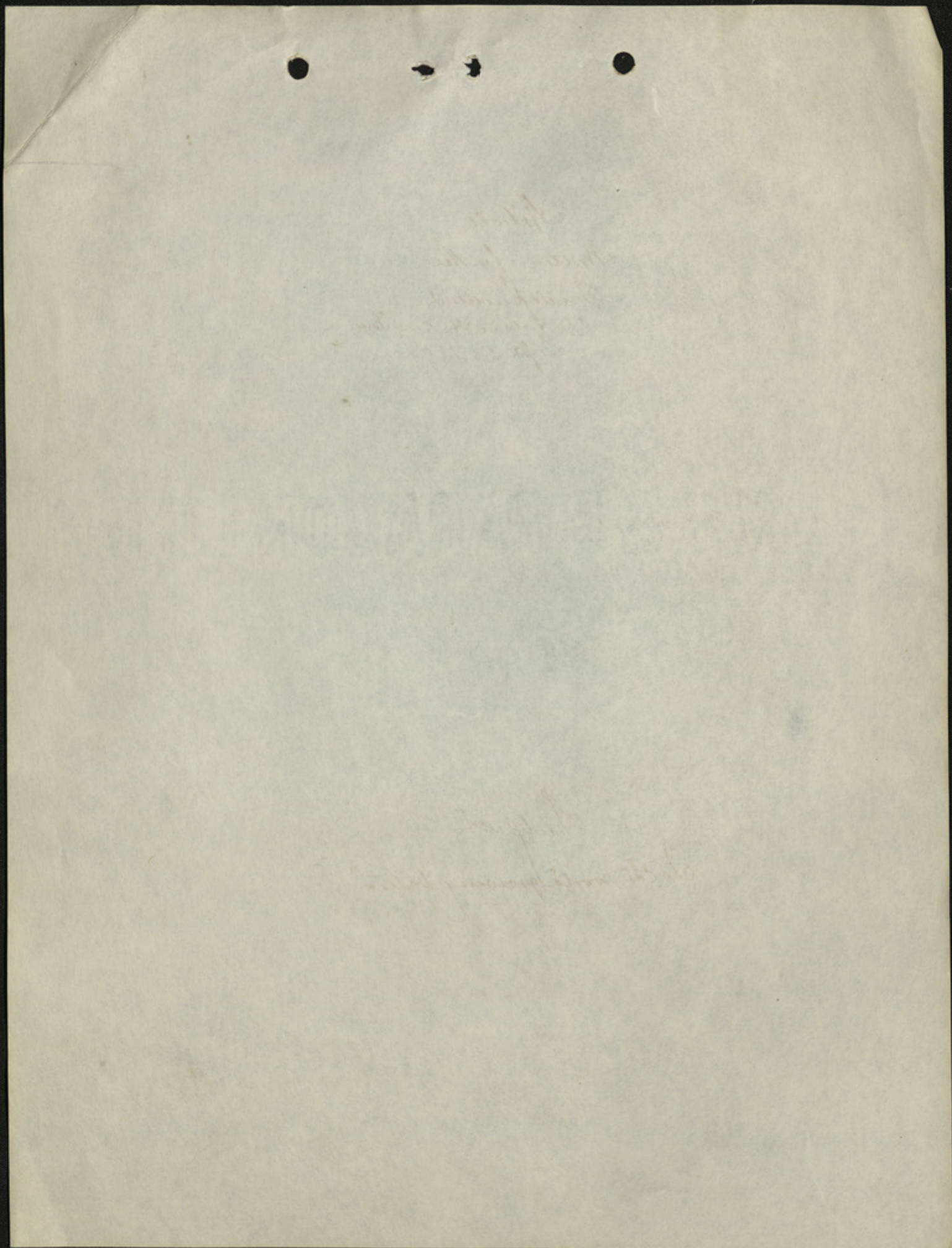
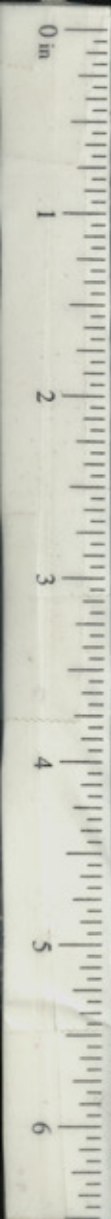


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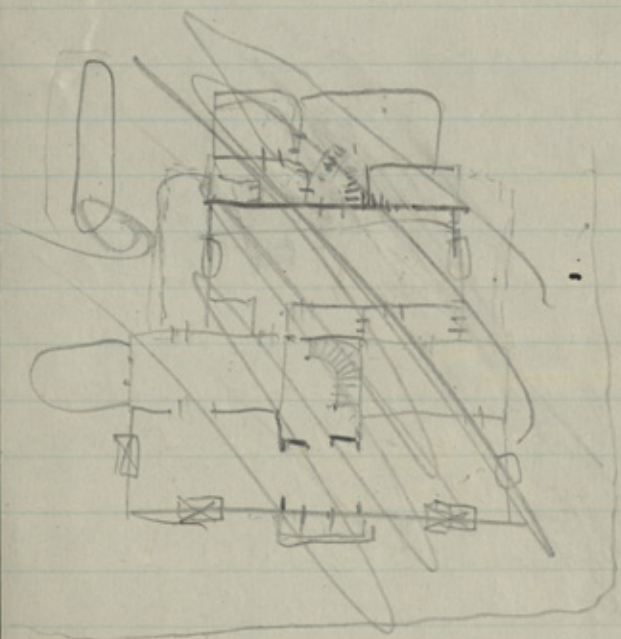
Is the World growing better?

All sanguine men say, yes,
indirectly ~~the~~ pessimists say no.
~~yet~~ Those who have ^{been} guided by
the light of Revelation are
by no means ^{to be found} on the
same side of this question.
But the main portion of
them, — those who follow
the injunction of Our
Lord ^{who or said} ~~who~~ ^{to} go into all the
world to proclaim the
good tidings of his gospel
are ^{hopeful and} ~~not~~ looking for
appropriate results. They pray;
~~they~~ ^{they work} ~~hope~~; they watch for every
sign of progress. They sing as
they believe & believe as they
sing: ^{may} ~~may~~ ^{that} ~~that~~ ^{camp} ~~camp~~
the Ocean.
Bright tidings from afar,



of Nations in even motion,
prepared for years war.

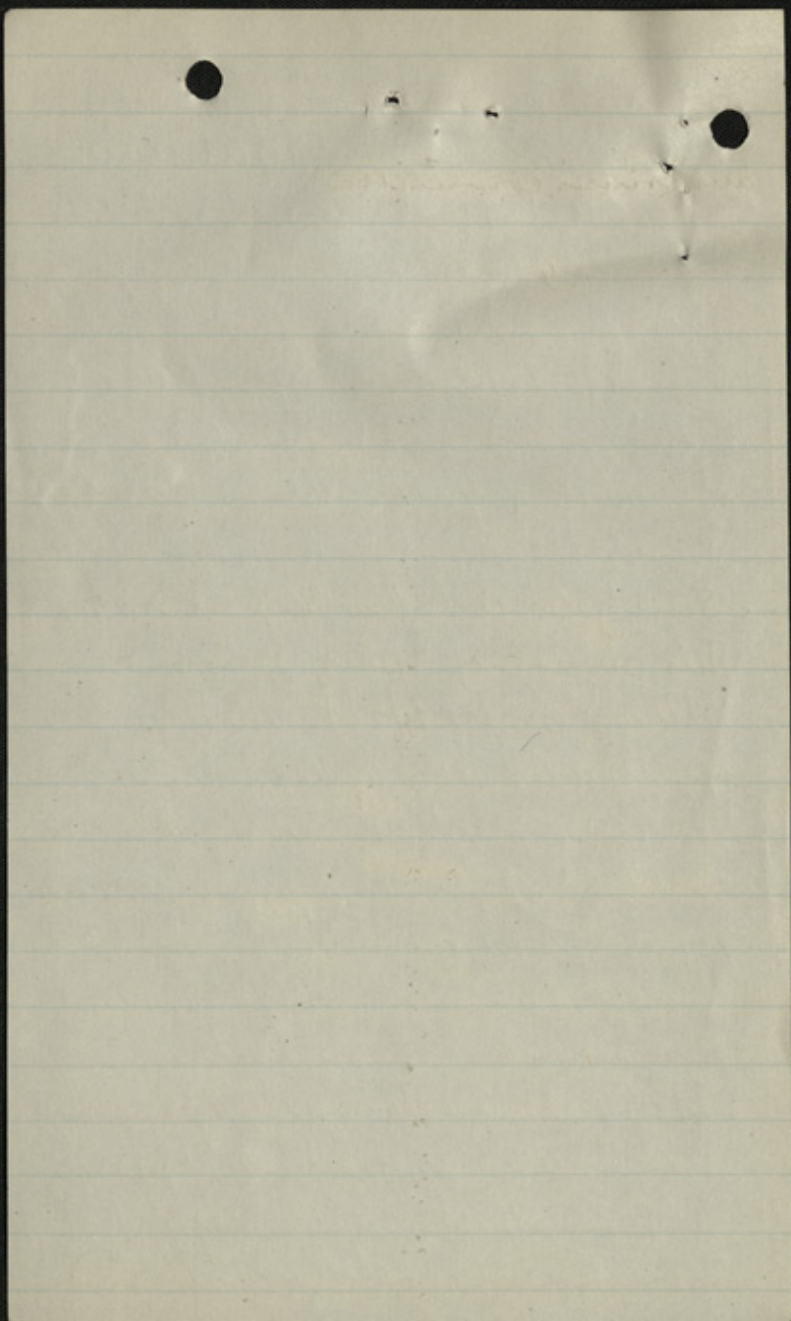
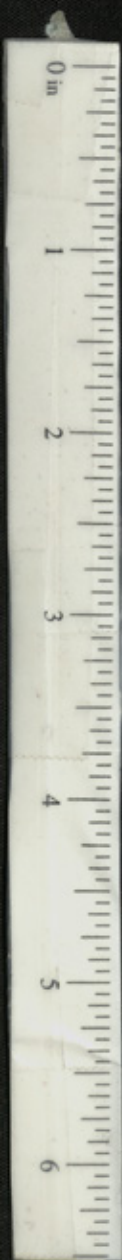
A mist may hang over the
land for ^{a time} days, or showings of
rain may fall, such
either as ^{they} ^{do} ⁱⁿ ^{the} spring
~~time~~, or North East storms
may set in and continue
unabated for a week or
more, yet the farmer never
doubts that the air will
be clear again - and that
the sun will soon or late
break forth in all his
beauty & glory. So those who
look for the world to grow
better & better until the
millennium - behold all
the drawbacks, all the
discouragements, all the
hints of indifferent folks, all
the clouds of mischief and



the dreadful storms of war
and famine, and pestilence
and crimes committed
^ that captivate human society =

But they never waver in
their expectation that these
dreadful things will pass
away, and that the great
Lion of righteousness, with
healing in his wings will
surely come forth; and at
this evening every mist &
cloud will melt away
from the Lord's moral & spiritual
world - then ^{that} peace & joy will
among men will reign
triumphant. And ^{that} all this
joy & gladness will be right
here upon this earth!

How diametrically opposite
are ^{the} equally sincere interpreters
of Holy Writ, who say that
men have mistaken the



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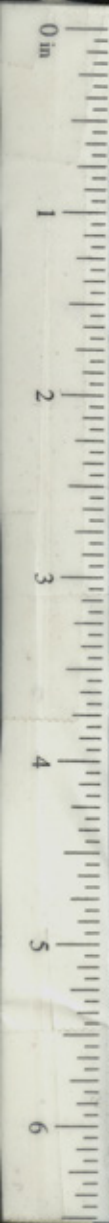
Scriptures: ^{that} they have been
decided by ^{constantly} ^{most} prophets.
for, they affirm ^{that} the world
is not to grow better in its
religions & and in its morality,
but ever worse & worse,
until it ~~compasses its~~
~~final destruction~~ shall
in its very excess of of villainy
compass its own destruction.
They collect the passages of
the Bible which hopeful
prophets ^{have} ~~declared~~ long ago
~~to have been~~ fulfilled:
and use them to emphasize
their present interpretations
and predictions. for example
the words of our Lord when
speaking of the Temple
at Jerusalem: "Take
heed that no man deceive

deceive ^{you} for many
shall come in my
name, saying I am
Christ; and shall deceive
many.

And ye shall hear of
wars & rumors of wars:
see that ye be not troubled
: for all these things must
come to pass, but the
end is not yet.

For nation shall rise
against nation &
kingdom against kingdom
: and there shall be famines
& pestilences, and earthquakes,
in divers places. All these
are the beginnings of
sorrows.

It is of no avail for those
who are ^{too much} filled with hope
as to be assured of a glorious



and happy future for the children of men to point out the other sayings of the great teacher which make it plain that all his predictions in this connection were to be ~~the~~ within the lives & experience of those very disciples who were listening to his words..

Yes, yes the terrible calamities did come. The friends of Christ did suffer "great tribulation". But these prophecies of Christ are like those of all the great prophets. They had a direct & immediate reference to things taking place or soon to take place, yet they have a remoter reference also ^{to} the

a new order of things, and the
to things taking place or soon
a Christ & immediate appearance
great prophets. They had
like those of old the
prophecy of Christ was
fulfilled. And then
Christ and suffer great
tribulation. The people of
the world. The terrible calamities
are to be seen. 2..

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end of the world. The
transpiring events were
only types of greater
events which shall
come to pass before the
cup of mixed drinkings
shall be full -

And it will be after the
sorrows, the wars, the
calamities, the prevailing
wickedness shall have
reached their highest
water mark that the

wonderful ^{heavenly} words ^{of} ~~apocalypse~~
Jesus will ^{then} fully
apply to us:

"Immediately after the
tribulations of those days
shall the sun be darkened
, and the moon shall not
give her light, and the
stars shall fall from

The above is a list of the
 names of the persons who
 were present at the meeting
 of the Board of Directors
 of the Company, held on
 the 1st day of January, 1881.
 The names of the persons
 who were present at the
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 Directors, held on the 1st
 day of January, 1881, are
 as follows:

And the four corners
of the heavens shall be
shaken:

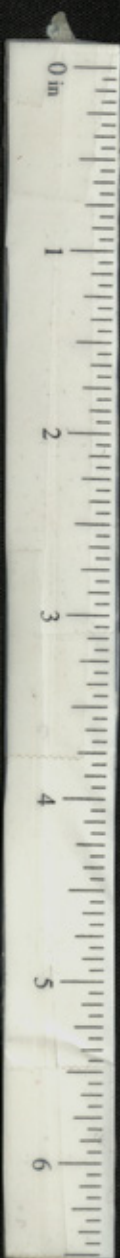
And then shall appear
the sign of the Son of
Man in heaven: and then
shall all the tribes of the
earth mourn, and they
shall see the Son of Man
coming in the clouds of
heaven with power & great
glory.

And he shall send his
angels with a great sound
of a trumpet, and they
shall gather together
his elect from the four
winds, from one end of
heaven to the other."

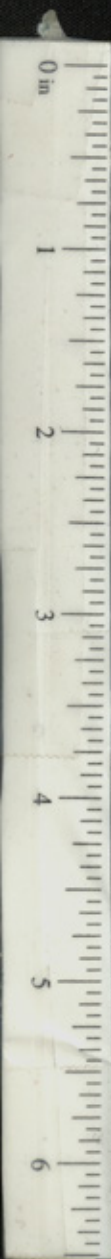
We sympathize, for chance
 ever-hopeful people
 look ~~on~~ forward
 a step and find their
 consoling words from
 the same divine source

"Verily I say unto you,
 This generation shall
 not pass till all
 these things be
 fulfilled."

Ah. we are glad to see
 that all those terrible
 calamities which were
 the result of the excessive
 wickedness of that period
 were to end with that
 generation - just as we
 rejoice that there will be
 no more flood over the



be
the whole earth. But
just as men settling
down to this comfort
ing ~~settling~~ settlement
of a vexed question,
what is our con-
clusion when a
scholarly friend makes
us turn to the more
youthful translated generation
and find that race is
an approved meaning
in the Greek lexicon.
So that the passage may
mean that ~~the Jewish~~
~~race~~ our Lord ~~was~~ saying
will be fulfilled before
the Jewish race shall
pass away! That
hardy race never
passes away. Spain & now
Russia expel them. But

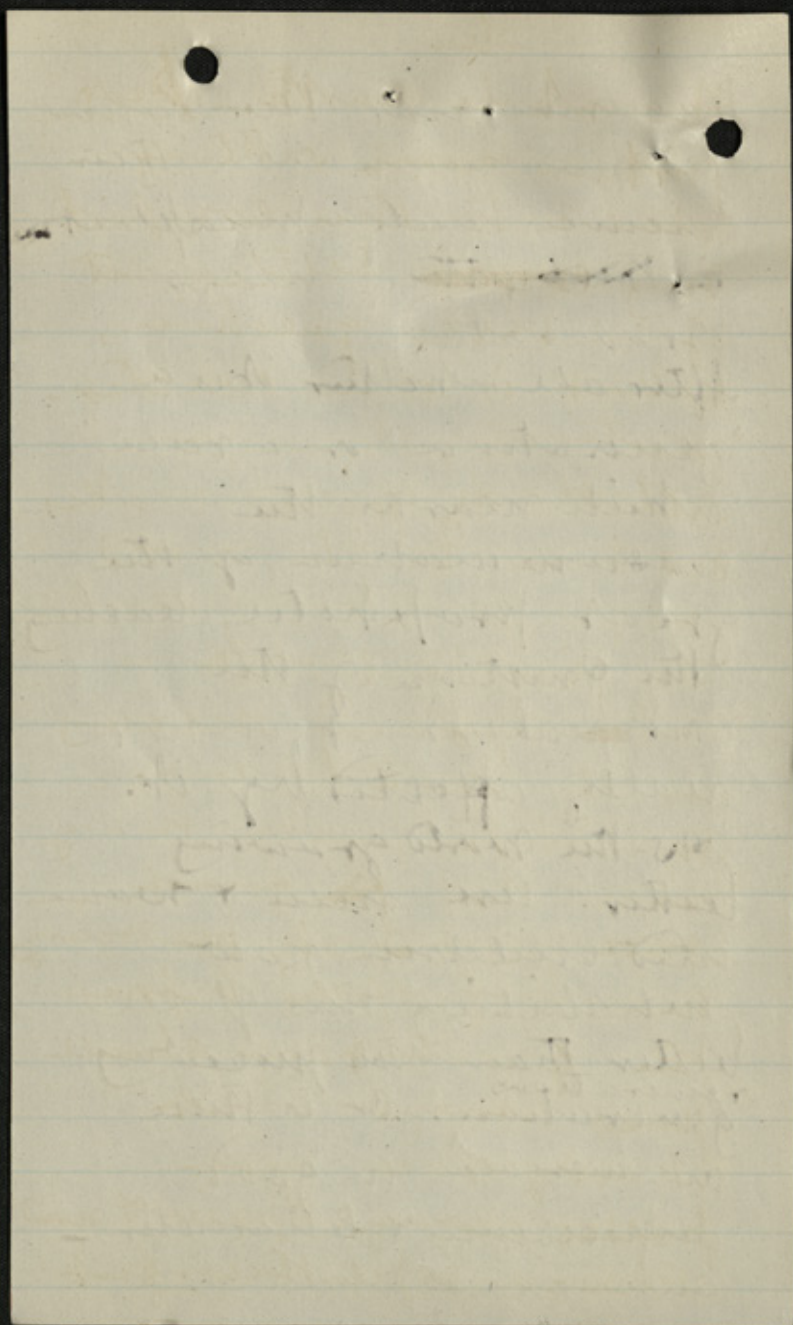
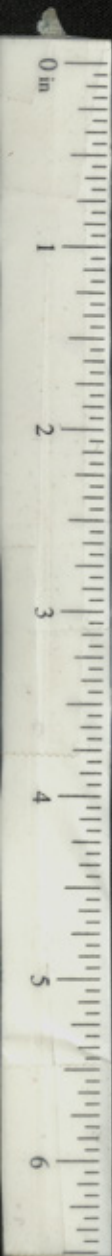


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however great the sorrow
& suffering produced, their
enemies only transplanted
~~to the~~; they never
radiate.

After all whether it is a
"generation" or a "race"
which marks the
consummation of the
great prophetic teaching
the question of the
independent is not
really affected by it.

Is the world growing
better? Are men & women
and children now
inhabiting this globe
better than the preceding
^{generations} generation? Or is there
an increase in good
dispositions & character, -
an increase which may



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nam^{its} ediss + back sets
like the ^{lower waters} ~~mouth~~ of Hudson
~~but~~ but still still
continuous a steady ~~flow~~
increment and onward
flow toward the Ocean
of Supreme Good?

This is a question
of fact - but it is a
fact which a finite
mind can hardly
determine.

If a ^{good} man ~~finds~~ himself
~~has been living~~ through ~~two~~ or
three generations - he
cannot ^{exactly} decide that he is
growing better or has
grown better. He inspects
the innocence of his childhood,
the trifleness of his youth,
and the vagaries of his
manhood; he is never quite

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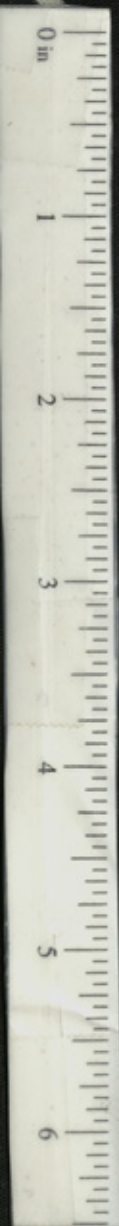
satisfied that he has grown
in character & in good
dispositions. He is very
much inclined to see the
weaknesses, the faultiness,
and the shortcomings.

Perhaps he is not intrinsically
better; yet he has had a
steady purpose to do right.

The Spirit of the Almighty
has been helping him, has
been moulding him. He

is worth more to his family,
to his church, to society, to
the world. He has constantly
contributed to promote the
character of children & youth
by his living and to

multiply good dispositions
all around him. All this
increasing work, enlarging
with his days, has indeed made



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The world happier & better
because this good man
has been living thro.

Two or three generations.

Are there many such
men? Yes. The world is
full of them. They are
found in every nation on
the globe. Our Heavenly
father cannot fail to
deal in his own way
with every human soul,
and while I would never
think of using this fact to
shirk our responsibility
toward each other, I would
never, never forget that
"God is love" & that He is
everywhere.

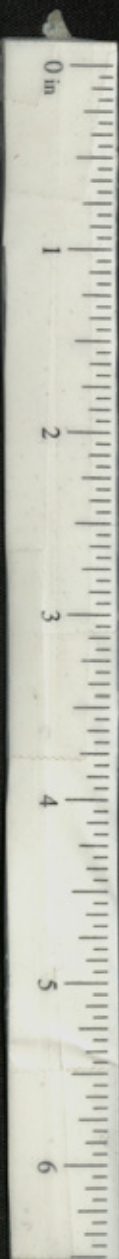
We may, here & there, test
the condition of men &
women in their character &

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dispositions. On a large
steamer in mid ocean
with over seven hundred
passengers drawn from
~~many~~ nations & different
classes of society. There
came a sudden
calamity. The main
shaft of the engine broke.
Great holes were made
in the bottom of the hull,
and three compartments
were filled with water.

At first & for over 30
hours there was extreme
danger that all would
perish. The passengers
came together in the
~~fore~~ fore-part of the
steamer. All classes
mingled freely. Of course
there was fear. Some were



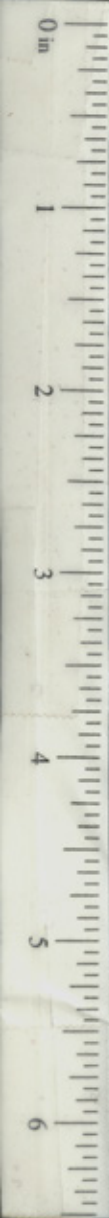
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terrified losing self-control.
Many had lost all the
possession they had with
them.

Now during all this time
of ~~great~~ ^{great} strain &
extraordinary trial, the
people with scarcely
an exception were
noticeably kind one
to another.

Prejudices of race & religion
did not appear to hinder
that spirit of the Great
Master which teaches men
to be helpful one to
another & to show love
one for another.

Such an exhibition
of ^{two} human beings taken
at random from the race
could hardly have been



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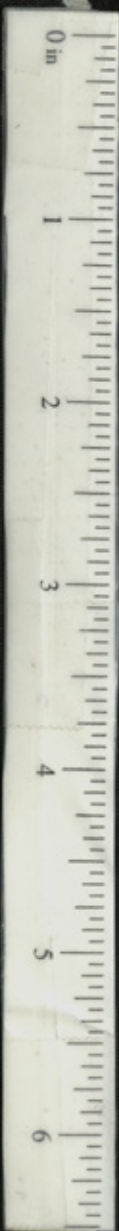
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found a century ago.

The World's fair at
Chicago has brought together
millions of men, women &
children from the four
quadrants. The vast majority
have been self-respecting
honest, law abiding and
full of kindness to each
other. Jews & Gentiles,
Pagans & Christians, men
whose ancestors fought
unrelentingly to the bitter
end have sat down
together under the same
awnings & gracefully
compared notes, & discovered
of the Great Universal ^{Harmon} &
Governor of the Universe.

Crimes, Crimes, Crimes!
The press is full of them!



The first of these is the
Chicago has brought together
a number of men who were
at one time from the same
place. The first meeting
was held in the self-sufficiency
club of the city and
the first of the series to meet
was on the 1st of June.
The first meeting was
held in the city of Chicago
and the first of the series
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in the city of Chicago.

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yes, but it was only
seven desperados that
stopped the lightning express
on the Lake Shore: while
five hundred people who
were stopped & imperiled
utterly abhorred & condemned
the crime of the fiendish
seven. ~~but~~

But three robbers have
roused all the State of
Michigan to a righteous
indignation, ^{expressing} ~~that it~~
is possible for any
sort of men to commit
such horrible outrages
as to risk the sacrifice of
a thousand people to
enable them to steal
75,000 dollars in gold!

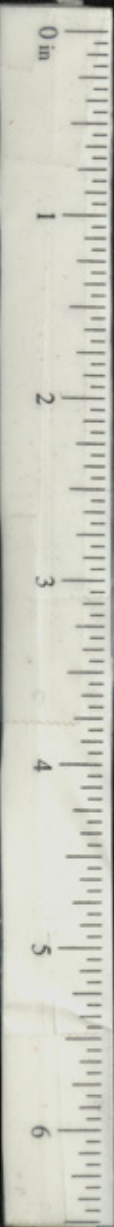
But I comfort myself by
saying - It is the few law breakers

Me.
against the multitude
whose purpose to keep
the land.

Me cry out. Why does not
the government, the
650,000,000 million, guard
their mail & their treasure
while in transit?
So can & it ought!

A friend ~~replies~~ answers
me - Oh. Yes - but there
is a more economic
way. Let the express
companies buy the
Gorliss Safe; which
robbers know they cannot
drill thro. or blow
up with dynamite.

What quick expedients
equal to emergencies. Yet these
ready expedients stranger than
evil inventions belong to



The first thing I noticed
was a faint, almost
invisible, light blue
glow. It was not
a bright, solid color, but
a soft, ethereal light that
seemed to emanate from
the very fabric of the
universe. It was a light
that was not of this world,
but of a higher, more
mysterious plane of
existence. It was a light
that had the power to
illuminate the darkest
corners of the soul, and
to reveal the hidden
truths of the universe.
It was a light that was
both gentle and powerful,
both mysterious and
undeniable. It was a light
that had the power to
transform the most
ordinary of things into
something extraordinary.
It was a light that was
the very essence of
life, and of the universe
itself. It was a light
that was the key to
understanding the
mysteries of the universe,
and the secrets of the
human mind. It was a
light that was the
bridge between the
known and the unknown,
between the visible and
the invisible. It was a
light that was the
source of all wisdom,
and of all knowledge.
It was a light that was
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was a light that was
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to all our problems.

of this generation.

The pessimist says: "The average man hates the preaching of the Man of God!" And it was not always so!"

I doubt the statement. The average man may dislike the form of the message.

But when Phillips Brooks with his strong heart & rapid voice, stopped at old Trinity in business hours, and cried There is hope, hope, hope for men - Broadway & Wall street filled the building to the doors.

The cities are obliged to erect Tabernacles that

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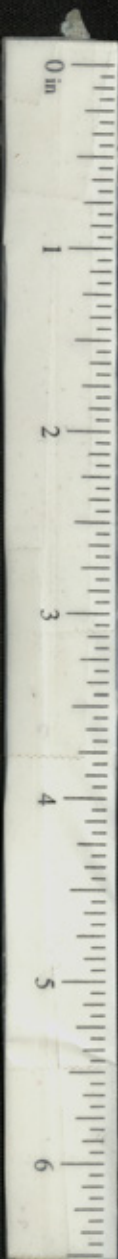
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will hold 10,000 & then
the people are ^{drawn} ~~drawn~~
to hear, a Spurgeon,
a Beecher, a Talmage
a Moody who
proclaims with clear
tones in the language
of the people "good
things of great joy"
who dwell not so
much upon our
duty ^{of every man} as upon the
great saving kindness
of our Heavenly Father
and the all sufficient
love of ~~the~~ the
Messiah, the son of
father & his exponent
to men!
May the Spirit fill the hearts
and mouths of the
present prophets with



the boundless joy of
a present salvation!
Then the average man
will ~~bring~~ ^{wealth} upon his
lips and turning face
and receive his message.

She admitted fact
that the vast majority
of mankind have
hope of a better, better
future now & hereafter,
and repeat with zest in
some form of utterance
"Surely goodness & mercy
shall follow me &
"I will dwell in the
"house of the Lord
"forever", is in itself
an earnest that good seed
is bringing forth good fruit.
That men have more than
a lawful increase in character
& good dispositions.

