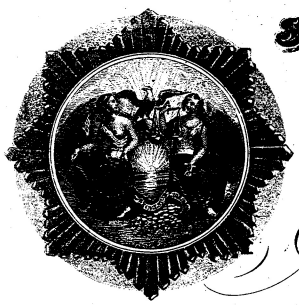
I received yours bearing date Dec 14th and was very glad to hear from you, and also hear that you are a doing to promote the Cause of Education the youth by the means of the Cornell Institution and Am glad that you are able to do so much good in world with your Money and I wished that you was as rich as Mr Peabody or John Jacob Astor, that is if you would keep on doing good with your money I here in most Every Paper that I take in hand, what good deeds they are doing with the Cornell Institution I was glad When I heard that you had helped Eunice Barnes to a home and now do not forget Ellenor Howes of your liberality for I hear that she is destitute so I can say well remember What a handsome girl she was

It is rather singler how the Russel Boys made out. for Churls and Thomus both ware drinking men I think they are both dead, Barny married Walthey Barnes and a vary good sort of a man his wife still lives in Dexter now said that you would like to hur from most of the folks that was young when we was ther I knowed What one, s you wanst to know a bout. I would willing to do so, I can well remembe when you, worke for Mr Gofford on Mr Carrupt how Mr Gifford a lived yet, and so is Elizeam also, and she is not Married yet, The you wrote you st saw you recive a letter from sister Clarrisa stating that her halth was not vary good at that time her halth beter this winter she has had trouble Enough to kill most any one s. they have got two Childrun one boy and a girl, the Girl has married Wm Cradall, s boy lives on the Eustus Manor farm in the stone hous and is doing vary well, But their boy has manage so as to quit most of the property in his hands and then he is spending it faster then they all Earned it for he has been a drinking man for sise or Eight Years and he makes a good marry foolish bargney so now you see that it is trouble that has brought Clarrisa where she is, that is not all for they have got Dan. mother ther to take car of and she is not vary agreeable I suppose they would not like if the knew what I have wrote. Clarrisa had a bout sise hundred dollar from her father gave her and she has Bought her a little hous and one acra of land so now they are not vary well of in this, world, it is trouble that has impared her both we have a vary good Church and Society in this place, But a vary poor school hous.

Erastus Nichols
Feb 12-1869

I should like if is was not asking
to much of you ask how many of
your father's family is living at this
time, if will, I understand that Elijah B
is with you, I remain yours mos resp
write soon

Erastus Nichols



J. E. Gavit, sc.

STATE OF NEW-YORK

Bank Department.

Albany, 12 Feby 1869

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

I intended to have spoken to you yesterday in reference to Brant my old Cashier in the Treasurer's Office. Owing to the fact that the present Treasurer is a Democrat Brant has lost his place, and he is now out of employment. You will remember that I once recommended him to you as a Book-keeper. If you could employ him advantageously to yourself he is just the man for you. competent & honest. His wife is

G. W. Schuyler
Feb 12th 1869.

Such such a lingering & fatal illness.
She cannot be removed, nor can he
bear to leave her. He is poor, and
it is all important that he obtain
employment in this city if possible.
but employment at any rate. If
you have work in the Army establish-
ment cannot you favorably con-
sider his case? even if it should be
only temporarily.

Please let me hear from you soon.

Very Truly Yours

G W Schuyler

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ROOM 19. HERALD BUILDING.

New York Feb 12 — 1869

My Dear Mary Ann —

I find a letter from Emma and will get her the books she wants —

I have sent $10. to Washington to buy a ticket for Inauguration Ball, and Order to Engage rooms for Self, Mrs Connell & Daughter — So I presume it will be safe for you and Mary to turn your attention to fixing for the inauguration =

I have got to look up and arrange some testimony to use in a suit between the Old Sty & Erie Tel Co & the Erie Railway Co, and I want to go to Albany next week so it is probable that I shall

not go up tomorrow to Ithaca and will not be home till after the Social Science meeting at Albany, last of week -
I shall there be home until we leave for Washington -

Look in Weekly Tribune next week for Whitey address before State Ag Society - It will do you good to read it, it was capital -

Mr Elected Senator Campbell Pres of Society -

I am going to H. W. Sage's to night I want to talk fine lands with him -

I dont know if A. D. C. White returned from Albany or not. but suppose they have to day -

Yours Affectionately
Ezra Cornell