

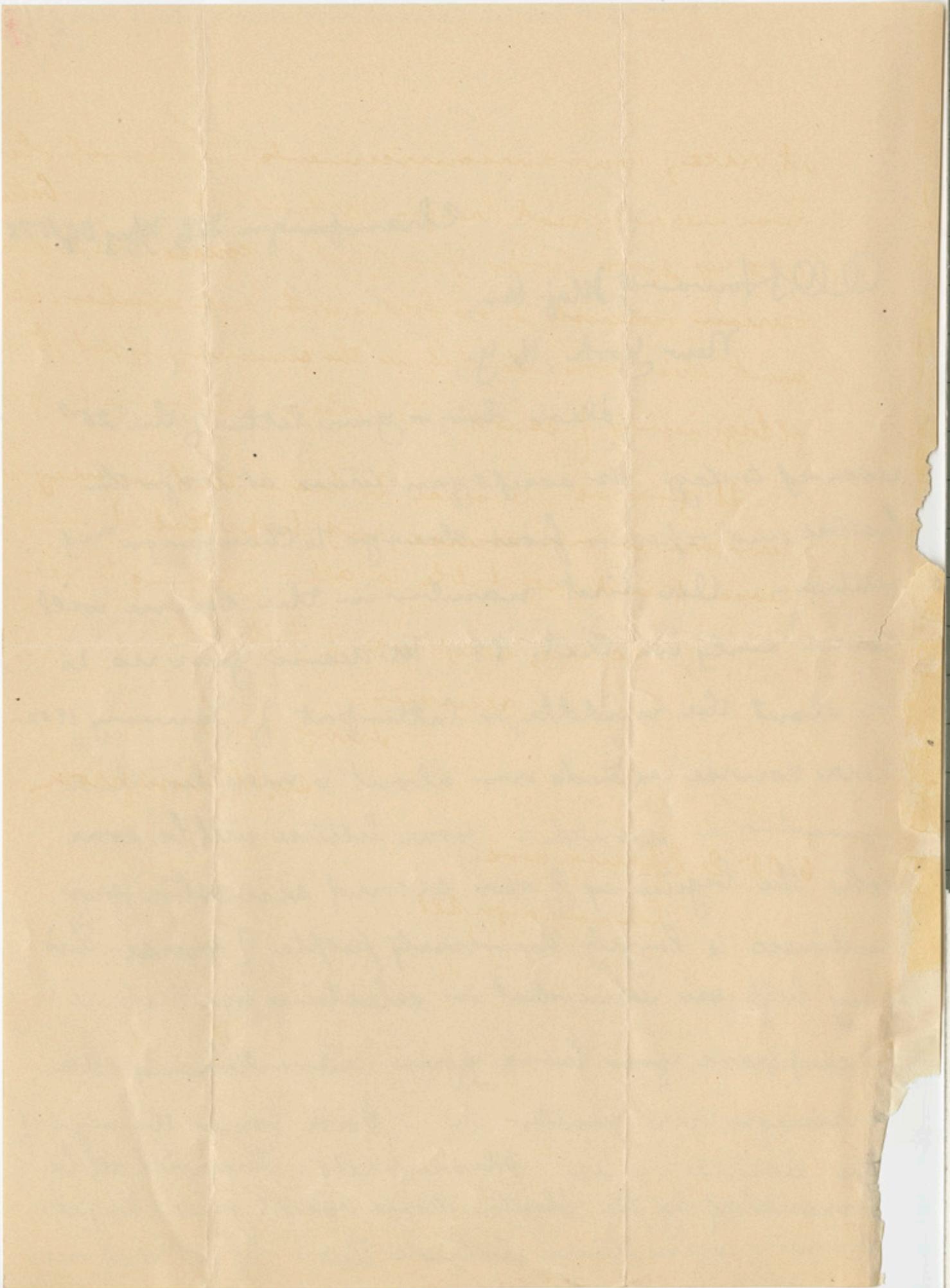
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Champaign Ill, May 30/899.

O. W. Howard Maj. Gen.,  
New York, N. Y.,

Dear Sirs - your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> received to-day. We accept your terms at \$100 for the lecture and expenses from Chicago to Champaign and return. - Our first number in the course will come early in Oct. 89 - We desire your no. to be about the middle, or latter part of January 1900. - Our course extends over about 6 months - One number a month - your lecture will be soon after the beginning of our second semester. Your audience is largely University people, of course. This may help you somewhat in selecting your lecture. -

I suppose you have your advertising. - We arrange our matter in a book form the size of the lecture bureau pamphlets - These will all be furnished by the Slayton People except yours - In presuming your terms include this - If not send me



at once, your announcements - testimonials etc -  
These are a great help - We expect to put out between  
1,500 and 2,000 books of our lecture course - The Clayton  
bureau furnish 2,000 folders with each speaker - We  
print this books etc late in the summer, and put them out  
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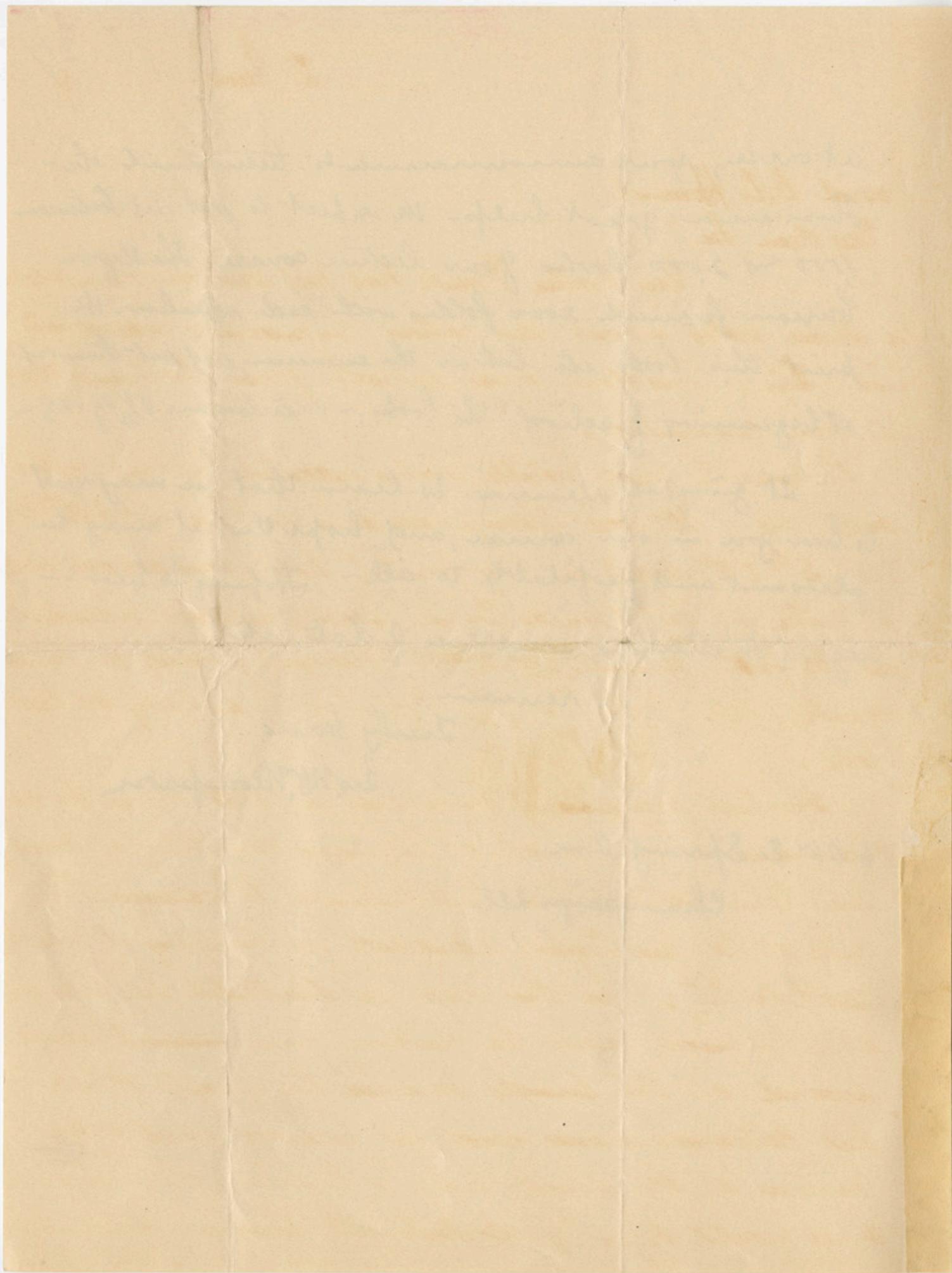
It gives us pleasure to learn that we may expect  
to hear you in our course, and hope that it may be  
pleasant and profitable to all - Hoping to hear in  
regard to circulars, acceptance of date, etc.

I remain,

Truly yours, -

Geo. W. Thompson

605 E. Spring. Ave.,  
Champaign, Ill.



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Providence, R. I. May 31, 1899

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

My dear General;-

You remember our meeting in Hartford the morning after the Anniversary of the C. H. M. S. and of your handing to me the enclosed letters from T. Lincoln Brown of Tryon, Polk Co., N.C.

I presume you thought I would save you the trouble of an investigation and after getting the facts would report. After getting home and thinking the matter over a little, I wrote Dr. Clark saying that while in Hartford I heard about this case and then went on and gave him the facts as they are in the letter addressed to you. I told him I did not have time to talk with him while in Hartford and thought it better to write. This seemed to disarm him of all thought that the information came from anybody in particular and I was able to give him the points very distinctly.

In answer to my letter he wrote the enclosed, which is the best reply that I can make to the criticisms in Mr. Brown's letter. I did not tell him the name of the party making the complaint, but it seems that he understood it perfectly and answers as he does saying that there is a conspiracy going on between Mr. Brown and an ex-trustee, etc.

My expectation is that I shall be in New York next week and I intend to make a more thorough examination of the case, and perhaps it may be well for you to delay answering Mr. Brown's letter until you hear from me again. If he is the bad man that Dr. Clark thinks him to be, something had better be done to stop his talk, although it may be that it is a very difficult matter to do. I fully agree with you that these matters are troublesome, and I am of the opinion that you ought not to be annoyed with them. The business of the Executive Committee is to follow up such things as this whenever it is necessary. I think you will understand me when I say that we do not expect the clergymen to be quite as exacting in their inquiries as some of the laymen would be, although I do not intend any criticism on our brethren of the ministry. As one member of the Committee, I <sup>can</sup> ~~am bound to~~ say that if there is any possible way of correcting the abuses which creep in once in a while into our management, I am bound to attend to it. I will also say that I know the other members of the Committee are like minded.

Mrs. Rice joins me in kind regards to you, and trusting you are in good health, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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May 29th, 1899.

Mr. Joseph William Rice,  
Providence, R.I.

My dear brother Rice:

I am glad that you and Mrs. Rice reached home safely.

And I am sorry that you and some other brethren of the Committee were afflicted with tales of woe about Tryon and Rev. Mr. Winter. I do not remember now whether you were present at the meeting when the Tryon application came up and the correspondence with Mr. Brown and others opposing Mr. Winter was laid before the Committee and carefully considered; also testimony to show that the Rev. Mr. Brown is by nature a mischief maker and even unworthy to be a Congregational church member. A letter of recommendation on which he entered the church at Tryon was afterwards withdrawn and cancelled by the church to which he formerly belonged. He is a man without principle but with a large supply of malice and hatred which he has poured out freely upon Mr. Winter and Mr. Winter's friends. When the grant was made a few weeks ago by our Executive Committee, certain letters were read from Major Strong, brother of Dr. Josiah Strong, who is a member of Mr. Winter's church and an officer, and by several winter boarders of great intelligence who spoke in the warmest terms of Mr. Winter and his work. A conspiracy has been going on between Mr. Brown and an ex-trustee and apparently without affecting the large majority who stand by Mr. Win-



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ter. You have no reason to borrow the least trouble on account of him or our connection with the church. Shall be glad to show you all correspondence when we meet.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Clark



#177 State St., Boston, Mass.

31 May, 1899.

My dear General :-

I forward by this mail the Boston Journal of Decoration Day on the last page of which you will find your words regretting the expressions used with reference to Gen. Wheeler, and a short editorial on the fourth page. I am glad you happened to be here and the Journal evidently appreciates your prompt reply to the criticism. I also forward a book on Expression from Houghton & Mifflin sent to your <sup>P.O.</sup> box here, #2465. *Please remember the number.*

Mr. W. B. Plunkett of Adams writes me this morning that he is glad you are coming on the 4th of June, and with your son, and hopes you will notify him by what train you will arrive on Saturday the 3rd, so that he can be at the depot for you. You will not forget what I stated that you go to Pittsfield and there take the train for Adams. You can go up from New York two or three ways to Pittsfield, via New Haven or Springfield, just as you see fit but if you go from Lake Mohonk you can go from Albany via Hudson to Pittsfield. However, you will find all that out for yourself, I am sure, and have a most delightful time.

I was sorry to leave you so suddenly Monday afternoon to catch my train for New Hampshire but trust you got around all right. I will attend to the pictures and see to the framing and may they not be presented to the Harrows School as from myself? I will gladly pay for the frames.

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