

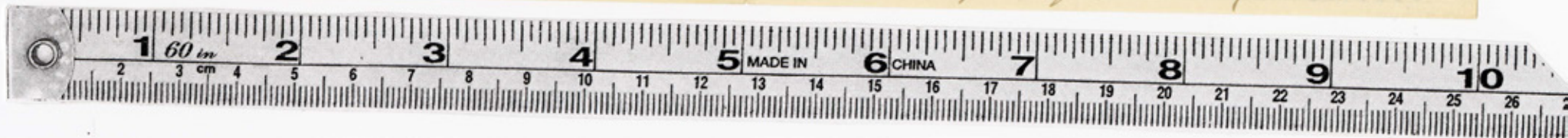
Leicester April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1859.

Professor Chamberlain,

Dear Sir;

You were so kind as to consent to write me a few lines in relation to a subject for an oration. I am aware that the demands for your time and attention are ample, and am sorry to ask of you any extra-official labor. I do so only because I am in want and know not where else to go to ask advice. I shall have to place this act of kindness by the side of many others for which I shall always feel indebted to you.

The subject as I first thought it over was not "Education of the Senses" - I hardly knew what to call it. Some of the points which I had thought of touching were -





"The provision in nature for pleasing emotions through the medium of the senses, the deadness of a large proportion of mankind to this provision - the advantages of a quick sensibility to the beautiful in nature - Under what conditions has the influence of nature when it is felt a salutary moral tendency? What sort of training &c. &c. are likely most effectually to cultivate the susceptibility to the influences of nature?" &c.

You started me on quite a different and I think a much better track for my purpose -

"Necessity of educating all the faculties of the mind. Intention of the Creator that the senses should contribute to the happiness of the mind -

Are the senses susceptible of cultivation? Advantages to be derived from their perfection - of a material kind - of a higher kind."

This was the substance of my part. What I need is some plan for a paper  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour long - If left to myself I am exceedingly liable to be carried off the track by some side issue - If you can find time to write me a few lines it will be of infinite service to me -

Very Respectfully  
Yours -

Mark Pitman -

N.B. Direct, if you please, to  
Williamsburg -

