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Cyrus Kehr, of Chicago, Illinois, being one of the organizers of Lincoln Memorial University, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the objects of said corporation being to establish a University with various departments, including a department of medicine and hospitals and sanitariums, to make such institution a monument to Abraham Lincoln and to enlist the cooperation of the people of the North and the South in the founding of said institution, to the end that a fraternal feeling may be established between the people of said sections of our country, and

The said Rev. Hugh Calvin Smith and Cyrus Kehr having met and discussed the efforts of the said corporations and finding that each is seeking to accomplish almost identically what the other has undertaken as to education, patriotism, and fraternity, and finding that each contemplates the location of its principal departments in the eastern portion of the State of Tennessee; and

It being self evident that the said objects may be most fully, economically and efficiently attained by a combination of the efforts of said two corporations;

Now, therefore, the said Rev. Hugh Calvin Smith and Cyrus Kehr hereby agree to use their efforts to effect a combination or alliance of said corporations in substantially the following manner:

First. Said Lincoln Memorial University shall establish various educational departments as indicated by its charter, including a Kindergarten, Elementary School, High School or Academy, and a medical and surgical department and a hospital or sanitarium or both or more than one of each as may be expedient;

Second. Said University Board of Trust, Order of Railway Conductors, shall establish and maintain an orphans' home, primarily for the shelter and training of the orphans of members of the Order of Railway Conductors, but receiving also other orphans as the officers of said corporation may deem expedient. Said corporation shall maintain a school for the education of the orphans admitted to said home, and said school shall be conducted under the supervision of said Lincoln Memorial University, to the end that the scope and efficiency of the instruction of said school shall fit its pupils for promotion into departments of Lincoln Memorial University;

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Third. Said University Board of Trust, Order of Railway Conductors, shall also, in connection with said orphans' home or independently thereof, maintain a home for the disabled members, or their wives or widows, of the Order of Railway Conductors of America

Fourth. Said Lincoln Memorial University shall admit to all its departments for which they are qualified, and without tuition, the children of the members or the members of the Order of Railway Conductors of America, such children and members being otherwise subject to the regulations of said University. And the physicians and surgeons of the hospital staff of the medical department of said Lincoln Memorial University shall give free medical and surgical treatment to the members in good standing, and their wives, widows, and children, of the Order of Railway Conductors of America, said treatment being given at or near the location of said medical department and reasonable charges being made by said University for room and board when these are provided by said University;

Fifth. In consideration of said free tuition and medical and surgical services and the supervision of the school maintained by said University Board of Trust, Order of Ry. Conductors, said Univ) Board of Trust, Order of Ry. Conductors shall pay to said Lincoln Memorial University for endowment the sum of Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars ($240,000) in bi-monthly payments of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) each, and Twelve Dollars ($12) for each new member admitted to said order after the first day of June, A.D. 1897, said order paying in full at the end of every second month for all new members for whom previous payment has they not been made;

Sixth. At least a majority of the trustees of said University Board of Trust, Order of Railway Conductors shall be members of the Order of Railway Conductors of America.

Seventh. At least two-thirds of the trustees of said Lincoln Memorial University shall be members of Christian religious denominations and two of said trustees shall be members of the Order of Railway Conductors.

Eighth. Said Rev. Hugh Calvin Smith and Dr. Samuel Phelps Leland shall be elected to membership in the board of trustees of said Lincoln Memorial University, and said Cyrus Kehr and Rev. Arthur A. Myers, of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, shall be elected to membership in said board of trustees of said University Board of Trust, Order of Railway Conductors.

Ninth. All persons officially connected with either said Lincoln Memorial University or said University Board of Trust, Order of Railway Conductors shall always use their personal influence for the advancement of the reputation and prosperity of both of said corporations, seeking to secure for each an administration characterized by judicious business methods, and a broad, Christian fraternal and patriotic spirit.

(In Duplicate)

Hugh Calvin Smith.

Cyrus Kehr.

Vergennes, Vt., Jan. 6th, 1897.

Mr. H. S. Howard

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th inst. just received this evening. In regard to the Execution Scene it is one of my best views and when described before being thrown on the screen there is nothing harrowing about it. It is like this; when the view was photographed they stopped the camera just where the execution fact begins and a dummy dressed just the same was placed in position and the camera started again. We can explain this as not just as you think best. The subject is Mary Queen of Scotts and is a beautiful film. Then too I can run this film over only twice. If you wish,

There is nothing bad about the dances They are Scotch dances but not of a shocking nature. They are the same as seen in first class theaters and would be in place, and all right, for as you say the exhibition is given in a public hall. I'll guarantee the dances will not shock any one that has ever been inside a theater.

I am looking for a big hit in your City and abundant success wishing you the same I beg to remain

Very truly Yours
E. F. Trabie

P.S. I would have the Quantin Dance in the programme and I will show it to you just before I address privately.

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Genl Oliver O. Howard.
Burlington. Ver.

Dear Sir:— At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Assn, held here last Monday evig, you were re-elected a member of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year — While you are not able to meet with us, we are very glad to have the influence of your name — The officers elected are as follows— D. S. Gregory. Pres. Edw. P. Doyle. Vice-President Chas. J. Dailey. Secretary. B. F. Funk. Treasurer. Additional Directors — O. O. Howard — Wm T. Wardwell, I. K. Funk, C. L. Haskell, Z. W. Bliss, H. C. Horton. Robert Scott, D. H. Cortelyon, Wm J. Charlton, John Wiman, E. J. Wheeler & P. P. Watson —
We have declared 7% dividend for the last year.
I enclose receipt for the $10.00 just rec'd as the auditors wish to return your book with others for comparisons. Same will be returned to you soon. Yours resply
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Chicago, Ill. January 6th, 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother:-

I finally reached what I supposed to be a final settlement of Mother's estate on Monday last, with the exception of the mortgage on the Starr property at Glencoe, which as I think you have already understood, will not be paid at present; but the Judge has seemed disposed to permit the settlement exclusive of that and to allow me to settle with the heirs by turning over to each of them a note secured by mortgage. This would enable me to close up the matter, and as I think I have written you, I would be willing to hold the notes and collect the interest and transmit it when paid, and when each note became due, collect that and transmit the amount. The proposed notes are to be signed by all the children of Mrs. Starr so that they would be better than the present security, as it is somewhat doubtful whether Mrs. Starr could mortgage any more than her life interest in the property. Their notes with morthage would carry the whole property if not paid.

I write to you at this time to say that the Judge accepted my papers and vouchers in every respect except one. You had given your receipt covering not only the bequest to you, but that of your daughter Bessie. He requires that we should have from Bessie a receipt, as she is now of age. The same objection was made in regard to Grace, and I sent on to her and obtained her receipt for the $100. you paid her. I will enclose herein the Voucher in proper form, and would thank you to explain to Bessie, obtain her signature and return it as promptly as convenient.

Yours very truly,
C. H. Howard

(Over)

P. S. We would all like to join in sending our Happy New Year to every one at Burlington. By telephone to-day from a gentleman who has been expecting to meet your son John with reference to going to Beloit as an instructor in tactics, I learned that John had written him that he would be here yesterday or to-day. John's letters also have come to Glencoe, but we have not seen him yet. The Beloit people had written to me with reference to John and I had recommended him for that place. I also understand they wrote you in regard to him. It is an excellent institution. Pres. Eaton is a noble man, and Beloit is one of the pleasantest little cities in this part of the country. Our nephew, Theodore Riggs, is in the College and has just been spending the holidays with our young people at Glencoe. He is pleased at the prospect that John will come there. They are particularly anxious at Beloit to have an army officer whose moral and religious influence will be positive for good.

You will be greatly moved no doubt as I was at the news of the very sudden death of Gen. Walker. I have kept up my acquaintance with him considerable since the war. He took our view of the importance of the restoration of bimetallism in our country.

Rev. S. G. Whittemore,
Stated Clerk,
Phoenix, " " Arizona.

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Jan 7/97

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir & Bro

Permit me to address you on a matter in which you as Statesman Soldier Philanthropist & Christian, are deeply interested. You know the work of our dear Bro Rev Chas H Cook, now 26 years, a missionary to the Pimas. Those 6000 Indians - if they had water in plenty, would ask no help from Govt. But they have been robbed. The Mormons in Graham Co. on the upper Gila, have 22 canals & have drawn the very life blood from these Indians. But there is hope & help, if the Butte Dam - a natural site 14 miles East - can be built by order of Congress, or aid from that body. The Dept of the Interior sent a Corps of Engineers under Mr C P Davis - a Hydrographic Engineer from Washington, a year ago who spent 6 mo's in surveying & taking measurements & estimating

the amt of water that can be stored at the Buttes, & Mr Davis has recently made his report to his Chief - Mr F. H. Newell, who has recently been here & is now in Washington & will do his utmost to accomplish this purpose, & is looking for the support of all who have influence in this Congress.

What we ask of you (Bro Cook & I) is that you bring to bear on members of this "short term Congress" such influences as will secure an appropriation of fair amount to begin preliminary work on the above site.

Can you not press home on the mind & heart of the Com on Ways & Means (if this is the proper Com) to aid Mr Newell in securing so necessary & humane an object?

"Ex uno disce omnes" - freely translated runs - From the suffering of one Indian - learn the sufferings of all. Several months ago an Indian was arrested & brought into our court for stealing a horse. "Yes" said he, I

stole the horse & sold him because my family were starving. Years ago we had plenty of water, raise wheat & barley - live well. White man stole water - Indian poor & almost starve - thats why I stole horse"

Between here & Sacaton there are dry canals that were running full when I came here nearly 9 years ago & Indians brought wheat & barley here to market on horse & in wagons. Now most of them can get only mesquite beans to live on & how they exist, I do not know. But I am sure, that if the members of Congress who care to save the Indians & would make this whole valley "blossom as as the rose", could see what a boon the building of such a water storage as this Dam would be they would plead earnestly for the needed appropriation. I have said boon - let me put it still stronger - absolute necessity, both to the saving of life to the Indians, & peopling of this Gila Valley.

Bro Cook has spoken frequently to me of the poverty & suffering of his Indians since the water supply was cut off. And he has reiterated the fact many times, that if they could have water to irrigate, they would gladly work & support their families.

I feel sure that you need only to know the facts to use your utmost influence to accomplish the end desired.

With great respect &
very fraternally yours
I. T. Whittemore

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H. T. WILLIS, Proprietor.

Keota, Iowa, Jany 7th 1897

My Dear Albert

No matter how bad it may be old Pard
There are others worse off than you,
No matter how black it may seem at hand
There is just a plain duty to do—
Be true to yourself and the loved ones there
In that happy home next on the hill.
The Clouds will disperse the Sky will be fair
And Sunshine your troubles must kill

The worst off Man never lived old Pard & Existed.
And theres millions worse off than you yet,
And if I had a million, old friend, I'd bet
That you won't be long feeling blue.
For worries and Blues are makers of health.
And I know they are is riches in Store
Courage and action are sure to bring wealth
And All will be Albert once more.

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Besides you old Skeezicks. Just think
will be something face all the rest of that wife.
Like the sunshine of heaven allighting your life
When you meet with a kiss and a smile.
There's riches right-there that silver and gold
Though it-lay at your feet-could not buy
With love so unchanging that never grows old
And a courage that never says die.

Then hurrah for Mam Schaffer the pick of the flock.
And hurrah for the friends that are true
That stands by our Albert-as our solid rock-
~~Tell~~ for we know he will touch pull through
And when all the clouds are dispelled from your sky
You will stand as a bulwark of hope
To men of less courage in life passing by
You will help them just-over the slough

Yours
in clouds or sunshine
J. W. Crawford
Capt Jack

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Richmond Ind. Jan. 7th 1897

Dear Cousin Otis

I have just rec'd a note from Dr Ballard asking me to write you about the "Cousin Binnies". They have all had Grippe and Dr B did not feel able to write. Mother is down with Grippe and my faithful Rosie has had it and is still far from well so you see what a siege I have had and

improved recently.

Mother sends her love and says she will appreciate fully anything you can do towards assisting Dr Ballard as he is quite discouraged with so much Grippe and of course the stringency of the times has affected his business in making collections etc. With much love to you all, wishing you a very Happy New Year,

I remain
Your affectionate
Cousin Lizzie Strickland

am still having.
Rosie's Father (Henry)
is here helping me
but of course I am
very tired. Annie's
note to me in pencil
reads thus. "Dr B
wants Lizzie to write
to Bonnie Otis and
ask him to advise
Dr B how to work
the pension business
and to ask Bonnie
Otis to do what he can
for him in regard to
it. Dr B has been
told that now is
the time to work it
and get promises but
he does not know
how to go at it right.
Bonnie Otis can instruct him and

at the same time was his general
indifference as he said he would
do when he was here." I am
writing very hurriedly as my hands
are full. Just now Oma helps
were as filled with blanks in
that we had no blanks in
them. This is dear but I take
care the results is very satisfactory
after seeing very feeble and suffer
from Neuralgia in her face. I hope
you are all well and are glad
to say that Otis's business is

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139 N. Main Street,
Oberlin, Ohio.
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General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear Friend.

You know you lent me twenty-five cents once upon a time, so that I would always remember you, and for the same reason I have sent you my photograph, that you may sometimes be reminded of me. I came to Oberlin yesterday and to-morrow shall begin to work hard. I shall have

four lessons a week, besides Harmony — two on the organ and two on the piano, which I hope will keep me busy. I have been at your brother's home in Glencoe for the last three months and spent the Holidays there. Every day of my stay there was a blessing and an added happiness to my life, and I find it very hard to do without all my dear friends, but it is a very great comfort to feel that I have such friends and can be so fortunate as to study here. I left my photograph in Glencoe and Lawrence was to mail it to you, so it may have reached you by this time.

With sincere regards I am your friend.

Nina Marguerite Kellogg.

Fairhaven Vt
1/7/97
Jan 7 1897

Dear Cousin I have just finished reading "Isabella of Castile" and I wish to say it has given me great pleasure.

I have read certain works pertaining to her reign but none I have read have given me so clear an insight to her real character as this of yours.

I admire the style in which you have

"Told the story," in such an easy and entertaining manner.

It seems that at the present time, when Spain and her colonies are so prominently before the public, that with a little judicious advertising your book might to have a ready sale and be found on the shelves of every Public Library.

We arrived home safely at 4 PM yesterday found all well.

With kind regards to all

Yours Truly

F. R. Hazard