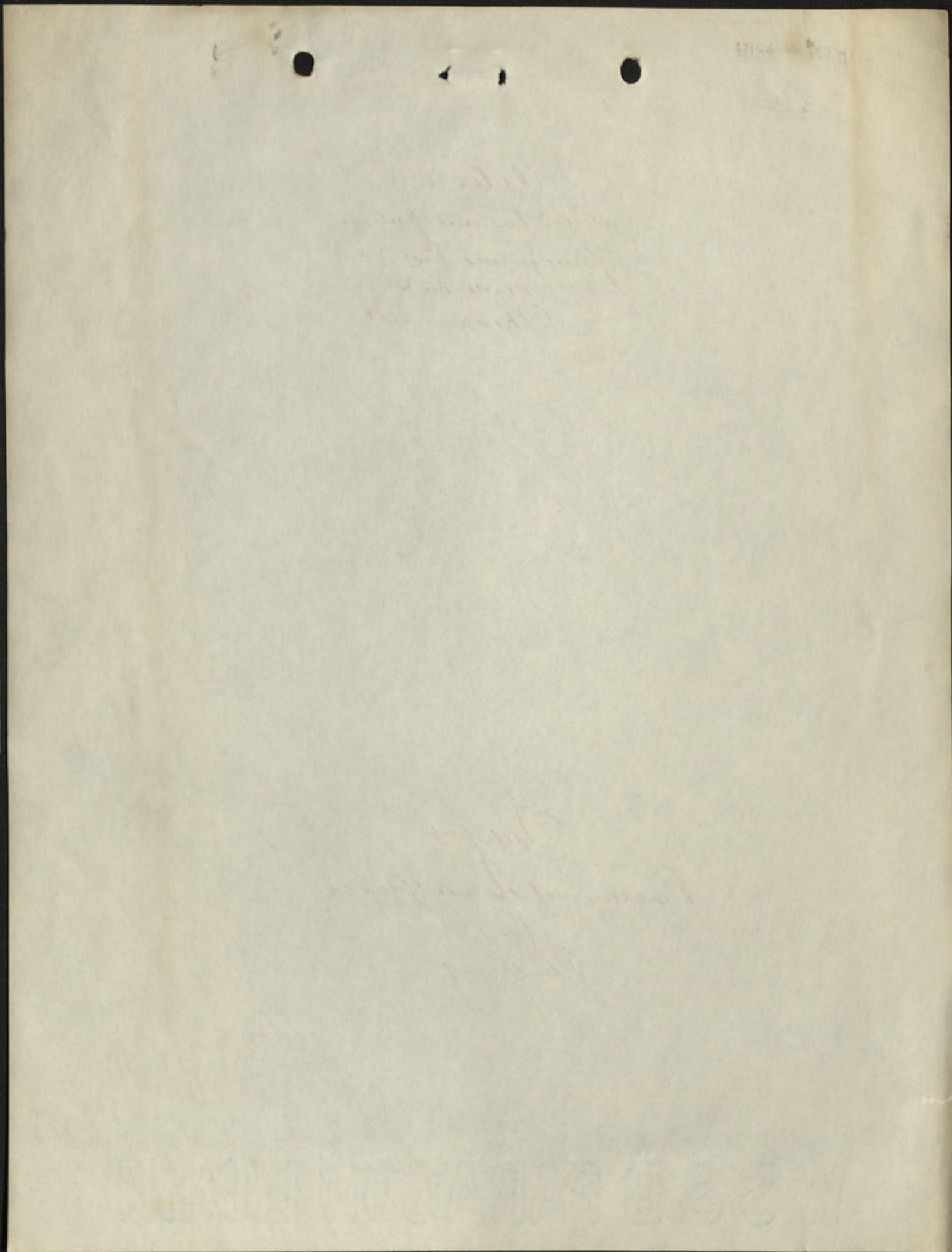


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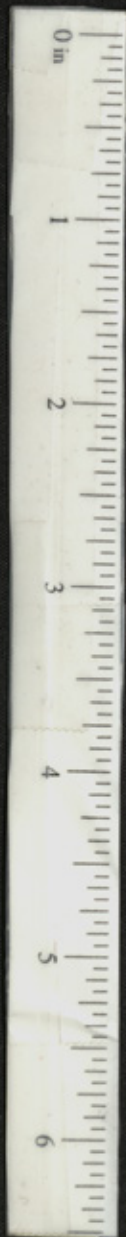
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Quarter of a century
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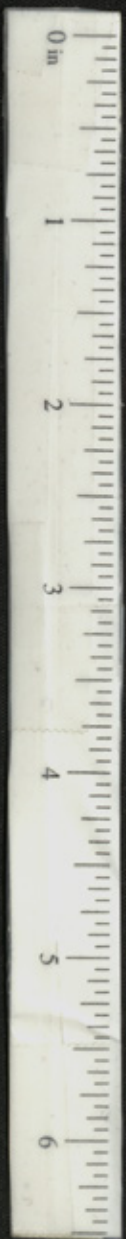
From the beginning of this
century till today the people
of this great Republic which I
wish had had some single
name ~~points~~ instead of
United States have been trying
the experiment of self government
The definition given by
McKinism which indeed
has become a house word
there is a government



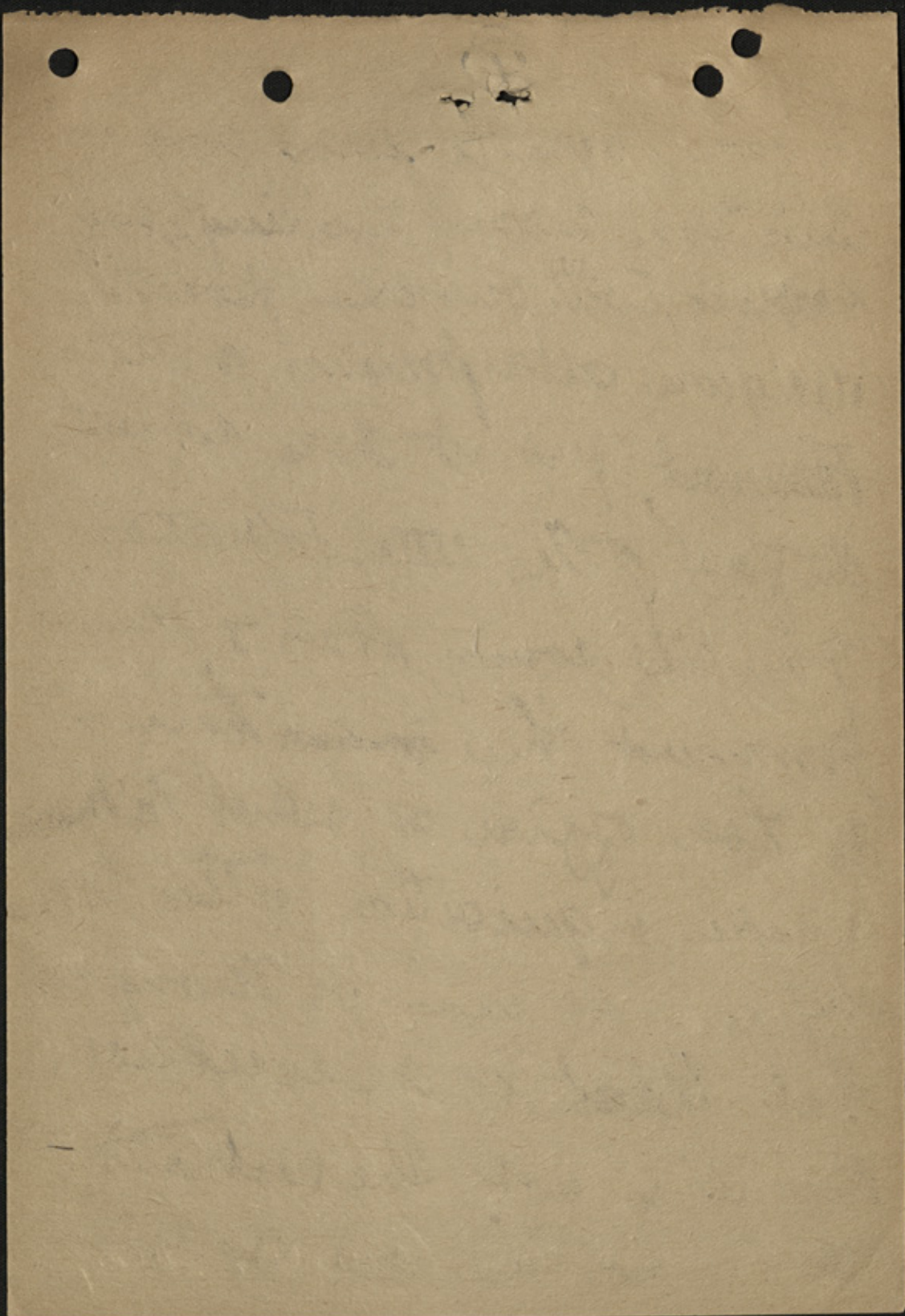
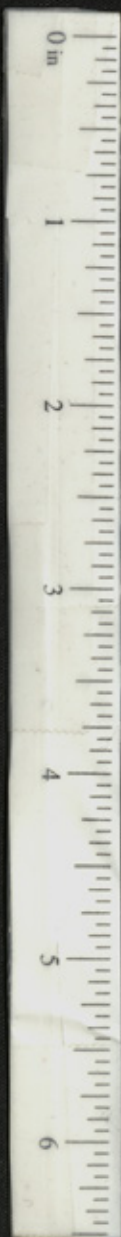
of the people by the people
for the people" Our Fathers
appear to have had two definite
objects in view the primary
may be expressed in the ^{three} words

freedom of worship, the second
and indeed tributary to the
first is or was freedom of
government or more briefly

The Government old writers
said of the first object free-
dom of worship Let it be
a realm where every man

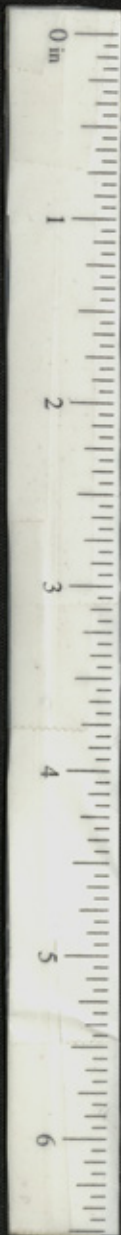


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can worship God according
to the dictates of his own conscience.
The first object I think it
will be admitted by all people
on the globe is now thoroughly
secured to the individual in
the Republic of North America
than any where else. There
may be a superabundance
of unbelief, there may be
positive atheism out cropping in
a few instances there may also
be corruption in high places
and low and families may



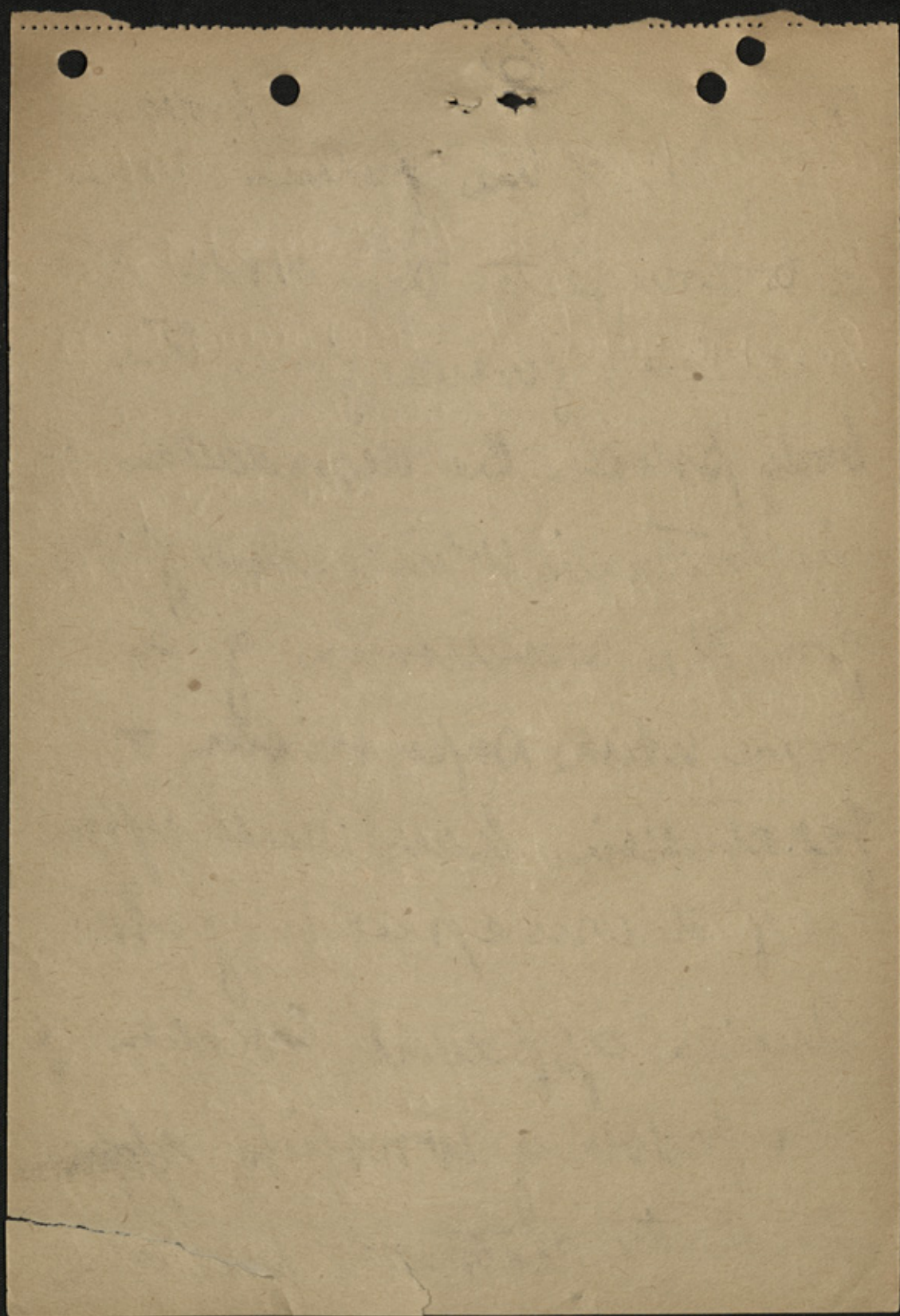
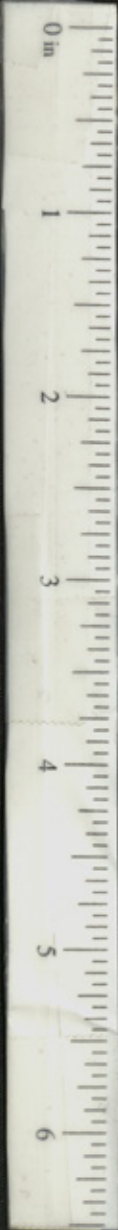
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be given over to every sort of
ambition, money seeking & self
seeking, without any positive
religious ~~at~~ practice or at-
tachment, yet it does not alter
the fact of the utter toleration
of the city, county, state & general
government ~~there is~~ there is
no holy office or sacred tribunal
to make inquisition of the wor-
shiper. It may be thought
that Utah is an exception
But it is not. The restriction
there is not at all against



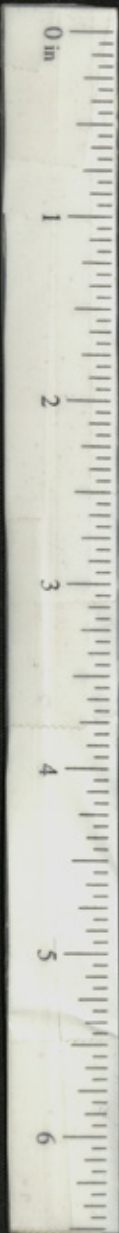
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a perfect freedom of worship
But because in their system of
government the Mormons have
violated a fundamental law of
the Republic. In every State
and in the United States bigamy
with its enlargement is a crime
with penalties more or less severe
attached. It once allowed there
is no other crime that might not
be as well covered by a pre-
sumption faith our rulers have
done wisely ~~to that~~ in making
persistent effort to suppress

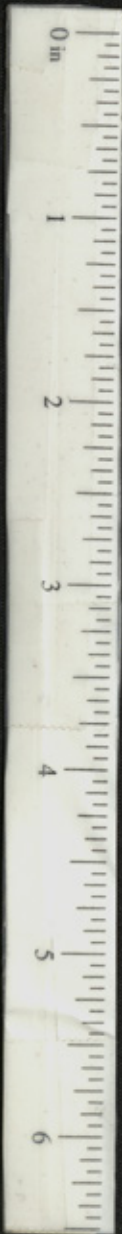


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It. One of the future ^{problems} will
be to complete this work &
eradicate forever from the
body politic the degradations and
the hindrances which must flow
from the commission of a
crime which superstition &
fanaticism have built upon
as if it were a pillar of state.

Another apparent violation of
the freedom of worship ~~appears~~
is in the restriction put upon

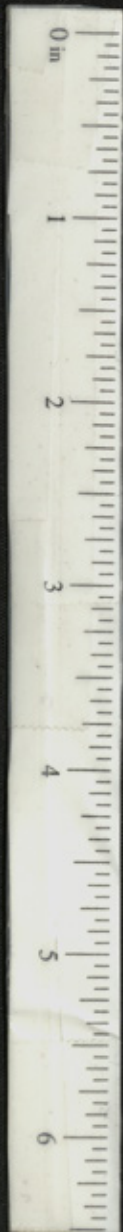


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Churches to prevent them from
receiving appropriations for their
Church purposes & especial for
their religious schools this
however is not in any way
a violation of the ^{principle of the} freedom of
Worship. But an honorable
and just rule which will tend
more to secure freedom than to
destroy it. If the privileges of
the public money should be
given to the Jews it must be
given to the Gentiles & to the

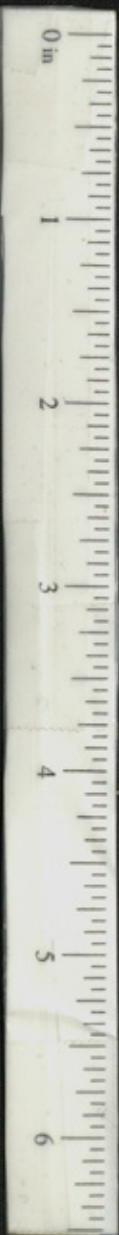


Roman the Greek & the Lutheran
 it must also be secured to the
 Protestant, the Congregational,
 the Methodist, the Friends and
 other churches. In fact all
 benevolent organizations would
 have an equal right to put their
 lands into the public crib.

We do indeed by a relentless
 divorcement of church & State
 give the largest liberty to people
 of every name who come to
 dwell within our borders to
 serve the Lord their God

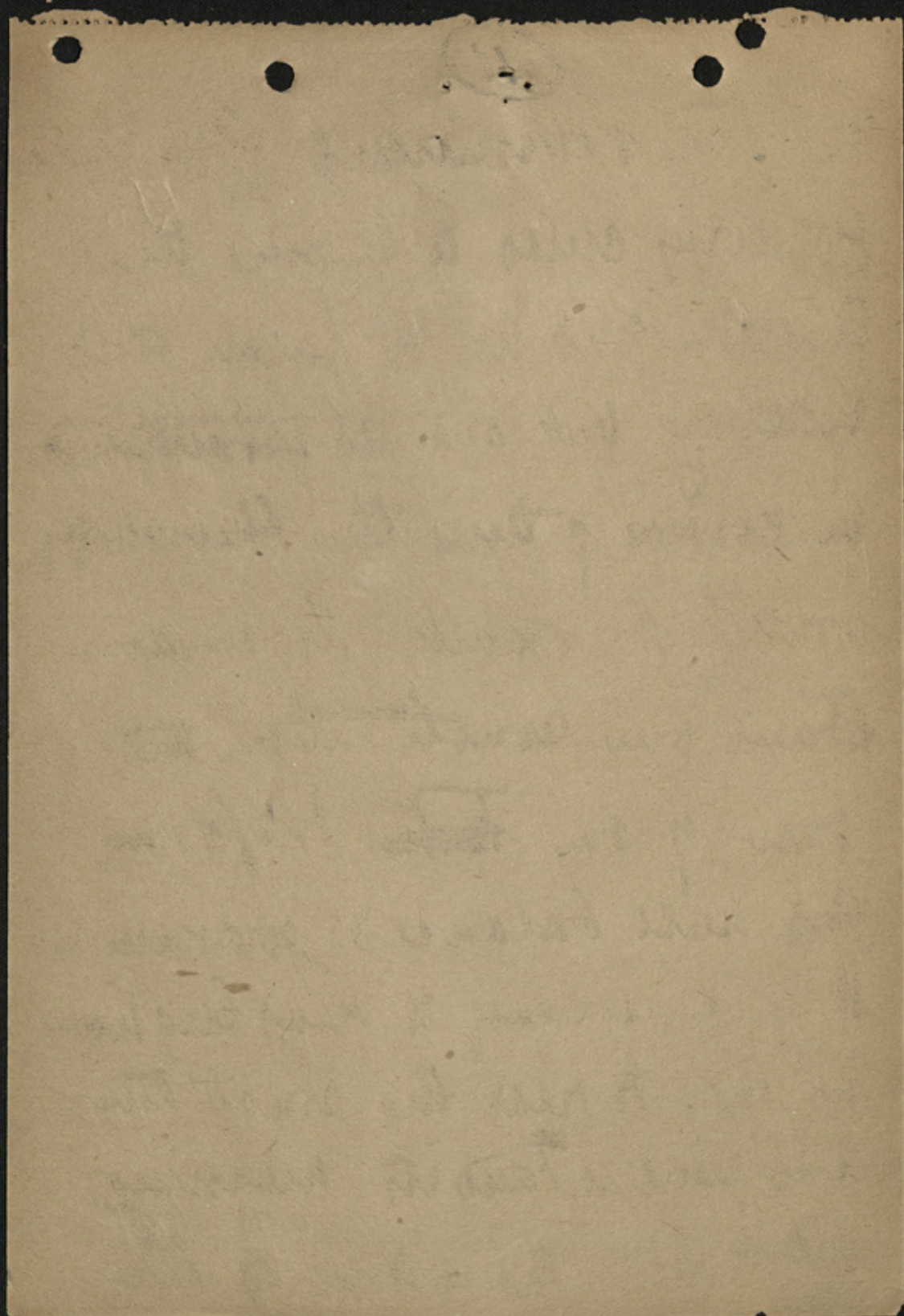
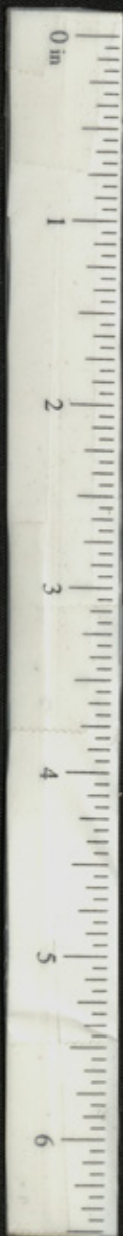


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according to the dictates of
conscience but it is of
course that conscience which
enables that man or body
of men to discriminate between
that which is right & that
which is wrong with a strong
impulse to the right, a
second problem for the im-
mediate future in the
line of freedom of worship
is to secure beyond per-
adventure every community
in the Republic against the



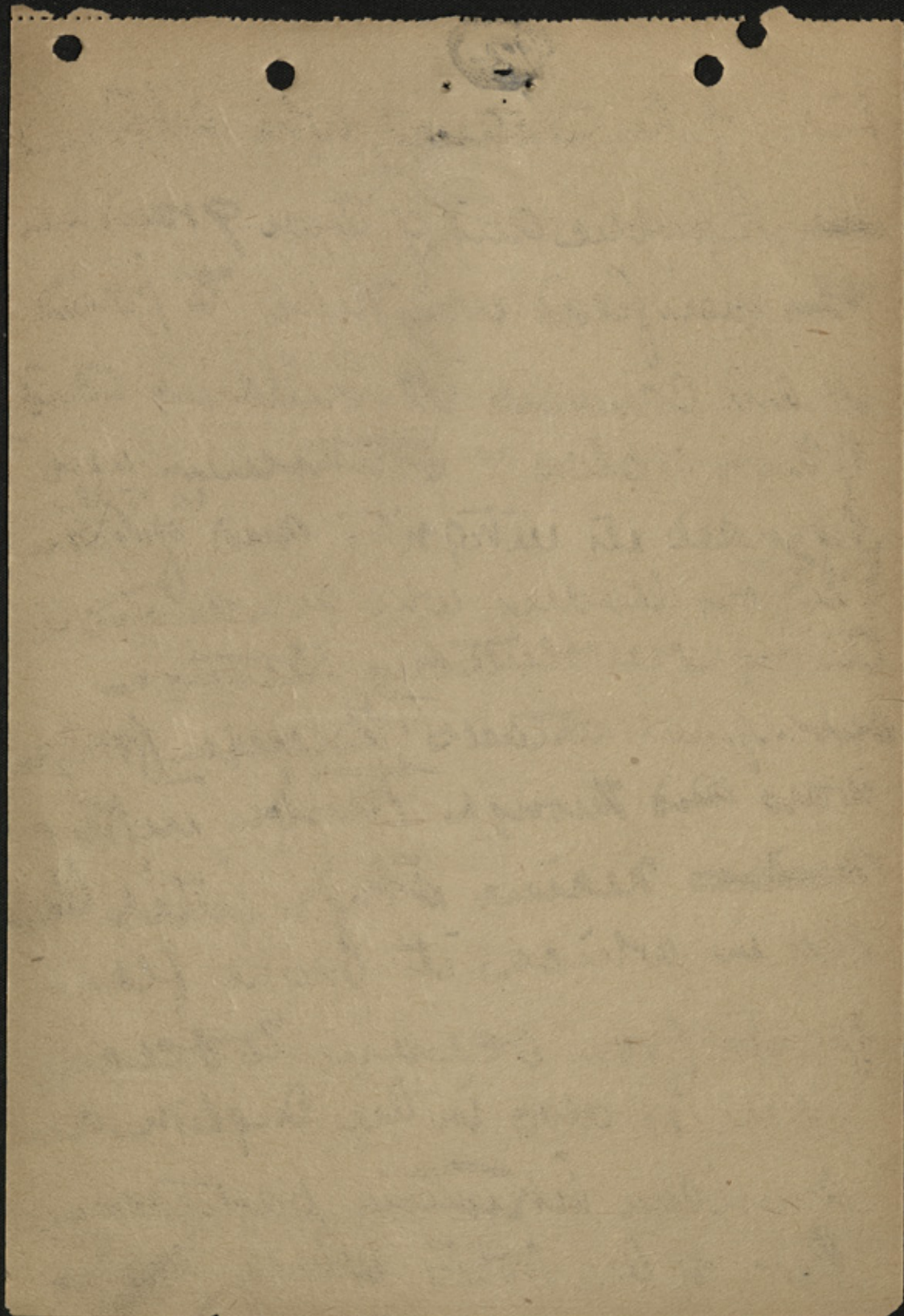
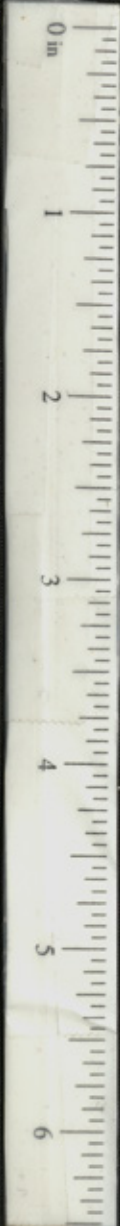
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use of the public money for
Church organization. To
restrict children from teaching
religion to their people in any
living or dead language would
be wrong it would be a cruelty to
the foreign born it would be a
robbery of the privileges of
families & children but to re-
quire all children in the Republic
to read & speak the English lan-
guage seems essential not
to the freedom of worship but



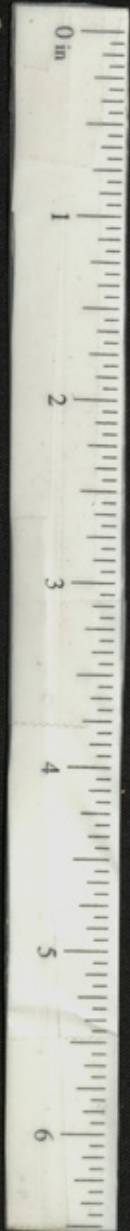
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to a free government. This rule
for every chief to learn the
English need not be harsh and
upsetting but one so established
in course of time this knowledge
would be the result. To under-
stand our ~~constitution~~ the
basis of our ~~free~~ tri-form
and well balanced government
it is necessary to read English
not only to read the constitution
and understand its meaning
but to read the stories of the



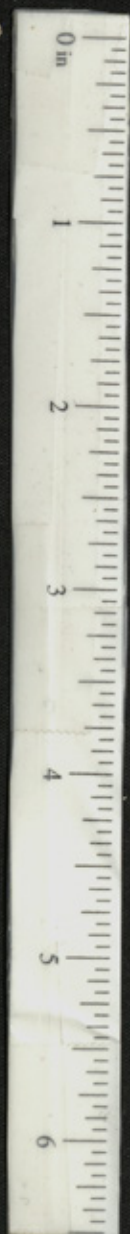
lives of the Patriots who established
 the Republic and of those grand men
 who sacrificed everything to found
 it and commenced its building and
 of those orators & statesmen who
 defended its integrity and ^{as well} ~~of those~~
 of those leaders who conducted it
 through revolutions, through
 subsequent attacks, through foreign
 wars and through times inter-
~~mediate~~ ^{mediate} ~~shift~~ ^{shift} until this
 day in which its bright flag
 floats from ocean to ocean.

There is also in the English an
 American literature particularly
 that of the poets which makes

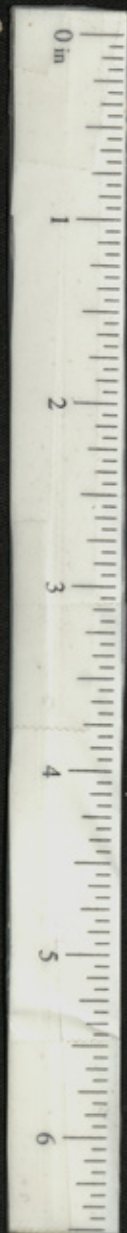


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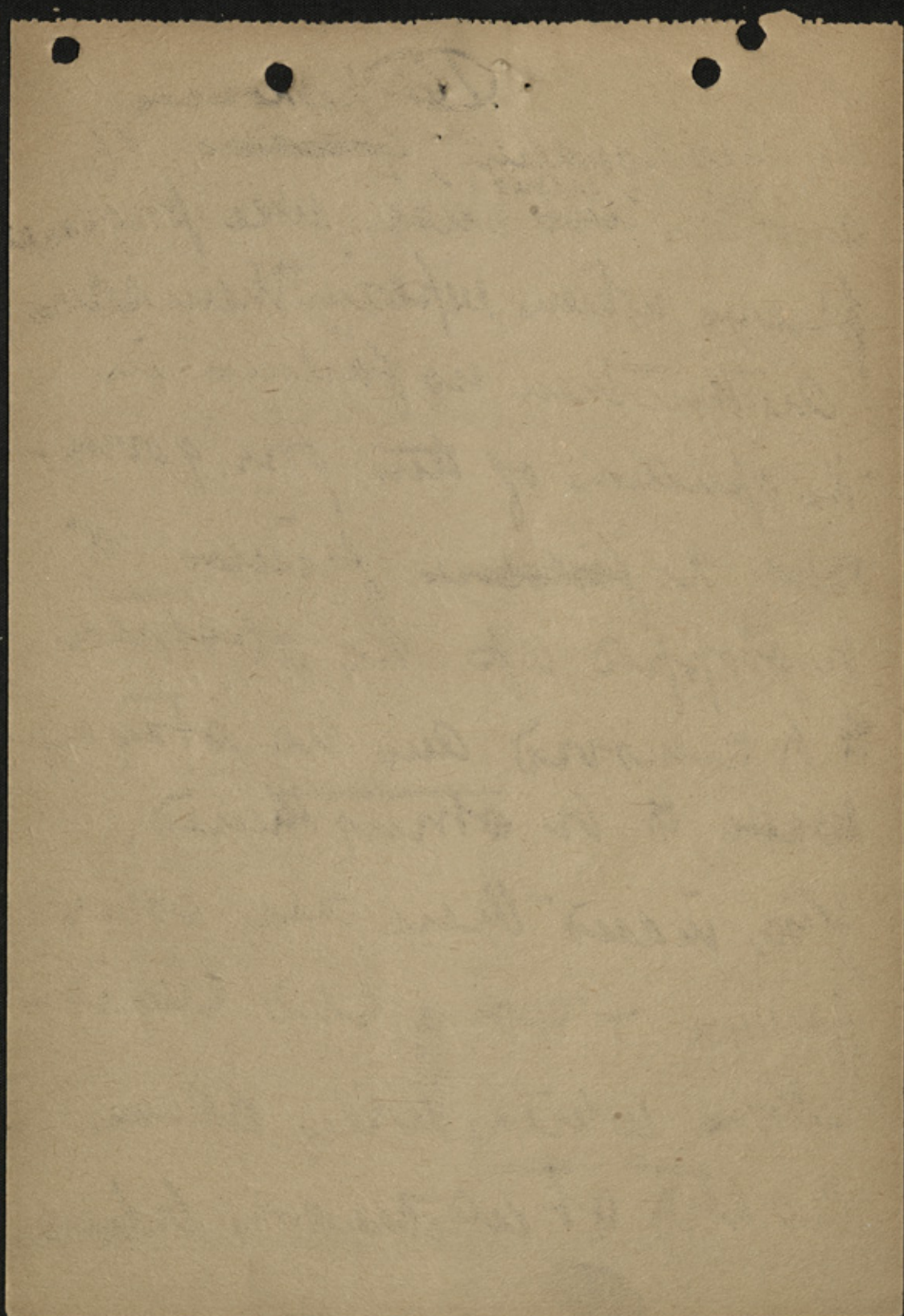
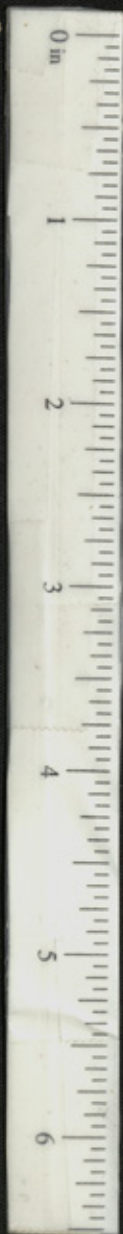
the spirit of free institutions
~~from the~~ growing up from the
days of the revolution even to this
time when a Dancoff & a Whittier
having accomplished their earthly
part have been added to a
higher sphere the spirit of
literature & poetry can seldom
be transfused into any other
language - than that where in
it was born & manifested its
power. If I had Charles Sumner
power of utterance I would say
to the young men of the future



in tones they could not forget;
 show the common school;
 extend them to every nook &
 corner of the republic; for the
 normal schools and in fact all
 schools of a higher grade which
 must furnish proper teachers,
 and guard the common schools
 as one does the apple of his
 eye for through them will
 come first the knowledge
 of English second knowledge
 of American authors third the
 lessons of American patriotism
 in public & private and foreign

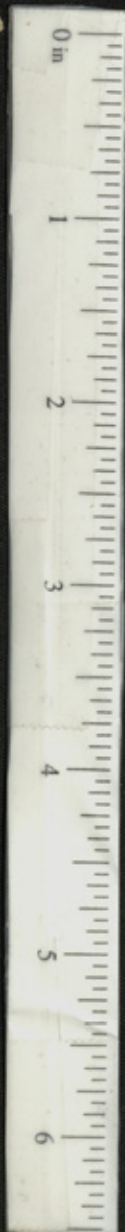


the practical lessons which
 must afford proper facilities
 in the business of every day
 life. We may not disguise it
 there are hierarchies there are
 men in high places, there are
 secret societies there are the
 advocates of absolutism, there
 are the blind and ignorant
 home born & foreign born any
 and all of whom detract our
 free schools & with a sneer
 often call them godless schools
 nurseries of vice, for fires of



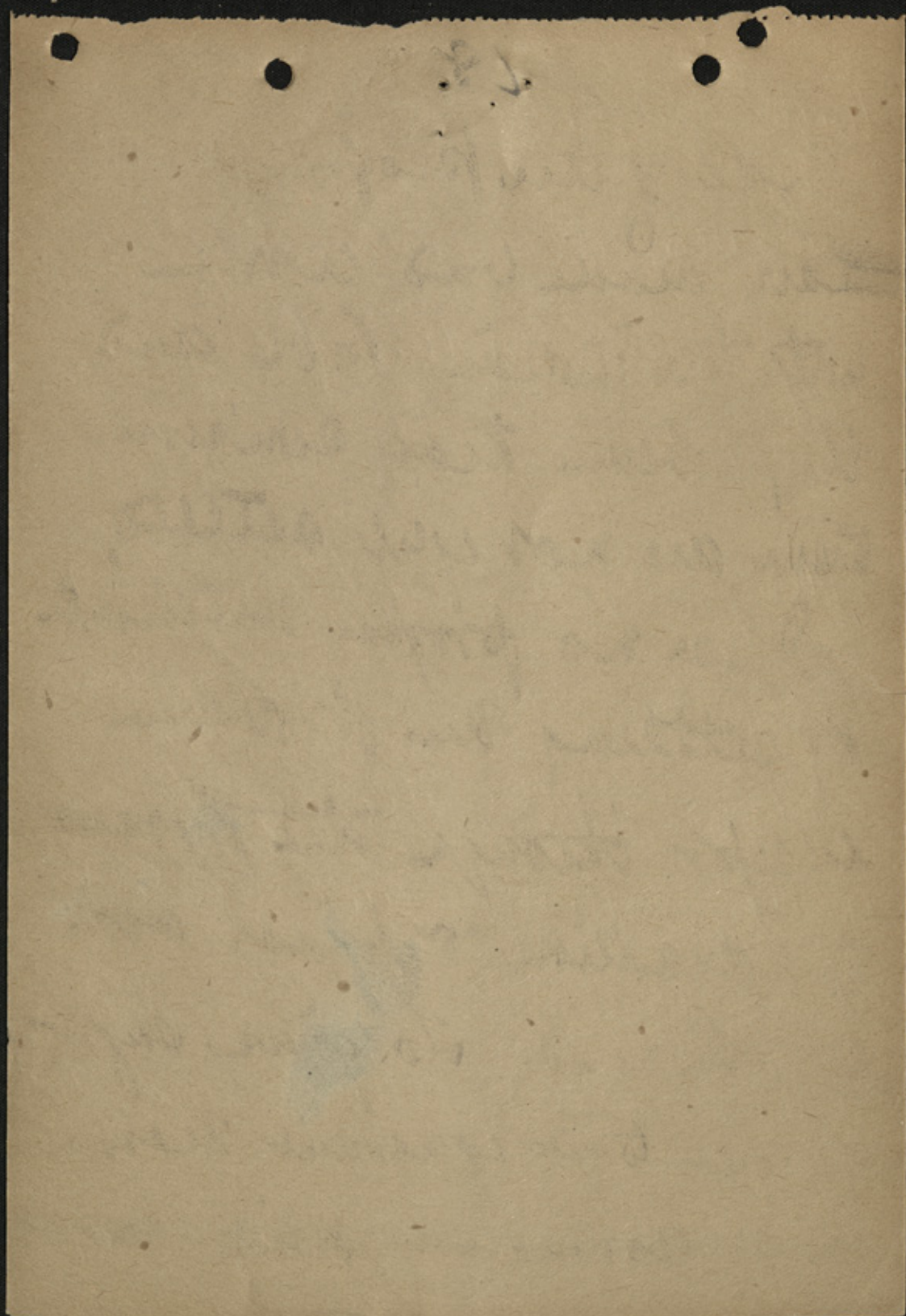
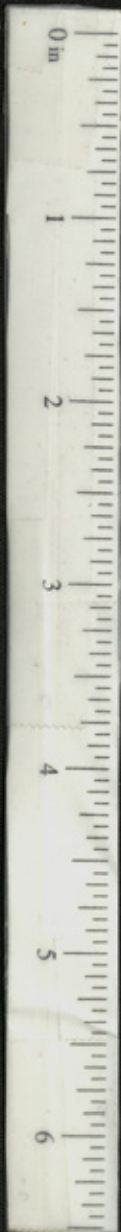
The ~~known~~ ^{known}
fancied equality, ~~and~~ ^{and} of
ambition ~~and~~ ^{using} such like pregnant
phrases when explain them selves
are there then no failures in
the operation of this free govern-
ment no ~~fixtures~~ fixtures to
be stopped up no obstacles
to be removed and no staying
walls to be strengthened.

Yes indeed there are some
failures + some sad limit-
ations which may seem
sighted of at once as below



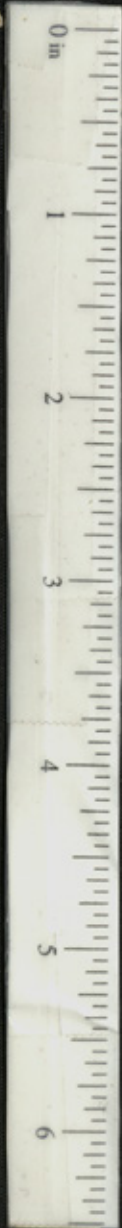
with no other tripitation.

The very definition of a Republic of the people by the people and for the people implies that such a government should embrace all the people in its provisions and secure to them just rights and privileges. there is no place for large bodies of men but



Side of the people we
have made bad work
with the Indian tribe and
the problems that concern
them are not yet settled.

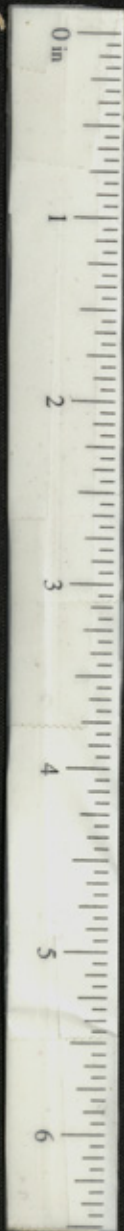
I see no proper method
of settling this problem
except through the process
of education to final ab-
sorption to To give suf-
fage to ignorant masses
is of course an evil a



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danger ~~but~~ but to leave
them in hopeless entanglement
to ignorance superstition &
anarchy is worse.

This problem of the Indians
of the Chinamen and of other
masses of immigrants is one
that we must commit to the
study and the solution of
those who shall rule this
land I mean of the en-
lightened citizens of the



growing
vice of intemperance, how to
prevent our children from the
poison of alcohol which is
pressed to their lips by the
owners of millions of money
+ by the pursuers of ^{gain} gain.
This problem has stirred my
heart + brain more deeply
perhaps than any other +
I compare that between the
freedom of individual action
+ the necessary + potent restraint
of selfishness I gravitate +
do not clearly see the

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Republic during the next
twenty five years probably
the solution will be found in
raising somewhat the stand-
ard of citizenship and in-
vesting it with rights + priori-
ty + responsibilities to
make it honorable. The problem
of immigration in the light
of the golden rule that
is the rule of unselfishness
will probably be the hardest
one to solve. Yet it ap-
pears to me that our young
men will eventually take it

and deliver it with out detri-
ment to the broadest humanity
we never find with Threshers
more grain in the stalk
than the machine can receive
and clean^{er} if we do the
cylinder is clogged the
wheels are stopped and the
machine is injured often
by and repair. So we may
not entertain an overplus
of immigrants not more than
the looper of our civiliza-
tion will sustain. To guard
if we may change the
figure the life of the
republic it may be

necessary ~~to make~~ to enact
some law of restraint and
I think all parties would
soon agree to such a re-
striction provided such
a law was to take effect
ten or fifteen years after
the date of its enactment.

In my judgment however
a law like that once en-
acted should not be par-
tial aimed against the
people of some individual
nation but ~~un~~impartial,
universal. There are plenty
of other problems for example
how to deal with the

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the right way, The young ¹⁸⁹
men will probably find some
happier mean possibly in the
higher moral tone which the
children may reach that will
hinder men and women from
desiring to oppress their fellow
men and woman for their
own advantage. There is the
problem of woman's suffrage
of woman's rights & privileges
& protection how best secured
in law and in fact the dis-
cussion ^{is} ~~has~~ already before
the people and probably when

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the women who give such
joy and blessing to human
society shall again and de-
termine the problems which
affect them are a record
the great ~~dis~~ controversy of
a financial character which
has just arisen will most
probably soon be approxi-
mately settled yet new conditions
will arise & new questions
call for wise answers. Our
fathers wisely made general
provisions touching the finance
our young men will doubt-
less follow their example
I have but one suggestion

to make in the words of
our favorite statesman
Benjamin Franklin it is
"That honesty is the ^{best} ^{policy}" At the ^{officials of the} government
be as thoroughly honest
with each citizen as it
always expects the citizen
to be in their dealings with
the government