Mt Vernon Iowa

Sep 1st 1869.

Mr Ezra Cornell, Founder of C. U.

Dear Sir; Pardon me if I address a few words to you in reply to your letter. Our College is hardly the "cast off" of any one. There is certainly a mistake in regard to this matter. Rev George Bowman of the Iowa Conference formerly, by his own exertions founded the College and secured what endowment we have. The friends wished to name it Bowman College but he would not consent but named it Cornell because he admired the man and without doubt he hoped he would add to the endowment but Mr C had nothing to do in the matter whatever. Centenary Geo Haven and wrote to him and he gave us a

thousand dollars and last years he sent me a thousand volumes of books - but he never made any obligation to us - He is quite hostile to us and we may some day receive some help although we do not rely upon it - We are doing as much as we can in a small way, The Trustees pledged themselves for $25000 and I have undertaken to endow a chair to be filled by a Lady $10,000 Being enough for that purpose - I was ready of your School and it occurred to me to address you I am not sorry since I received a courteous reply and the assurance something is to be done for woman in your Institution - I can wait patiently a life time so I know the work moves - I am no Stickler for the so called, woman's rights, but do hope whatever success of intellectual wealth and culture there may be in our land, may be made accessible to her, not that she may excite the fists with men for public favor, but that the powers of our country may be known, women, working for the right everywhere, and hold a highest place as Teacher, Mother, wife Daughter and Sister - Wherever I may I will work for this end - We have no reason to be ashamed of our enough for that Institution - She stands first west of the Mississippi and a strong band of young men and women gather in our College halls I mean in earnest and devotion to their work So I bid courage Thank you for your encouragement.

Yours Respectfully,

E. F. Cooke

P.S. I did not intend to ask of you but a $10,000

Mrs. A. Jacobs
Sept. 6th

It is no matter where but how I suppose
do not out of heart I turn again to
Him to lead me aright I remain
Jan gave me Jacobs for my in Brussels
I would like to see Jans catalogue
P.S.

Mary A Bissac
Sept 69

Bonnet Rock Tuscumbia Ala
Sept 15th 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
Sir

Permit me to
[illegible] I take in addressing you this
apology as this. I have just returned from
a visit to your village which charmed me
with its loveliness and quiet seclusion
and it occurred to me that it would
be a most desirable place for the education
[illegible] young Ladies [illegible]
[illegible] Summer where [illegible]
[illegible] necessary [illegible]
[illegible] call upon you
[illegible] Summer [illegible]

Gym opinion upon the subject but Indeed
seeing it would be the result of an
extensive experience I will state
my views. I have been engaged for
many years in teaching and there
have since my sister opened
one a seminary for young ladies which
has proved successful beyond my
expectations. It was suggested to me while
in Ithaca that it would be a fine
thing to open a school there as no
other institution there was on place
which offered greater inducements
or could give surer promise of success
than Ithaca it is blessed
and favored above the rest of the people Ithaca is ought
to well to make the most of it.

Could you
secure a suitable building for the
accommodation of a Select

Ithaca and Owego rail Road Co.
Stock in the early Spring the amount
sold & some one or two Gentlemen
Could the great pleasure which it
Ithaca & Ithaca the University extends
bears gym himself cause and the
Evangelist Stock one that could an
Institution for Gymnasium be an appendage
connected with this and enjoy
some of the superior advantages
which it offers that early gym summer
gift would not time to ascertain if
Gain

Many entertained that in time
a Gymnasium department was to be
added and should this be the case
it would be necessary that they should
[illegible] preparatory course before
entering the University

Could you
[illegible] for this institution and pro-

I ask as a great favor that you will have the kindness to write giving your candid opinion as to the possibility of such an undertaking and also if you think it could be possible to obtain a building suitable for such a school. I have come to you Mr Cornell. Single & perfect strangers feeling confident that one who has done so much for the cause of Education will not fail to sympathize with others who are engaged in instructing the young and that you will be willing to give advice to assist those who are striving not to amass a princely fortune like yours. But to gain an independence keeping the wolf from our door. In this hope I beg you to believe me yours

Respectfully Yours

Mary A. Bevier

Rochester Sept 4. 1849

Wm C. Morrell

My Dear Sir

I was Desired to leave some Books and personal Effects of mine on Shipboard which did not arrive in Liverpool in time to come with me as I intended

Among these Books & Effects is some 13 Volumes of Canini work dedicated & marked in gold letters on Each Volume to the University by me of which you have been advised

Enclosed I send you an order for them as I am informed by the Banner that the Books have arrived in the Steamer Europa with the Articles were

consigned to him and
duties are Expected whether
they might be given him up
without duties

All the Articles in the
5 cases Invoiced are the
Books & personal Effects of
my Son in actual use
by him and not subject
to Duties as I understand
it, Certainly the Books for
you are not charged with
duties. & I called for it, I
could get him up

Perhaps you can
Satisfy the Authorities of
the correctness of the transaction

Respectfully Yours
Your Obt Serv
Miriam Utley

Borestell Family

Copy of Mem'd Sent to Dr Silas E Shepard
Sept 5. 1869 —

"Uncle John Borestell's first wifes Children nearly all live at East Otto Cattaraugus Co N.Y. Addrss William Borestell. Uncle Nicholas is at Great Valley Cattaraugus Co N.Y.—

Uncle Amos at Martel Pierce Co Wisconsin

Aunt Anna Carley at Hastings Oswego Co N.Y.—

Of the other Borestell relatives, we know nothing save that Cousin Paul Shepard's family live at Spencer Tioga Co N.Y. addrss Mrs Sarah Day

Mother says Cousin Silas was born in Feb 1800.

Mother was born Oct 2, 1790 —

"	"	.....	$30 00
" 3	"	Shelf.....	$25 00
Library Strike, Hanging.....			$14 40
"	"	.....	$13 00
"	Pendulum, Hanging.....		$13 00
"	"	.....	$12 00
Cottage Strike, Hanging.....			$12 ½
"	"	.....	$11 ½
"	Pendulum, Hanging.....		$12 00
"	"	.....	$11 00
Farmers' Strike.....			$ 8 ½
"	Pendulum.....		$ 8 00

Total, $

Mrs Mary Dewitt

To

Geo H Thomas

Deed June 1, 1847
Book W. W. Vs 474
Conveys Lot
6 & 8

To

Alfred Wells

Deed March 23/50
Book No 54 Vs 206
Conveys Lot
Sub 6. 4ch x 18ch

To

Geo D Beers

Deed Aug 26/53
Book 61/S 76
Conveys part
Land of Road 5 R

To

W B Connell

Deed Aug 26 1854
Book No 62/S 575
Conveys Same

Ithaca Sept 6. 1869

C. Hoffman Esq
Treasurer

Dear Sir

Will you be so good as to inform me the amount of my tax on twenty quarter Sections of land in your County for the current year 1869- and when the tax of 1869 is payable,

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell

Ithaca Nov 1st 1869.
Cant tell yet how much it will be as the roll for 1869. is not made out yet, write about 1st Nov 1st and I will give amt for 1869

C. Hoffman

per GBS

Ithaca Sept 7, 69

J. W. McCarty Esq

Yours of 23d Aug Enclosing an account with request to collect it for you is at hand I found it on my Desk on return from N.Y.—

I can assure that I am a poor hand even to collect debt due to myself, I could always earn two dollars Easier than to collect one, I therefore beg you will excuse me if I pass your letter and a/c over to Esquire A. M Lucas of Ithaca, who I trust will transact the busines to your Satisfaction —

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell

Copy

Auburn Sept 8/69

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Your in answer to mine to "Ezy Crowell" is rec'd, If the PO Clerk had had his Eyes open the mistake would not have happened. I did not know Mr Crowells given name & consequently had to superscribe it as above which was mistaken for your name — The disposal made of it is satisfactory — I feel some as you do about collecting old debts but that is part of our business.

With many regrets for the mistake — I remain Yours Truly W. McCarty

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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O. H. PALMER, Sec'y. WM. ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New Orleans 8 1869

Received at 9 Phaca & PM 1,

To Egrew Comell

Just returned from Galveston cannot arrange with wynne and Sears on any terms Goods must be cared for, Authorize Perkins & Swenson to cash my draft for three hundred 300 dollars immediately. Particulars by this mail

H. H. Emery

A. J. Le Grand
Boonton N.J.
Sept 8. 69

Boonton N. J. Sept 8th
1869

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Sir

I will now give
you my reply to your proposition
made through the medium of
Pres White yesterday. Namely
for me to come down for one Mon
on trial at the rate of $50 pr
Mon. and if found to suit then
a permanent arrangement
to be made. I dont think
there is any use to try such
a thing. because a person
could not make much show
to determine his capabilities
in such a space of time for
such an extensive undertaking
I know my abilities are as
good as any that you may

be able to attain in carrying out ground work, planting, &c and when all things as regards buildings, &c. have been determined could give you a ground plan of Roads Walks, planting &c. It has just occured to me to give you an instance of difference of opinion in Conversation and the comparative results of each idea. When you asked me how I would lay out the ground which Roads lay between the buildings which are at present up and those, that are ultimately going up on the hill and along the sides, Road I should terrace it. but on Reflection, decided with me and Consider that if the land was laid out on one grade it would be best. Now the result of this would be bad for the lower end of the building which Roads Jan towards present Structures unless terraced Consequently Roads & Paths all. And again this terracing would not give the Noble appearance that would be caused by terracing right across, grass terraces with one Main walk and steps up the centre and also Cross walks &c. Of Course a professional landscape gardener could give you a more Elaborate plan than I can as that is their business but it would cost much more Money and probably not be such a good working plan as a person could give

resident on the place and,
the ground and surrounding
country familiar. there is
plenty of work to begin with
round about the buildings
which for comfort sake,
should be done first and in
the mean time the general
plan can be studied and
formed. When I first stated
my terms I had not seen the
place and did not know
the extent of the undertaking
but I am willing to make
a one year engagement
on the terms I first named
$800 per year house, fuel
& milk. & my expenses
of moving down. And as
I know I can give you
as good satisfaction as you
can obtain. I do not think
you ought find this proposition
objectionable. At present
there is no house for me
or any one else that
might be engaged but

Wm Whitlock
Sept 9, 1864

Antwerp Sept 9th/69

Hon E. Cornell.

Dear Sir:

Here I am once more in the Old World and in the old City of Antwerp from whence so many illustrious Artists have gone forth. I am studying in the same school where they studies, and am persuing the same course of study which they persued. and if I fail to arrive at a good result, it surely will not be because I have not had advantages

at the present time
I am much better.
prepared to appreciate
these advantages than
the former time I was
here. They give us good
sollid work from 6
O'clock Morning intill
8 in the Evening, after
that we have our
Compositions and Anatomy
H.W. to do at home, so
you see that we have
not much spare time.
I arrived here the 29th
of April just in time
for the commencement
which was the 1st May
this Month we have a
Vacation and the Winter
Term commences the
first of October. I am
in hopes to finish my
studies this next Winter
and in the Spring commence
a picture.

My Professor, Van Lerius
was very glad to see me
returned, and gave me
a very cordial reception.

I am quite happy
and contented now
that I am again among
so many good Artist.
it gives one so much
courage to work. in
fact one who Studies
Art here in Antwerp
must work it is
absolutely impossible
for one to be idle.

I wrote to Mr Finch some time ago about the balance due me on the Picture, I gave him a bill of sale of the picture and he promised to send me the balance of $300. with that I can go through with the course very well I think.
I hope that he will send it immediately so that I may not be interrupted in my studies again. for I do not want to return before I have a reputation. I intend to "fight it out on this line this time."

Yours very Respectfully
William Whitlock
Antwerp
Belgium

Care of
American Consul

Hollowwood Falls
September 9th 1869

Ezra Cornell, Esq
Dr Sir

Yours of Aug 9th Came to hand. I have been sick or I would have written sooner. I know nothing of the Lands you speak of. nor have I received any Letters heretofore. Wide is 5 quarters of land on the Tax Book in your Name the Tax was paid & I think by you

Yours Truly
A. P. Sandy
Co Treas

Boonton Sept 10th 69

Hon'ble Ezra Cornell

Sir

I have bethought myself that I would send you an old plan of my Park such as I have found sufficient for all purposes of laying out land. of course as I have said before a professional landscape gardener gives a more elaborate one and charges an elaborate price but for all that when the work is finished it is no better

I am Sir
Yours obediently
Alfred Johnson

West Cleveland, O. Franklin St. 265.

Sept. 11 – 1869.

Mrs. Mary A. Comdt. My dear Cousin. I thank you much for your kind letter, which I read with much pleasure. I value the information which it contains highly. Cousin Gay took a copy of the statements relative to the whereabouts of our relatives. He seemed very much pleased with the information, and said he would be glad to know more of his relatives on his mother's side of the family.

Your letter to my brother Stephen was probably directed to him at Palatine, Ill. after he left that place for Wisconsin, and as he did not know exactly where he would locate, it was never forwarded to him. I do not know his present address. He is not very far from Uncle Amos. His family are all in that region somewhere.

My oldest child, Catharine S. Harvey, lives in the city of Williamsport, Pa.. She has three daughters, and has lost one. Her oldest, N. Amelia Stevens, lives in Williamsport. Her second is married to a Dentist, by the name of Kidder and lives in New York. I do not know her street and No. It can be found by the Directory. Catharine's youngest

daughter is with her mother. One other daughter, is Alma W. Kingsley is in New York, in 21st St. a little west of Broadway. I do not recollect her number. She has moved since I was in her house.

My brother Daniel and sister Betsy have both moved into the state of Michigan. I have not their address. My brother Lysander C. lives at "Fall Brook" Tioga Co. Pa. He is a manager in some branch of the coal business there, I do not know exactly what his business is. My brother A. S. W. is in Granville, Bradford Co. Pa. He is in the practice of Medicine, and is a successful physician. My sister Rosina R. Rop. Rop is living in Hughesburg Lycoming Co. Pa.

I reciprocate all your kind feelings and the kind regards of your mother. It affords me pleasure to hear from you all, and I hope to see you again at no very distant period.

Affectionately, S. C. Shepard.

Hon. E. Cornell,

My dear Sir Hiram College is 37 miles from this city, in a southeast direction, in Portage Co. O. I did not like the Faculty and resigned the Presidency. Some of the Trustees desire me to accept that position again, with the privilege of selecting a Faculty for myself. I may

conclude to do so, and I may not. I am undecided at present. I shall, if life is spared, remain here about nine months yet; and if Mrs. Shepard does not conclude to come here, I shall return to Pa. She is inveterably attached to Troy, Pa, and I have never felt that it would be right to oblige her to leave the place, and I never shall do so. I do not desire to practice medicine any more, and I have nothing to do in Troy, and am not disposed to do nothing. Mrs. Shepard reads every word of the Journal you have so long sent to her, I believe even to the advertisements. She would hardly know how to keep house without it.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time, and to see you at all times at your convenience.

Affectionately, S. E. Shepard

Wilson N. C.
Sept. 12th 1869

Dear Sir

Your answer to enquary of the name of William Cornell together with the printed matter addressed to that name is at hand and contents noted. I have to say in reply that I will give you what information I have at present & will collect up what I can & give you in future. I have a Bible with the name of William Cornell marked in the blank leaf with plain stencil plate. I find also upon the records leaf the name of William Cornell and Mary Geddie was married December the 24th 1833 I have learned from parties that his wife died of child birth and the child was taken by those parties and soon died. I dont find the death of either recorded in the Bible as well as I can recolect William Cornell died in Fayetteville N. C. in 1846 or 7 he was

following the business of Baking &c. and
was doing well I have to find out if I can
what was don with the effects -
I am going to write to some friends who can
give me more informations I have been informed
that he had a Sister in New York by the name
of Eliza I have learned that he used to write
to her & that he had one or two Brothers but are
not certain what their names were but was under the
impression that they were Thomas & Charles.
Perhaps I have raised your curiosity by making the
inquary & I am anxious to learn if he has any near
relations, & should I find out any which I trust I
may I will then explain my reasons for making
the inquarys.

Very Respectfully
W. A. Wedding

Wm A. Wedding
about Wm Conklee
Sept 22nd 69 -

Sept 15, 1869

The Cornell University.

Rules for the Halls and Public Rooms.

I. All loud talking, singing, whistling, running, jumping, or any other conduct interfering with the quiet necessary in the building, is prohibited under the penalty of reprimand, or suspension from the privileges of the building, as the Faculty or Military Commandant may decide.

II. All defacing of the Walls, Wood-work, Benches, or other furniture, by marking, cutting, or otherwise, is prohibited under penalty of Fine, or Suspension from the University, as may be decided by the Faculty.

III. All damages not traced to the person committing them, will be assessed upon the entire body of students.

By order of the Executive Committee of the Trustees.

Ithaca, September 15, 1869.

EZRA CORNELL,
Chairman of the Trustees.

Glenwood Min
Sept 16 — 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Enclosed we send Tax Statement of lands specified in name of Ezra Cornell — The Tax and costs amount to $436.07 and interest at the rate of 24 per cent per annum from the day of Sale (June 7 1869) until paid The Taxes on land are due in January & not paid before the 1st Day of Feb following they (the lands) are declared delinquent — Delinquent lands are advertised for Sale before the 1st day of June following — after being advertised the costs of

such advertisement is
added to the Tax

On the first of June
the lands are sold for
Taxes - If there are no
bidders the State bids them
in - then the cost of Sale
~~and~~ is added to the tax
after which it draws
24 per cent per annum until
Paid & Owners of land
have Two years from the
day of Sale to redeem their
land - some of this land
that is picked to you may
be an error and some
may have been left - If that
should have been put on
But the owners name
is not material - You
Can pay on what you
do own and no more

The reason why the
NE¼ 2 T125R38 is so much
higher than the rest is
that it is timber and
in this School District where
we are building a new
School House work is good
The dams could be
Paid of Sec 5 T&C T126-37
The NW ¼ - 21 - 125 - 38 would
make a splendid summer
residence - You also have
Two other quarters viz
NE ¼ - 1 - 125 - 38
NE ¼ 2 " " from which
one could overlook the
Lakes and also the village
of Glenwood

The village of Glenwood
is situated on the eastern
extremity of White Bear Lake
a lake about eight miles

Lathrop & Kinney
Sept 16 1889

Miles long and averaging
two with one of the
most beautiful in this
section of beautiful lakes
the shores are of course
gravel or almost all sides
There are an abundance
of fish in the lake
We are going to
revive the Library project
again soon and turn
the matter over to
the ladies - Some of
propositions still open
for our acceptance
Resp Yours
Lathrop & Kinney

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Albany Sept 18th 69

E. Cornell
Ithaca

Dear Sir

I take the present opportunity of submitting for your consideration the plan of an Enterprise for the establishment of the voluntary labor scheme, in Connection with the University of which you have the Honor of being the Founder. upon such a basis as to meet the wants of more of our young men who are ambitious and are desirous of obtaining an Education, and who are willing for the purpose of accomplishing this result to invest the whole amount of their "Available Capital" viz "Nine Talents and Muscle", but no Money and in numberless cases no Friends to assist them.

As I understand the Educational affairs of this Country there is not to day an Institution [illegible] where any considerable number of Young men of this Class can advantageously invest their Capital.

The plan that I propose to meet this exigency is that of connecting with the University some Mechanical Manufacturing Business and allowing the Students the privilege of laboring a part of their time to meet the expense of their Board Clothing and Instruction the Business to be that of the manufacture Boots and Shoes this I consider preferable to any other for several reasons

1st Because Boots and Shoes are articles for which there is a constant demand and therefore admiting of Continuous Pro-duction

2.d The Manufacture of Boots & Shoes when carried on to any extent admits of a more perfect and systematic division of labor than any other Business that is, the production of a Boot or Shoe can be divided up into so many different parts that each part becomes so simple that a man with a very moderate amount of skill by constantly performing any given part is in a very short time learned so that he

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becomes quite a skillful workman.
a very important feature in laying
hold of any amount of unskilled
labor. I would have each
student that wished to avail
himself of the above privileges
give one months time without
compensation, upon entering the
Labor Department and devote the
time to learning some part of the
work after which they should
receive the same price as paid
by other manufacturers for
doing the same amount of
labor. as the Business is conducted
at present any person can learn
to perform almost any one given
part or Common Class Goods.
for which there is the largest
demand, in that length of time.
There would need to be employed
a few skilled workmen in the
different departments of the many
shops as Instructors, and by
the use of all the improved Machinery
used in the Business there is very
little real exhaustive labor to
be performed by hand.

As it was my fortune to be
one of that Class, "Young Men"
referred to above & think & know
from experience something of
the advantages that an
arrangement of this kind would
afford

And as this plan is backed
up by twelve Yrs experience in
the Business from bottoming or
making Shoes to obtain the where-
with to meet the expense of my
own Education, to being Foreman
in a Manufacturing Establishment
that employed One Hundred
and Twenty employes, to my
present position of Partner
in a Business of One Hundred
Thousand Dollars Per Annum I
think I am not egotistic in
saying that this is submitted
by a practical man
With the amount of
Capital that the University
might invest in this Enterprise
I have no doubt of the financial
success of either of the following
plans of operations
1st To be established upon a

Co-operative system,

2nd " To be carried on by a Business man or a Company in their own interest

3d " To be carried on entirely in the interest of the University.

And I have an ambition to be identified with the success of the Enterprise

Hoping that the above will receive a favorable consideration I remain

Respectfully Yours

Geo L Shepard

D. B. Conell
Sept 18. 1869

Belvidere Sept 18. 69

Dear Brother

Some ten years ago at your suggestion I quit work at my trade and went to farming, at that time and many times since that you have told me that you would help me to a farm. I left farming in 1862 & went to the war after selling off my little stock in trade and when I came back I had to pay double to replace them, in consequence of getting wounded, some sickness & other misfortunes I failed to get rich in the army, but saved a little. My health has never been good since I came back, and I am told by skillful Physicians

that my constitution is very much impaired probably caused by the hardships + exposures of camp life — the more immediate cause of my present physical debility was over-work in extreme hot weather in may '68 while I was getting my own home so I could move into it.

The letter of Aug 30 which I wrote you, was written more to see if you had any plans in the future for business for me, perhaps, than any thing else. as you have several times spoke + written to me about lumbering. You write me that "a person to be successful must do his own thinking + get in the habit of thinking correctly."

I have been in the habit of doing my own thinking and I have thought to some little purpose but have not much more than supported my family and my failure to accumulate is neither in consequence of Intemperance or Idleness I have written to you several times, since the war, for money to enable me to get a start with. I asked you for $1,500 in the fall of '65 to buy corn with when it was selling here for 25c per bushel + I was so sure it would advance + had so much confidence that you would assist me that I engaged 800 bushels + made arrangments so that I could store 5,000 bushels, — but you wrote me that it was risky business + that you had no money which you cared to invest in that way. but in June following corn

was worth more than double the price in the fall and in Aug. & Sept following it sold for more than three times 25¢ I asked you to help me buy a farm of 100 acres near town here and told you the price of it which was $40. pr acre. it has since been sold for $55 pr acre and cannot be bought today for less than $70. and yet there has not been over $5. pr acre improvements put on it. Several other farms I have had in view when I have asked you for help have advanced in nearly the same proportion. Now I shall exchange my town property here for land this fall but I shall not be able to get as much land as will make a respectable sized farm, and have enough left to obtain team & what few tools I will need