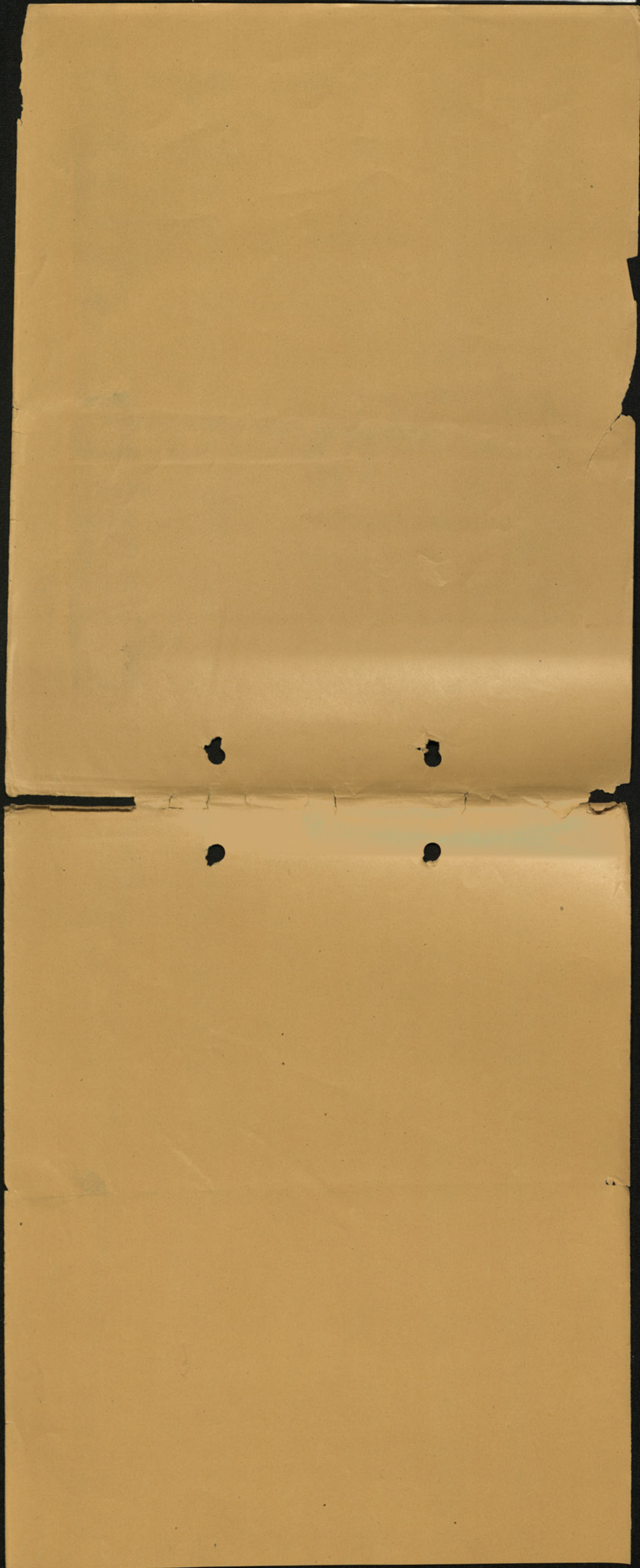
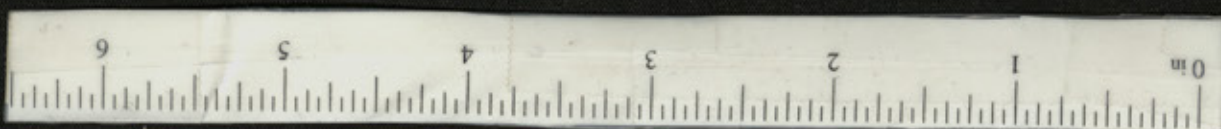


Example of Washington
Washington's Birthday.

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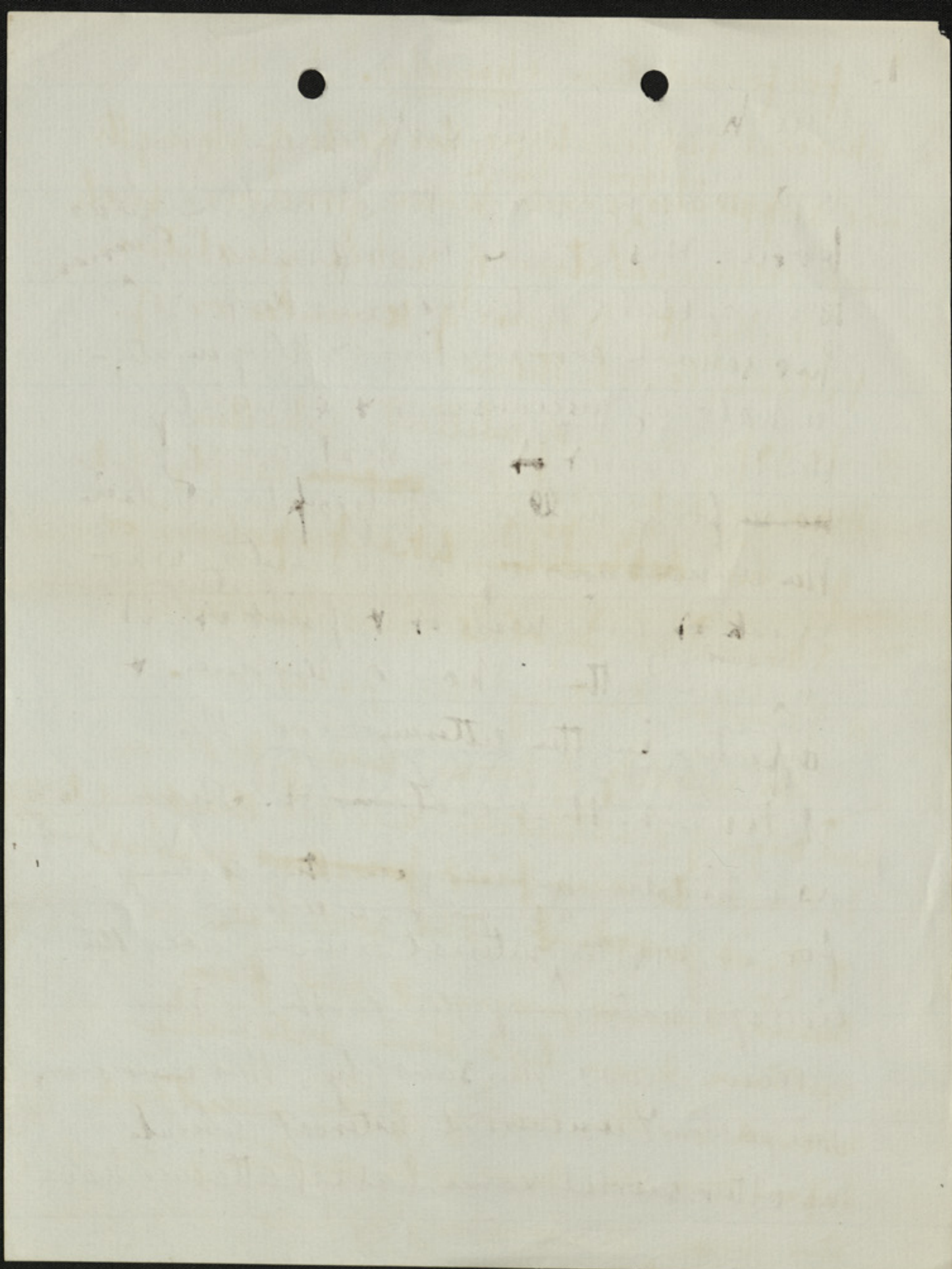
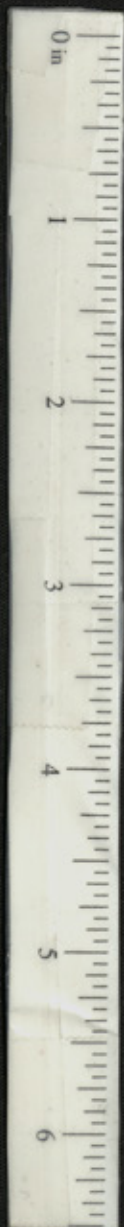
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Washington's Birth Day,

Address on Washington's Birthday, 1887.

One hundred and forty nine years ago today George Washington was born. His name is as familiar ^{in America} to every child of ten years as that of his school companion or playmate, - a halo of preciousness & sanctity clusters about ^{this name} ~~it~~ so that among ~~more~~ forty millions of people within the boundaries of his country who speak ~~it~~ and wish ~~it~~ & print ~~it~~, ^{the name} it is ^{invariably} done with a show of reverence & affection in the utterance or the statement. ~~that contains it~~. There is a hidden meaning in ^{the} ~~the~~ nature ^{of Washington} for it excites interest among all the civilized nations of the earth. This preciousness, this sanctity, this reverence, this peculiar universal interest which no other mortal name has yet attained have

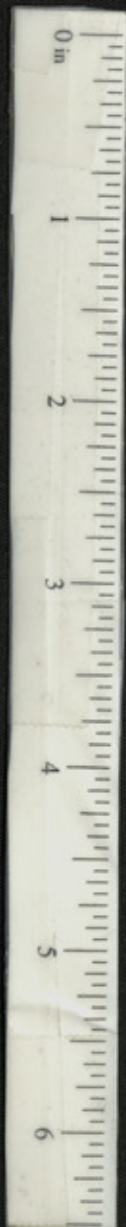


2. for foundation character. No mere
physical superiority, neither feats of strength
nor supplements ^{of frame & work} could have produced such
an accumulation of noble qualities.

Neither the powers of Hercules or of
Nemean ^{could} touch them.

No expansiveness of intellect, whether
massive like Webster's ~~even~~ crafty like
Jacob's: ^{grasping} ~~deduction~~ like Napoleon's or
shrewd as Sagola's has produced
a similar, lasting impression.

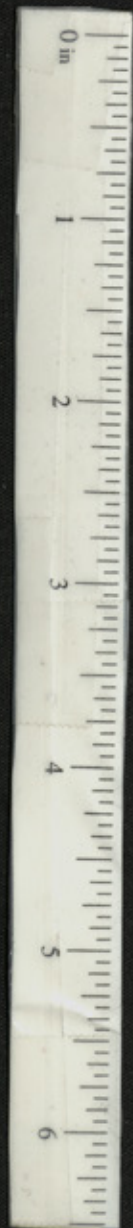
The nobility of form, manly presence
and vigor of constitution, we are thankful to say,
belonged to our first ~~president~~ general
& first president. The well balanced
mind, sound judgment and fair
culture have left their vigorous
record in the history of his eventful
life. But oh, how like nothing would
this mere scaffolding appear, were there



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3. not ~~the whole~~ ^{there behind it} ~~ness of soul~~ the solid
structure of uprightness; genuine honesty,
purity, love, ^{directly} without, within, above;
in brief, that wholeness of soul which
the word integrity has garnered, solidified
and crystallized.

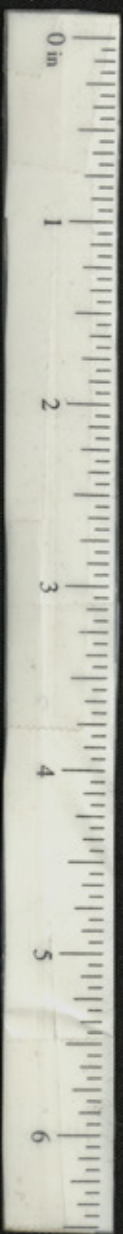
Who of us is not proud of the name
of Washington? Whose heart does not
go out toward him, toward his faithful
& devoted mother and his well-behaved
wife and all the intimates of his
boyhood & youth with unmounted
interest and singular affection? If in
the years of contention ^{we the people of these United States} forgetful of
his line upon line & precept upon precept,
forgetful of his warnings & his self-denying
examples ^{which were} left to us for our admonition,
~~we have~~ ^{we have} cherished ~~it~~ and sometimes
idolized other names more ^{than his} than the
worthy & unworthy, let us today turn



8. The first of the two main parts of the book is devoted to the history of the movement for the abolition of slavery in America. The second part is devoted to the history of the movement for the abolition of slavery in England. The book is written in a clear and concise style, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs and drawings. It is a valuable work for anyone interested in the history of the abolition movement.

to our earliest & best heroes, and
4 back to the contemplation of some
of those qualities which ^{in early life} made up
his character and which if we ~~can~~
steadily imitate & steadfastly follow, we
shall each fill no mean place in
history ~~life~~ and at least have the consciousness
that ~~the~~ somebody is happier & better
because of me are living in the
world.

It is a good thing for a young person
to learn early in life the distinction
between character & reputation. ^{one's reputation shows of possible good;}
Certainly it is important to have
a fair record; a good name is better than
rubies, more precious than ointment and
delightful to our friends - but how many
thousands of men of grand powers &
brilliant acquirements have made their
reputation the object & end of existence -
and ^{have} not ~~being~~ ~~that~~ been supremely
careful of the means of acquiring & preserving



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5) ^{They} ~~man~~ ^{woefully} ~~physically~~ ^{in the} failed ~~attempts~~ of keeping
~~religiously~~ and enjoying the fruits of their
efforts. Whereas the man ^{in search of} of a genuine
character, the man who makes ^{his} character
the object of his ~~strife~~ thought & his toil, can
~~never~~ ^{never} really fail.

The reputation which one enjoys is
rather what to his companions ^{or other men} he
appears to be. in its true sense
A man's character is what he
actually is. As the branch grows from the vine
so the reputation ^{grows from} the character
is complex of course &

The character of every man has epochs in its growth & development.

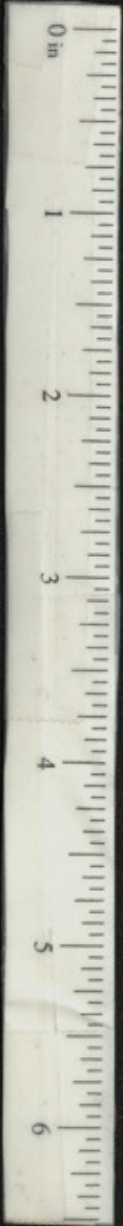
These epochs are often very, very important. They are forks in the roadway of life - go one way, your life grows better, stronger & happier - go the other way and your life becomes the worse, the weaker & ^{perpetually} troubled.

How wise then to study these epochs & examine well every pathway that branches

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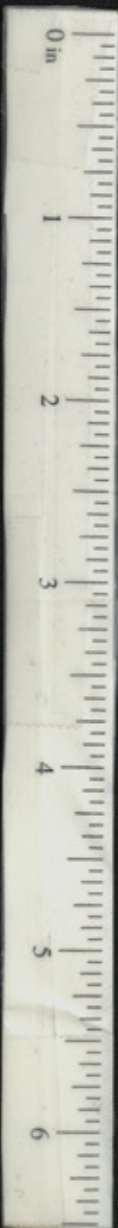


6) to the right & to the left. ^{With what interest have I observed these burning days in my own life}
It is not my object to ~~make~~ ^{make} an abstract ^{of the lives of those who were my companions} ~~discourse~~ ^{often} as ~~whimsical~~ ^{as} to the flesh, but

to put as much of my thought as possible ^{in concrete form} into ~~the concrete~~ ^{the concrete}. ~~My mind is resting~~ ^{Set the mind in rest} upon the noble, the exalted character of Washington. I invite you first to the cradle of its formation. It was ^{with} ~~an~~ that best gift of God, a good mother.

We enjoy Irving's reference to his early years: he says: George as his intellect dawned, received the rudiments of education in the best establishment for the purpose that the ^{neighborhood} afforded, -- an "old field school house"; humble enough in its pretensions & kept by one of his father's tenants named Hobbs. The instruction doled out by him must have been the simplest kind, reading, writing & ciphering, perhaps; but George had the benefit of mental & moral culture at home, from an excellent father.

But shortly after this teaching his father died. George was then but ten years old.



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7. That is about the age when a boy ^{begins to} ~~most~~ ^{especially to} need a father's discipline and is most sensibly affected by a father's example. It is a great loss, I have felt it in my own life - but thank the Lord who spared to our Washington the best of Mothers. The same Author remarks of her: "Endowed with plain, direct good sense, ^{through} ~~George~~ ^{George} conscientiousness, and prompt decision, she governed her family strictly but kindly, exacting deference while she inspired affection. George being her eldest son, was thought to be her favorite, yet she never gave him undue preference and the implicit deference exacted from him in childhood continued to be habitually observed by him to the day of her death. He inherited from her a high temper and a spirit of command, but her early precepts and example taught him to restrain & govern that temper, and to square his conduct on the exact principles of equity & justice."

These glimpses into the nursery and the home life afford all the revelations that we need.



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8. It is a west point custom to take pupils back to first principles, to axioms.

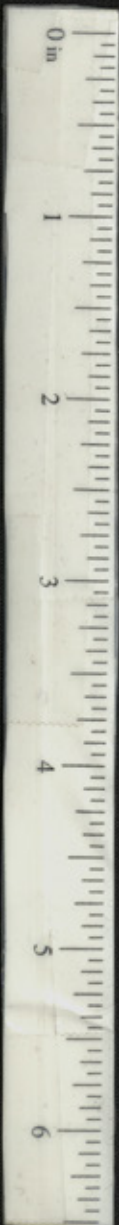
It were very plain, even if we did not know of the positive moral & religious teaching given to this ~~old~~ child, so full of promises, by his father & mother, that he early learned our fundamental principle of Character.

It is one of which the late "Scientific Method" reduces from a divine precept to a mere human maxim.

It is one that a Herbert Spencer would derive from cultured selfishness delicately refined.

It is one that the ~~infidel~~ ^{infidel} orator who holds up to public contempt the short comings of his parents, has long since learned to despise.

Yet the undisputed fact of history is written in our Scriptures. "And God spare all these words. Among them in the second table we find: Honor thy father and



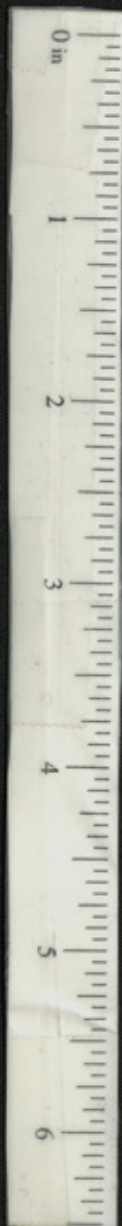
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9) Thy mother; that thy days may be long
upon the land which the Lord thy God,
giveth thee.

These ancient words, ^{with other precepts} were graven upon ^{two}
tables of stone, and the same inspired
authority declares: And the tables were the
work of God and the writing was the
writing of God graven upon the tables.

I know a fine appearing ^{young} man, ^{an} ^{astute} student of
about twenty years; he is away from
his home. A friend of ^{his} family living
near ~~the~~ his Academy ^{thus} told his father:
"I heard your son say that he would not
willingly do what he knew his father would
disapprove." God will bless & prosper
such young men - They have ~~the~~ a
rich inheritance in the only ^{of my ten} commandment
with a promise.

Washington was so studiously observant
of this divine law of reverence & love toward
his careful, judicious Christian mother, that
he denied himself a much coveted position, which

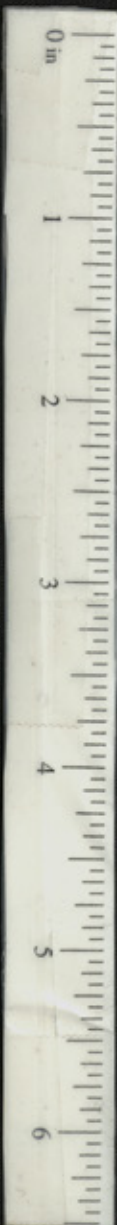


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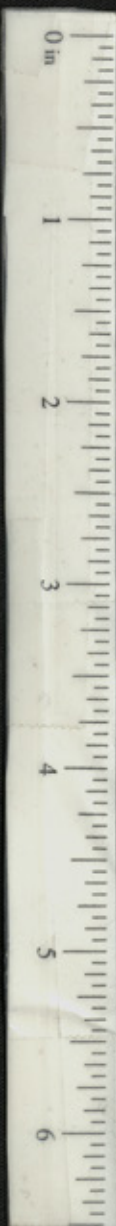
that was offered to him before he
 was fifteen. It was the ^{warrant} ~~commission~~
 of a ^{by his brother & himself} midshipman in the British Navy.
 There was much entreaty, many powerful
 friends urging it. The mother was over-
 persuaded and about to yield when a
 letter from her brother ^{then} in England renewed
 her former misgivings & solicitude. The
 mother's heart, ^{like the mother of Jesus} often has prophetic impressions
 for the child of her love. She again
 made strong objection, and Washington
 who, ^{in time} became the man of a wonderful
 decision of character yielded ^{then} to ^{a mother's} ~~the~~
 persuasions & gave up the prospect
 so delightful & satisfying ^{ground & credit wishes} to his heart.

If he could have opened the
 windows of the future & have beheld
 events in the order & color in which they
 were to appear on the stage of his
 life, he could not have decided better.



11) General George A. Thomas, who ^{a southern man} had to make his most important decisions in the line of self-denial, and asked above any ~~other~~ officer in the late war of rebellion won the ^{abiding} confidence & love of his soldiers & companions in arms, was unceasing in his devotion to this principle of loyal duty: "Children must be made to obey their parents. * Obedient children will not grow up to despise & resist a proper authority." When sent to by a college authority in his District & informed that the college boys were made restless & ungovernable by the presence of certain U.S. troops ~~said~~ that it would be best to withdraw the offensive cause of trouble. ^{he} replied: "There is but one way to deal with refractory & disobedient boys. They should be properly punished. ^{Guerran} Their troops till their bad conduct ceases."

A far better way is that inaugurated by Washington - ^{namely} Honor my mother & yield her obedience.



12. because it is ^{so to do} right. It is the Law of
God written in the Book & on ~~my~~ heart.

I. A second principle of Character ~~is~~ ^(Mr Washington) is
contained in the words: "his early precepts
and example taught him to restrain and
govern that temper, — that high temper &
spirit of command, which he had inherited."

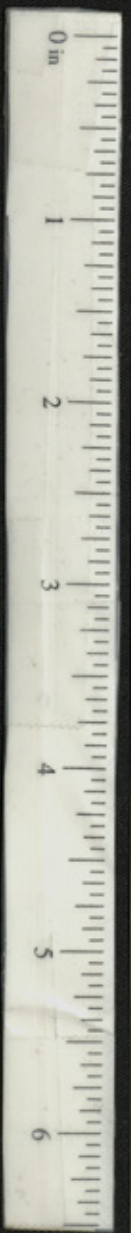
How prone ^{is} a man, who has a high temper,
to yield to a sudden impulse and contravene his
best purposes & plans of his life. This ~~frustrates~~ ^{super unrestrained}
like an unchained tiger, usually leads to dire
^{calamities} ~~mischiefs~~, terrible destruction and ^{sudden} death.

Where is there described a ^{brighter} ~~nobler~~ specimen
of noble manhood than the Ancient King
who stood head & shoulders above his comrades?

Yet the power of an ungoverned temper. Threw
Saul from the pedestal of his glory and ~~there~~ ^{has}
left for him an ignominious record of injustice,
failure, unsurpassed misery & finally & fittingly
self-destruction. Charles the twelfth of Sweden,
who for a time shone like a meteor, lacked the
self-control that his country needed. His
boldness, quickness & genius gave him ^{extraordinary} ~~victories~~
and left to his great enemy a disastrous defeat. Yet the

18) Victory 1945 and the end of the war

The triumph of the Allies in the war was a result of the combined efforts of the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, and the Chinese Republic. The war was a global conflict that lasted from 1939 to 1945. It was the deadliest conflict in human history, with an estimated 70 million people killed. The war was fought on multiple fronts, including Europe, North Africa, the Pacific, and China. The Allies eventually defeated the Axis powers, leading to the end of the war. The war had a profound impact on the world, leading to the establishment of the United Nations and the beginning of the Cold War.



B) victory & self confidence of Charles was but
 the beginning of the end. The meteor ~~is~~
 remembered ^{only} for its brilliancy disappeared as
 suddenly as it came. While Peter the
 great, the enemy & rival, profited more by
 defeat than ^{by} victory; for he brought under restraint
~~control~~ his own fiery temper and forced ^{himself}
 himself to labor & to wait ^{until he obtained} ~~its~~ ^{abundant fruits.}
 of Washington, Jr.
~~By~~ a higher & better sense, with a soul
 under self-control because loyal to duty &
 to God, no adverse circumstances, no suffering
 of his soldiers, no unexpected defeats and no
 treachery of ^{supposed} friends ^{so} disturbed that high
 temper, ~~which like a noble war steed under~~
~~rein it carried him through the battlefields~~
 of his wonderful ~~life~~ ^{career}.
 #1: ~~his~~ ^{element} & character is plainly ~~is~~

of his wonderful ~~life~~ career.
 A third ~~principle~~ ^{element} of character is
 deducible from the mother's ^{early}
~~provision~~ teaching and enforcing by her
 own ^{ex. insts.} example of the exact principles of
 equity and justice.
 This equity and justice constitute the
 righteousness of the Bible. In the Bible

14) Testament ~~under~~ the word which we
translate justice is always used for the
term righteousness. There is a good old
word that I used to hear in my
boyhood which ^{perhaps better} expresses the thought:
rectitude. One of our old professors ^{here} ^{and} ^{amid} ^{the} ^{other} ^{honour} ^{working} ~~under~~
^{night} whom I served, ~~and~~ whose face I miss
on my return to the Academy because
he has gone to his reward, the reward of
his good & faithful ^{public} servant, especially
comes to my mind in this connection..

I mean Professor Albert E. Church -
our professor in Mathematics - Rectitude
^{suggests} ~~and~~ stamped on his forehead. In his
heart & in his life the seals of justice
appeared delicately poised. It is one thing
to love justice & quite ^a different ^{thing} to do
justice. To do justice needs clearness of vision
~~possess~~ ^{developed} a faculty of penetration and ^{which} ^{moral}
comes by the repeated acts of uprightness - a
habit of justice. Among numerous other
graduates Wendell, Thomas M. Phelps ^{& Schuyler} ^{Allen}
to me as eminently just men. They each

15. possessed & exhibited a metude of purpose
and life and shewed such a facility for
making upright decisions that few
men were found who would appeal
from their judgments. By the study of
such lives ~~we can~~ now familiar to us,
the lives of those men whose monuments
adorn our public squares and give
interest to our academic grounds, we
can bring into closer observation & sympathy
the ^{uprightness in the} life of Washington. We can rejoice
that his noble mother held him so steadily
to the practice of just dealing in his
early youth, in that ~~for~~ formation
period, so that he ever after, his none
easily ever formed to the claims of duty.
There is no other institution in this
land ^{beside ours} where the officers & pupils take upon
themselves ~~more~~ ^{so} solemn & imperative obligations
to be just & to do justice. No more espionage
will answer. The sense of rightness must
be in our own individual hearts. "As a
man thinketh in his heart, so is he." No
mere ~~eye~~ ^{eye} service will make uprightness
of mind. ^{A right} ~~A~~ regulation is for the good of



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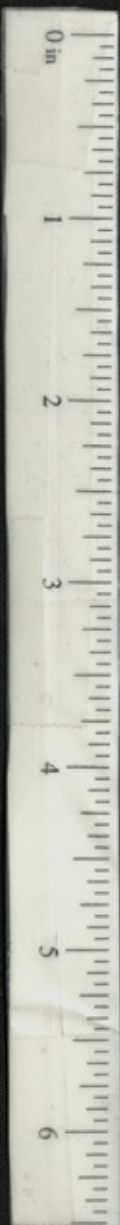
16 of the Academy. His army, His service.

It is established in justice for His benefit
of all who come under its operation.
Had Washington ^{possessing the character that he had} been a leader, here he
would have said to himself "The regulation
is to be kept and I will do my best to keep
it. Had he been an officer he would have
said the regulation is to be enforced & my
duty is to contribute to its enforcement.

17. to the ^{Washington} ~~earliest~~ ^{element of character} ~~years~~ ^{to be traced} ~~perhaps~~ ^{inherited from} ~~both parents.~~
is ~~purpose~~ ^{a constancy} ~~of purpose.~~

Carlyle once asked an Edinburgh student—who tells the story ~~of the student~~—what he was studying for. The youth replied that he had not quite made up his mind. There was a sudden lightning flash of the old Scotchman's eye, a sudden pulling down of the shaggy eyebrows, and the stern face grew sterner as he said: "The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder; a waif, a nothing, a no man. Have a purpose in life if it is only to kill and divide and sell oxen well, but have a purpose; and having it, throw such strength of mind and muscle into your work as God has given you."

Daniel ^{as a child} purposed in his heart that he
would not eat of the ^{King's} meat forbidden to
his people nor drink of the King's wine.
He purposed in his ~~heart~~ ^{soul} to call upon his
God for wisdom & knowledge - he obtained
his request. He purposed that he would never
bow down to any graven image. He suffered
the penalty, but with inflexible courage trusting
in the almighty he met the extreme dangers of
his position and received for reward not only the



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16. ¹/₂ ~~the~~ approval of his God & his conscience, but
of the King & the nation, whose rulers were so
^{capitally} ~~capitally~~ ~~and~~ ~~so~~ ~~fiercely~~ seeking his life.

According to Lieutenant F. V. Green.

SKobelev, ~~off~~ of whose victories we are reading
in the daily journals is a man of "stupendous
military genius". Among the youngest & unjustly
held back from his proper command; ~~he~~
obtained permission to go to the ^{war} ~~great war~~
as an Aide de Camp of another General. ~~At~~
the close his reputation was the brightest
on the page of its history. Green ranks
him beside Wellington, Grant and Von Moltke.
He uses this expression with regard to him.
"His one thought was how to use his life
so as to make an impression on his men
and gain such a control over them that
they would follow him anywhere." In this
he had abundant success. For he fulfilled
Napoleon's ^{born} ~~ideal~~ ^{requirements} of character or moral
courage which produces resolution (purpose);
2 coolness or physical courage which masters danger.

1871
The first of the year was a very dry one
and the crops were much injured.

The second of the year was a very wet one
and the crops were much injured.

The third of the year was a very dry one
and the crops were much injured.

The fourth of the year was a very wet one
and the crops were much injured.

The fifth of the year was a very dry one
and the crops were much injured.

The sixth of the year was a very wet one
and the crops were much injured.

The seventh of the year was a very dry one
and the crops were much injured.

The eighth of the year was a very wet one
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The ninth of the year was a very dry one
and the crops were much injured.

The tenth of the year was a very wet one
and the crops were much injured.

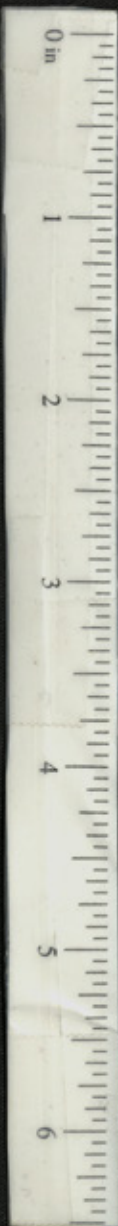
The eleventh of the year was a very dry one
and the crops were much injured.

The twelfth of the year was a very wet one
and the crops were much injured.

17. ; Knowledge of his profession ; and ⁴a
capacity to see things as they are. A maxim
that he carried out in his own conduct and
enforced in those under his command was
"never hesitate in what you have to do."

The author further states concerning St. Iveloff:
Though he has lived but thirty five years, he has
commanded twenty thousand men in battle; he
has received the surrender of an entire army of
nearly forty thousand men; he has led more
assaults than any living man but Great, and
in no one of them has he failed to carry the
line he assaulted, though in one case he
was subsequently overwhelmed with numbers
and driven out." These examples show
what I mean by fixedness of purpose.

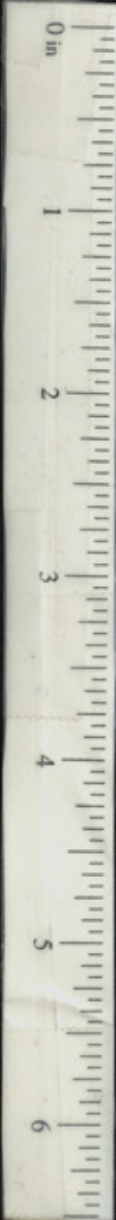
You will trace the same marks of genius in
George Washington. in his steady application
at school; in his surprising industry when
left to his own guidance - working successfully at
the driest problems of Mathematics. Surveying,
to geometry, logarithms, forms of business, copying
& recopying with exactness; in his games & sports
of his childhood & youth - ^{even in them} preferring to turn his hand
to the utmost until he excelled; in the ordinary



18. works of surveys ^{in the valley of va.} ~~representing~~ accuracy, knowledge
& great physical endurance, ^{performed} ~~which~~ yet has a
long & in his perilous expeditions among wild
Indians & white enemies to the then far west;
in his ~~first~~ maiden battle when he moderated
the effect of Braddock's terrible defeat and then
ever after thro. the most marvellous career
of ~~defeat~~ disappointments, defeats & ^{inconsiderable} ~~scarcely~~
victories which, like the discipline of the children
of Israel in the wilderness prepared the way
for all the glories of the future
for this great ~~nation~~ ^{prosperous & happy}
nation of freedom. ~~the rest of the~~

We see these results and we may well
~~say~~ recognize the fact that our Leader always
had a plan in his mind & a purpose in his heart.

The famous Dr Bushnell gave a
discourse on the subject entitled: "His plan
of God in every man's life." A young man
starts out in the dimmest dawn. He sees ^{at first} but a
few yards before his face. He will often make
mistakes ^{projected} ^{in his journey}. But God himself ^{in providence & action} well surely
moulds & shapes the plan - if the young man
~~adheres to his own~~ does his best. I am not sure
that the divinity is not always present in the breast



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19 of a sincere youth to give the ^{people} the light just so far as it is needed.

However this may be ^{who would make anything of himself} it is absolutely necessary to a youth to have a plan & purpose of his own.

There are other elements of character which gave strength & consistency to the thoughts, words and acts of George Washington which for the brevity of this example I had purposed to discuss but I find ^{such description} that I will leave my remarks to be too much extended for this occasion. ^{so & content myself with naming them.} Truth - simple straight forward candid

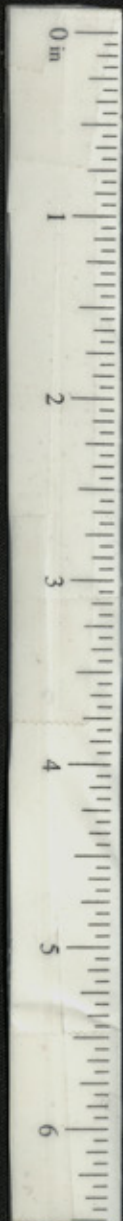
statements that became more & more mighty as ~~respect~~ knowledge of the man widened and respect for him increased.

2. Reverence toward God. Profane words did not pollute his lips.

3. Faith in an ever present & helpful Divine Master ^{one} and that satisfied his pressing wants ^{and} ^{usually} ⁱⁿ hours of darkness, by the appointed method of prayer.

4. Love. Sincere & devoted from the narrow circle to the Nation in whose oration he bore so prominent a part; from the Saviour whose self denying image he bore to all the children of men for whose ^{not Saviour} ~~own~~ ^{not Saviour} ~~suffered~~ ^{he} died.

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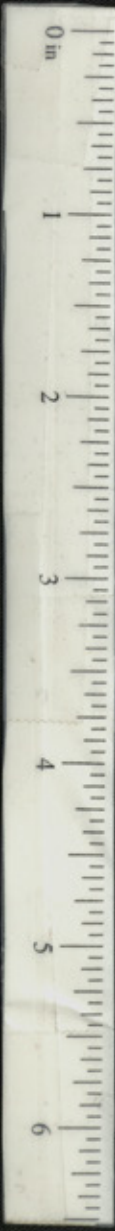


20.) One has to study closely & search long to find evidence of the weaknesses & faults that George Washington doubtless had & manifested as do other true, brave, generous high minded, noble, God-fearing men - but the fact that such weaknesses & faults have gone into oblivion, disappearing with the party spirit that ^{at one time} ~~ever~~ did make handle of them, shows us the ^{superior} advantage of living such a life.

When Washington stood upon the ~~mountain~~ pinnacle of his highest ambition and ^{with age} looked for the upon a free & happy people to whom he ~~was about~~ ^{was} soon to take his final leave - he spoke concluding words that we may always repeat with profit:

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Doubtless my main object in presenting these thoughts ~~on the character of Washington~~ has been very plain throughout. My desire is to do something to lift up our minds & hearts be it ever so little. For this purpose ~~nothing~~, one

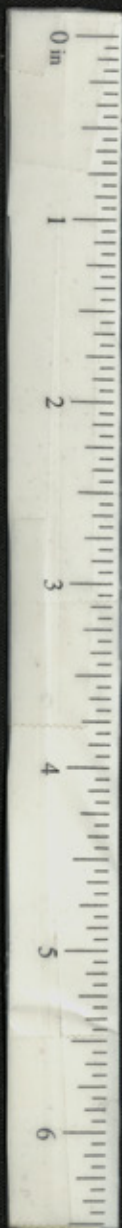


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 fresh earth. It was a warm, rich
 scent that seemed to embrace me.
 The sun was shining brightly, and
 the air was filled with the sound of
 birds chirping. I felt a sense of
 peace and tranquility that I had
 never experienced before. The world
 seemed so different here, so much
 more alive and vibrant. I took a
 deep breath and felt my lungs fill
 with the pure, clean air. It was
 a moment of pure bliss, a moment
 where I felt truly at home. The
 landscape was breathtaking, with
 rolling hills and lush green fields.
 The colors were so vibrant, so much
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"The situation in which I now stand for the last
"time in the midst of the representatives of the
"people of the United States, naturally recalls
"the period when the administration of the
"present form of government commenced, and
"I cannot omit the occasion to congratulate
"you and my country on the success of the
"experiment, nor to repeat my fervent supplications
"to the Supreme Ruler of the universe and
"Sovereign Arbiter of nations, that his providential
"care may be still extended to the United States;
"that the virtue and happiness of the people
"may be preserved, and that ^{the} government which
"they have instituted for the protection of their
"liberties may be perpetual."



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21) This anniversary of his birth nothing appears
~~to be~~^{to be} a better text for a sermon than
~~the~~^{such discourse} a reference to the elements of Washington's
remarkable character.

Having just returned to my Alma Mater
after an absence of nearly a quarter of
a century, and being required to perform
a part ^{as yet} new to me, I am especially
desirous to understand those with whom
I have to do & to be understood by them.

This mutual knowledge will obtain
in time and by the regular, well digested
& time honored methods. There is no harm
however & there may be great good in
a few words of explanation.

The other day speaking of intoxication
in the Army a member of Congress on
the floor of the House of Representatives
said: "I do not say that we should mitigate
the offense of using intoxicating liquors; but
I do say that if every officer of the Army of the
United States should be dismissed by court martial
for an offense of this character, we would not

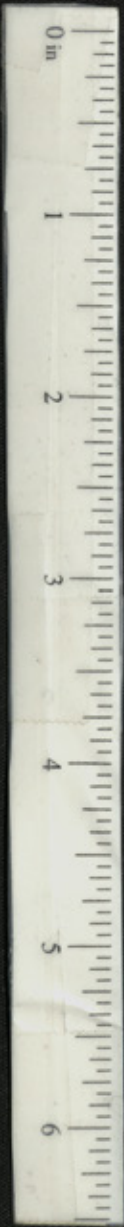
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principles of the theory of
the firm that the firm is a
collection of individuals who
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22. "Have enough commissions in the Army
perhaps to take charge of a platoon."
Again the same member says: "We select
men for this business of throat-cutting and
brain bespattering, this general business of
death-dealing, because of their courage, because
of their ability to command, because they are
fitted for that particular service."

Again another intimates that if we discharge
a man because of a solitary instance of
intoxication "the effect might be that we should
have no army at all." The case in hand
was one of drunkenness on duty.

Let me say, young gentlemen. That the foregoing is not the character of our army officers. For a test, at the post where I have been serving of twenty two officers & eighteen of them did not ~~habitually~~ ^{at all} drink intoxicating liquors. And I never for the term of two years that I was at that post saw either of the others under the influence of drink. My accounts from other parts of the Army are in this respect most favorable. Army officers are not as a rule men given to drink. Certainly it is a ^{infamous} vice.



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23.) of the past.

Again I protest most respectfully & most solemnly against the ^{foregoing} ^{by members of Congress} ^{Portrait} of the character & requirements of our profession.

The ^{Ranger} ^{Centurion} the commander of 100 men, whom our Lord complemented for the strength of his faith is the type of a Christian.

While we stand for our rights, for the constant protection of the rights of others who are exposed, and hold solidly to the claims of self-defense and the claims of our country upon us to protect its vital interests by arms even at the extreme risk of our own lives; we cannot & must not surrender our consciences, nor become mere blind bullets for any tyrannical assumption of power.

No, no a thousand times no to every doctrine that attempts to take from the Soldier his high character to which he is under our government, he is entitled.

The American officer has a model before him in Washington, a model of high & pure character - a gentleman - a man. Set our aspiration be ^{to} the highest & best attainment of which we are



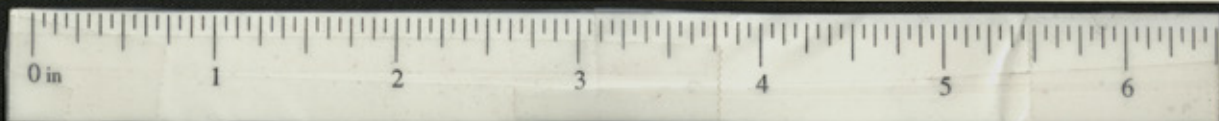
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24) capable, as a soldier, a cadet, an officer,
a man. We have a right to truth, frankness,
honesty, ^{loyalty to man & to God} ~~loyalty to man & to God~~ temperance, charity or to
any & all of the other virtues against which
there is no law.

Any young man who by his vices brings
disgrace upon this Academy, the United States
Service, the flag of his country is not
worthy to belong to the Army - He is not a
true son of the first General who commanded
its forces.

While we should not be over exacting with
young men, who in their carelessness & thoughtless-
ness of youth ~~do many~~ make many
mistakes & have many shortcomings;
still let the young man ever keep his
eyes up; let him ^{set} ~~set~~ himself a high
standard, even the highest & best.

A young man may ^{many must do so} fail here; but he
with a proper feeling, a proper disposition
to do right because it is right, he need never
fail from his conduct.



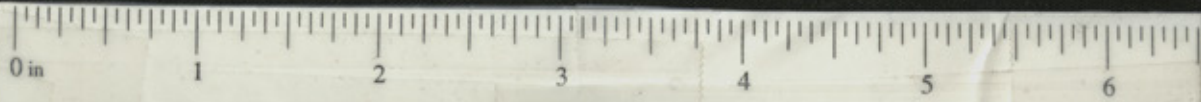
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I have found from a long experience,
 as well as from reading & observation
 that a close & regular discipline is the best
 in time it makes all parties happier as it
~~also~~ makes them better. ^{neither can any part of it}
 The army cannot be conducted successfully
 like a town meeting, something of individuality
 & opinion must be surrendered ^{& conceded} to the
 head.

This being the case, how much better it is
 for every man ^{the Army} conforming it to do his
 best without quarrelling, without irritation
 & without resistance to perform as well
 as he can the part allotted to him.

There is one final ^{subject} ~~part~~ that
 I approach with ^{a feeling of} delicacy for I think it
 a blemish whenever it exists. It may not
 be as bad now as formerly. I refer to a
 practice of ostracism. I cannot say that
 one should take to his bosom a thief, a liar,
 or even a profane swearer, or common
 drunkard; but I do say that a combination
 of three or four young men, to prevent the





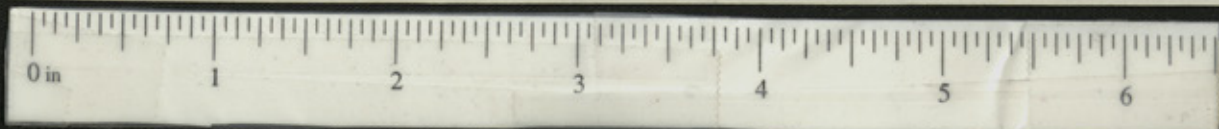
26) ostracism of another & that often for a mere opinion, an idiosyncrasy, or some unpleasant habit not ^{yet} corrected ^{by} our ^{code} school of good manners, is wrong..

General Mel Pherson, a man of great independence of character & purity of life, refused to ostracise a member of his class at the call of a clique, which had ^{already} succeeded in making the youths lonely & wretched.

My thought is that there is no demand that can be made upon us here that shall debar us from all the rights & privileges of Christian manhood.

Let the heart of the youngest be clear & bright, let him emulate the virtues of the thousands of veteran graduates who pleased to look no man in the face - who shrank from no danger or difficulty but would rather die in their tracks than do a deliberate wrong. George Washington was their forerunner & ^{true} exemplar.

(Over.)



Shall we not aim equally high
and compass at least a measure
of this true nobility?

