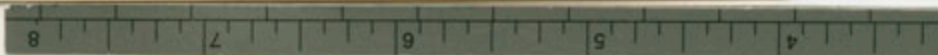
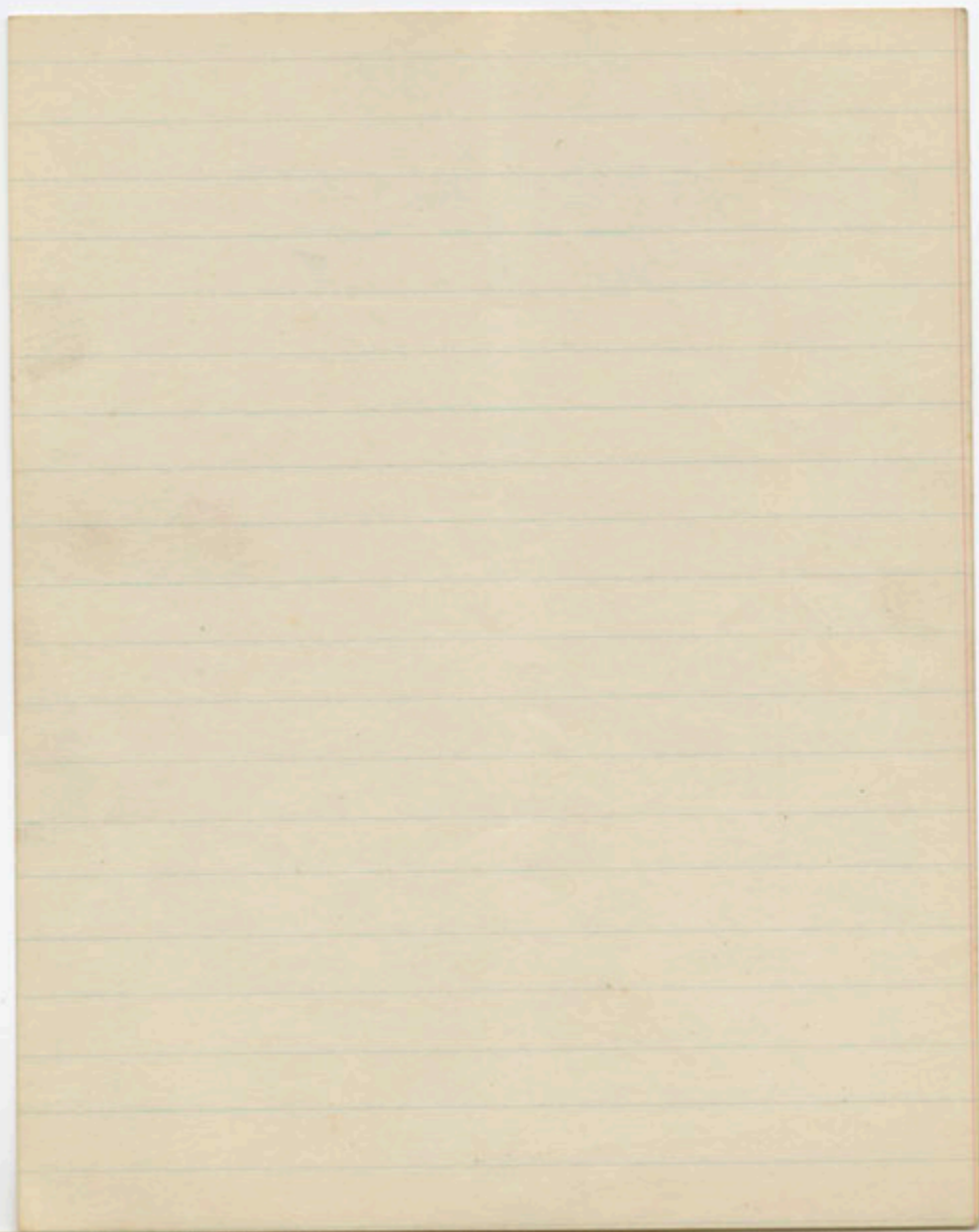


A Call on General Grant.

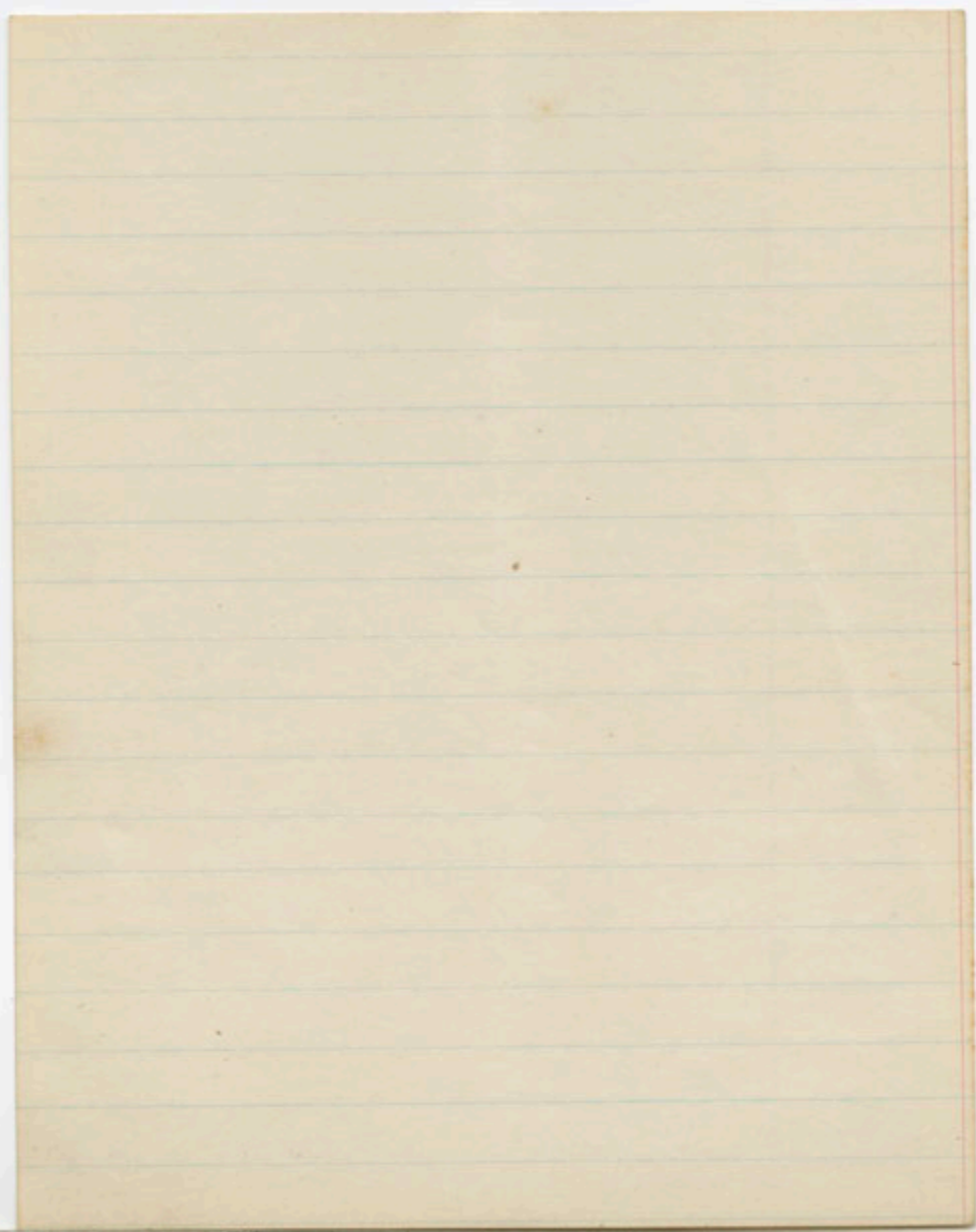
Some glimpses in the sick-room. - What the General says of prayer. - Mrs. Grant. - The good-will message an index of his character.

New York April 15. - The
writer can hardly hope to give
much news from Gen. Grant's
sick room. But the people soon
every item. Of course many
and many old friends go
to the door with no purpose
of entering the house but merely
to show their interest and to know
from first sources just how
the dying hero is. He sees
more of his intimate friends than
would be expected from one so
ill. My companion was from the
West and had been intimately
associated with the General

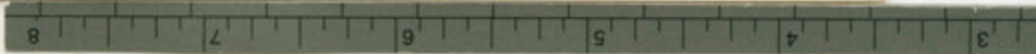
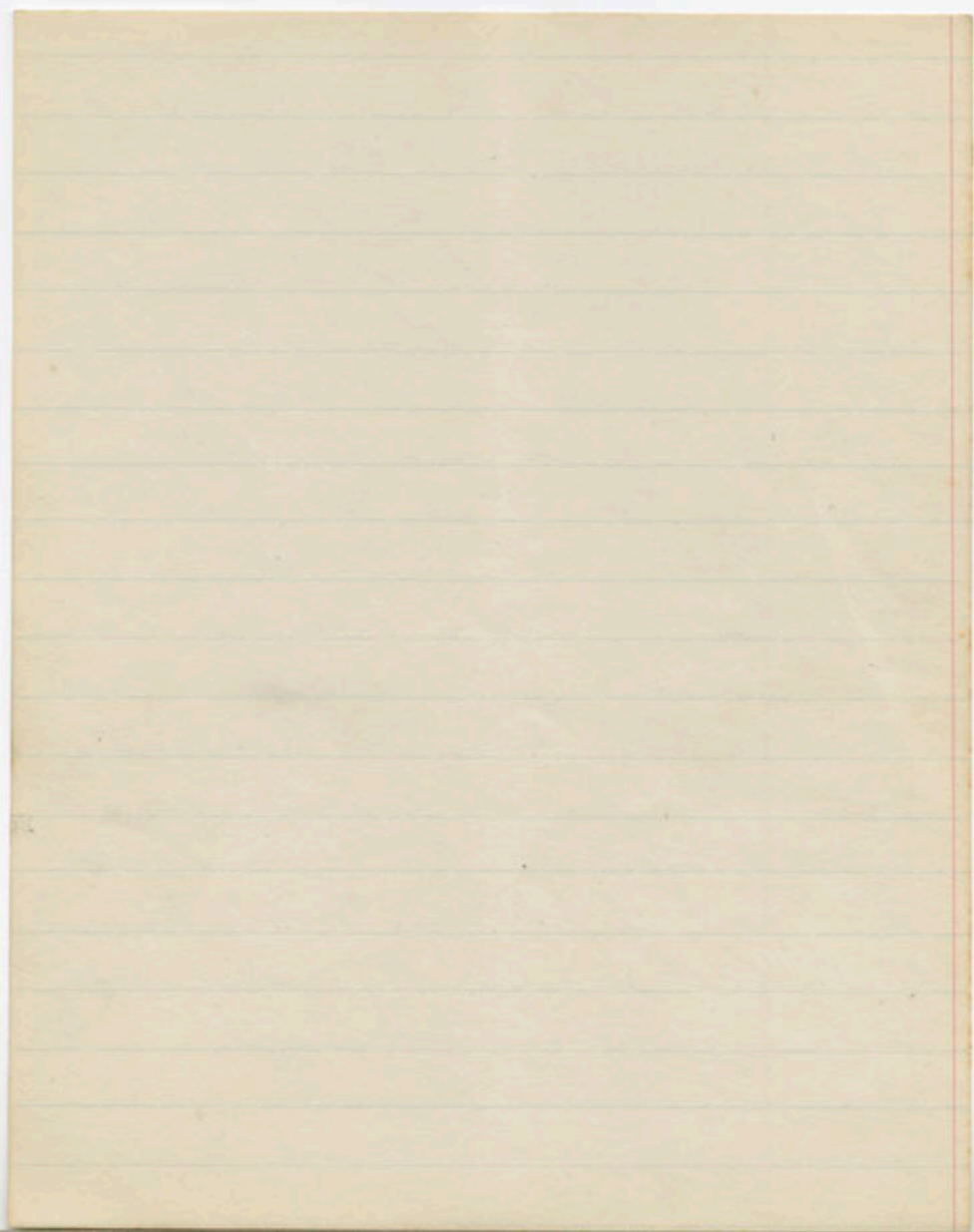


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in the War. The word ^{promptly} brought
back by Col. Fred Grant
was that his father desired us to
come up immediately. To one
accustomed to see him
for fifteen years past he
seemed thin and pale. On one
side very much emaciated, but
on the other side of an unnat-
ural fullness owing to the
swollen throat. His voice was
husky and obscure but he
spoke with more force and
kept up the conversation ^{with}
more ^{uninterruptedly} than ^{we had been}
^{led to} ~~expect~~ expect. Indeed Col. Fred
is accustomed to caution vis-
itors not to insist upon his
father's talking. In this instance



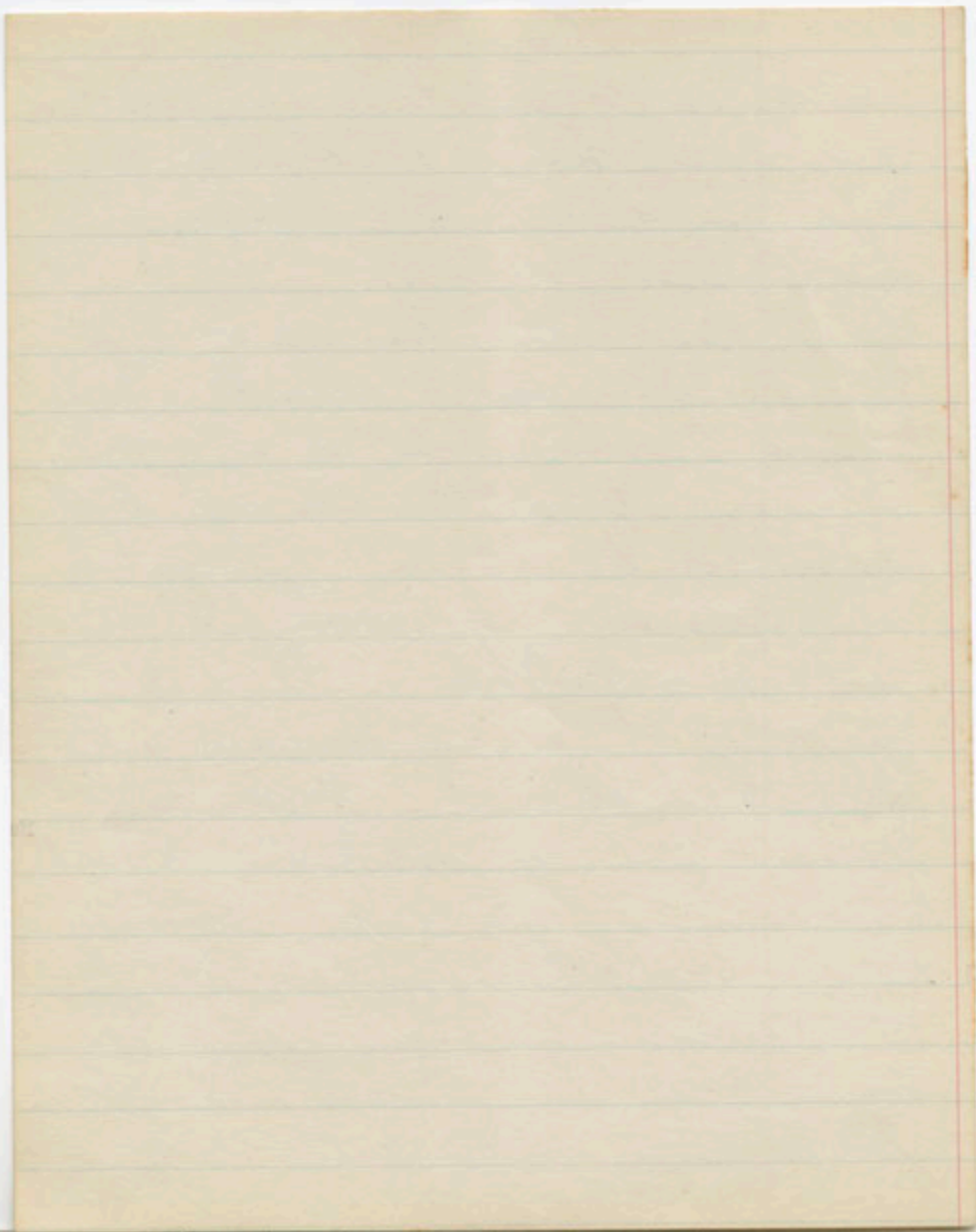
he did his full share of the conversation. He said: "The people are very kind. I hear from all parts of the country and in many different ways of their sympathy. I hear of many who are praying for me and praying that I may get well. I am trying to put nothing in the way of their prayers being answered." Of course it is known that Rev. Dr. Newsom visits the home every day and prays with the General and the family. Gen. West referred to the fact I evidently not averse to any religious conversation. Indeed in parting from his old friend, whom he knew to be



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a man of habitual prayer, he requested him to "Keep on praying for him" as he knew he had been doing.

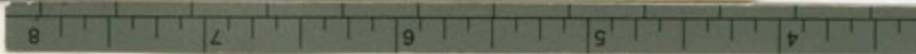
Gen. West has never inclined to the Dissent school. To be sure he has, like so many Army Officers, permitted his wife to do most of the religion - at least in its outward profession and direct manifestation. She has been for many years a member of the Methodist Church. It always seemed to be a satisfaction to West to accompany his wife to services on the Sabbath. While in Washington Dr. Newman was their pastor, at the Metropolitan Church. When Dr. N. became pastor of the Wesleyan

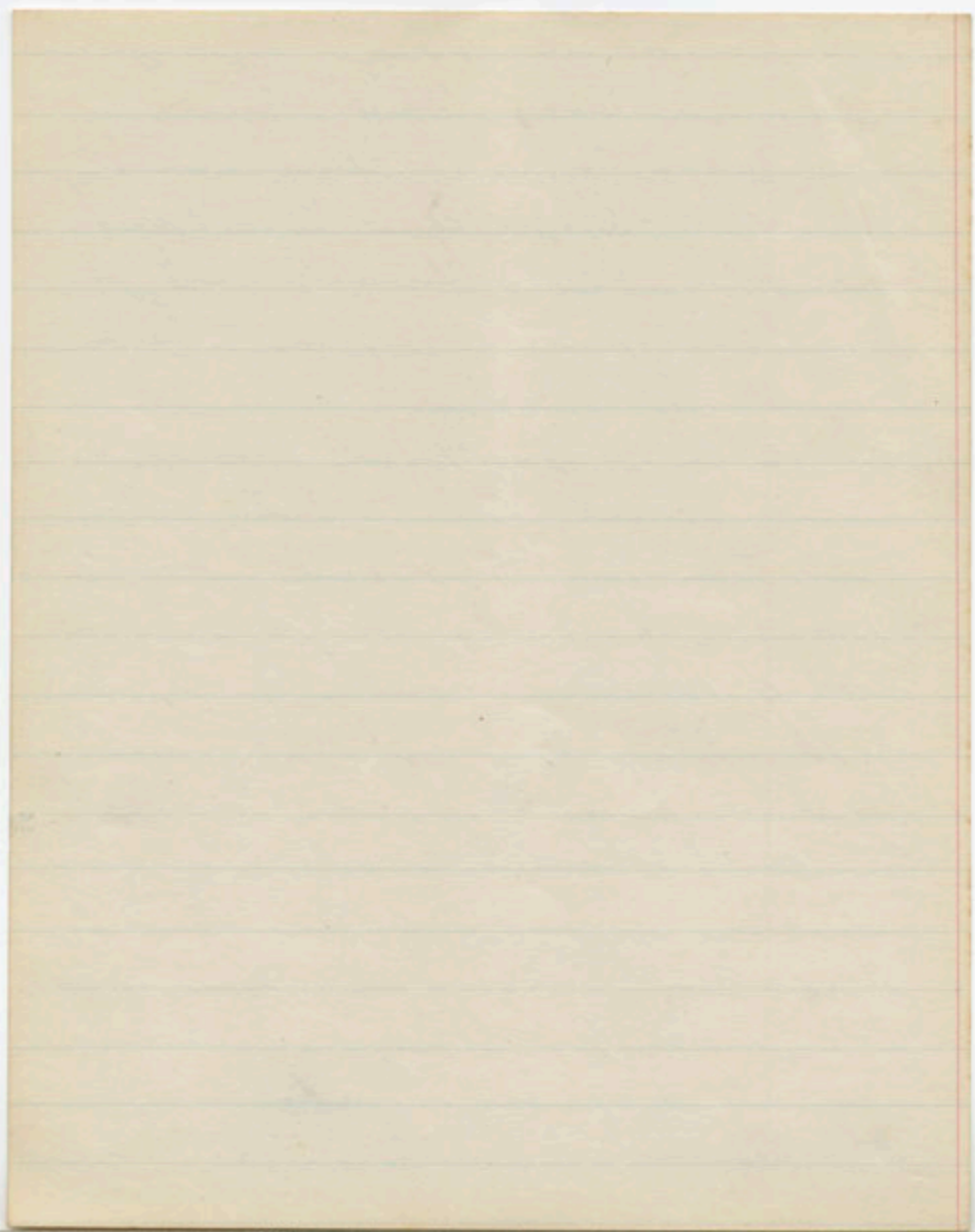


Avonue Congregational Church
in New York - a successor to
Rev. Dr. Hapworth - Gen. Grant
went to that Church and on
Dr. Newman's request became
one of the Trustees.

But Mrs. Grant does not
hold herself to be a better Chris-
tian than her husband. Never
was a wife more loyal. Never
was a woman prouder of her high
lord. When the "first lady of the
land" and in the midst of all
the temptations to exult in her
position as wife of the President,
Mrs. Grant ^{was} always the same - mod-
est - appearing, simple-
hearted woman. ^{At that time}
she ~~was heard to say with much enthusiasm:~~ "Mr. Grant
~~was to do so:~~"

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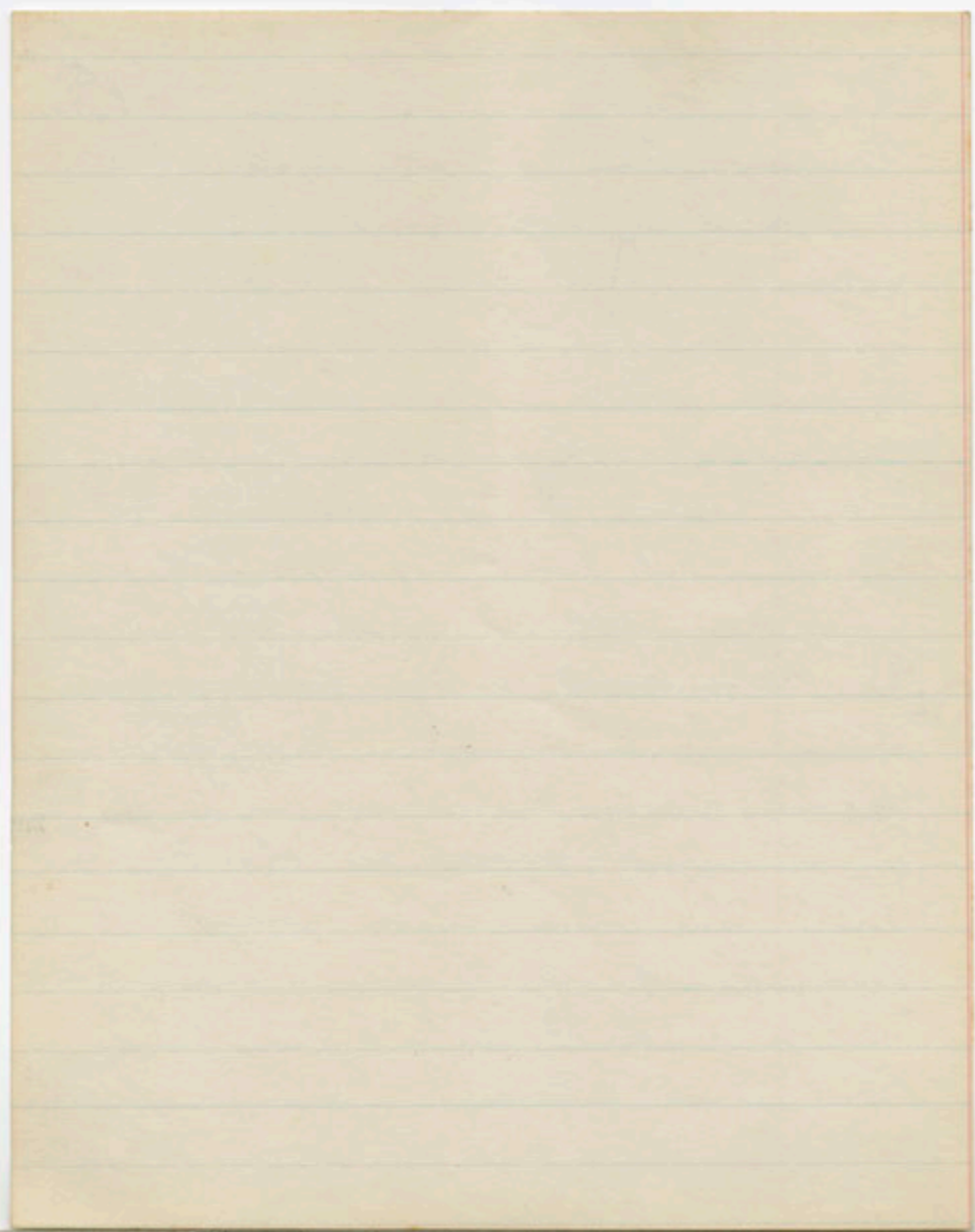




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is as good as he can be! The General, then, as now, liked both of all to be surrounded by his family. It was perfectly understood that he should put his money into a firm and into a business where one of his sons was. It was noted that he should risk anything of property honorably to save that firm.

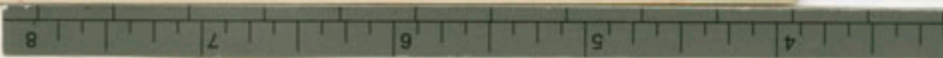
W.S. ~~Gen. Grant's sympathies have~~ ^{family} ~~always been large.~~ His affection for his family has been of the strongest. This, no doubt, has more than once led him into mistakes of official action. His own and his wife's relatives have not always been backward in testing this quality and taking

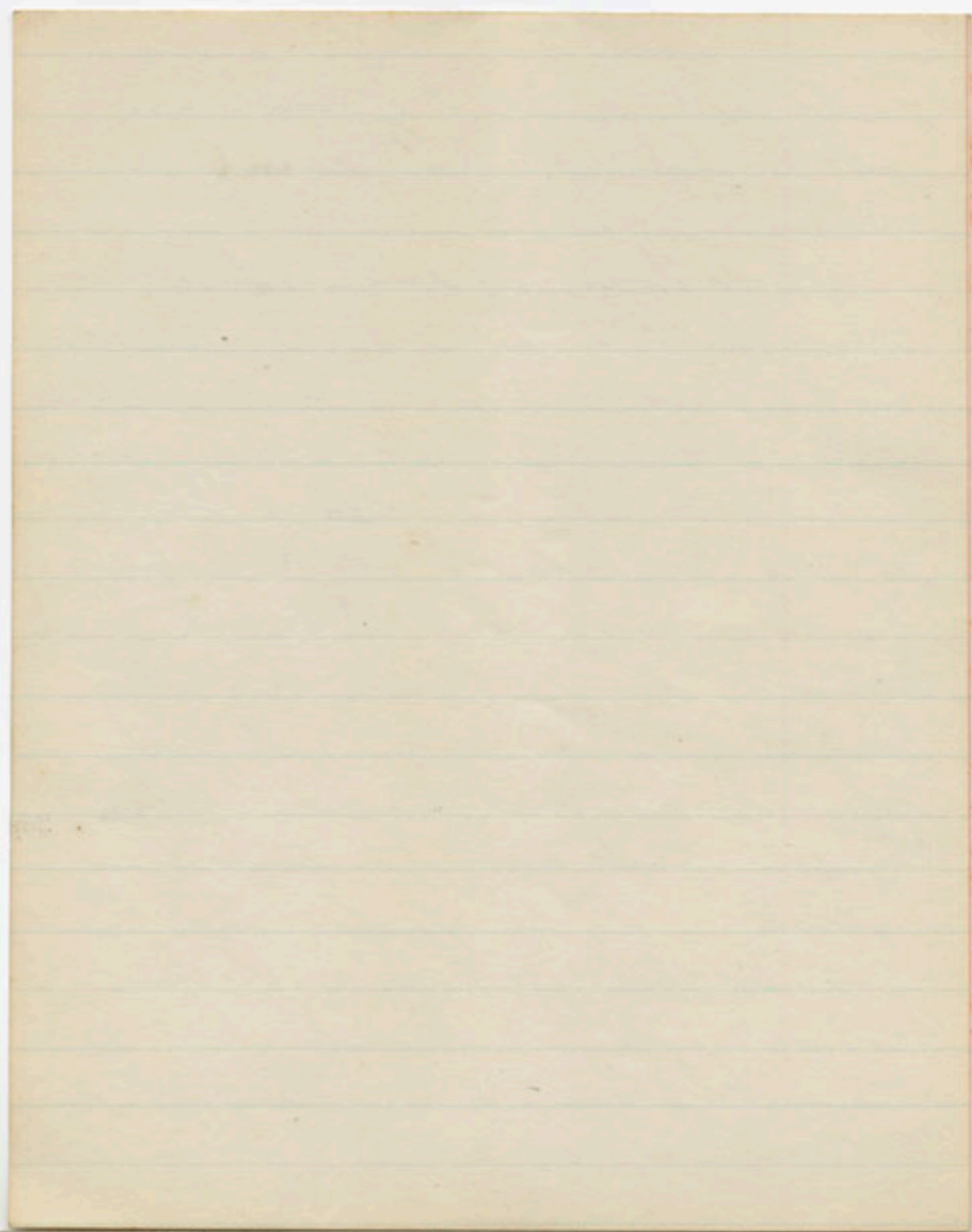


advantage of it. But is it not "a fault that leans to virtue's side"?

A certain tenderness of heart characterized the General even when in the preoccupations and absorptions of the War. He was always ready to help one in any sort of trouble. He was courteous to all Subordinate Officers and never refused to listen to any appeal to his sense of justice - not even from an enlisted man. When, therefore, Cast was he sent his message to the people that he denied the "good will of all, not only of his friends, but of those who had not hitherto been accounted so such", it was, only

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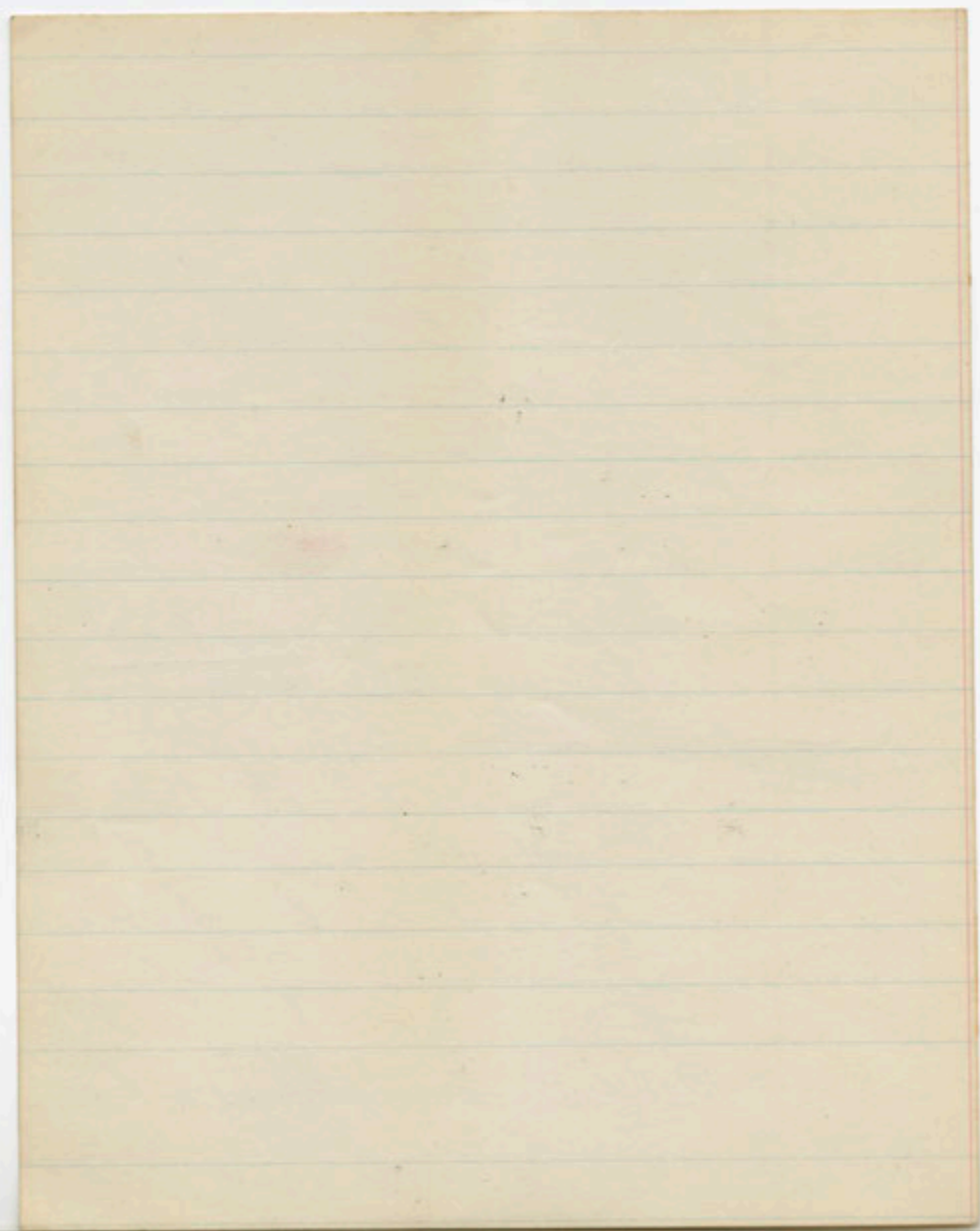




one more expression of his
own almost universal "good
will".

What better spirit with which
to bid adieu to earth or be
wherred into another world?
His post^{er} believes him a
Christian, Gen. Grant himself
asks prayers of those who pray,
and expresses his unfeigned
appreciation of ~~them~~ ^{who have} ~~prayed~~
~~manifested~~ ^{manifested} this sympathy
in this manner. Is not
this, for the sick Chamber, the
true counterpoise of his heroic
devotion to active duty when
in health?

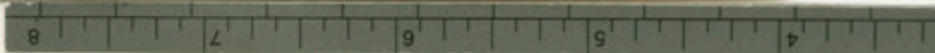
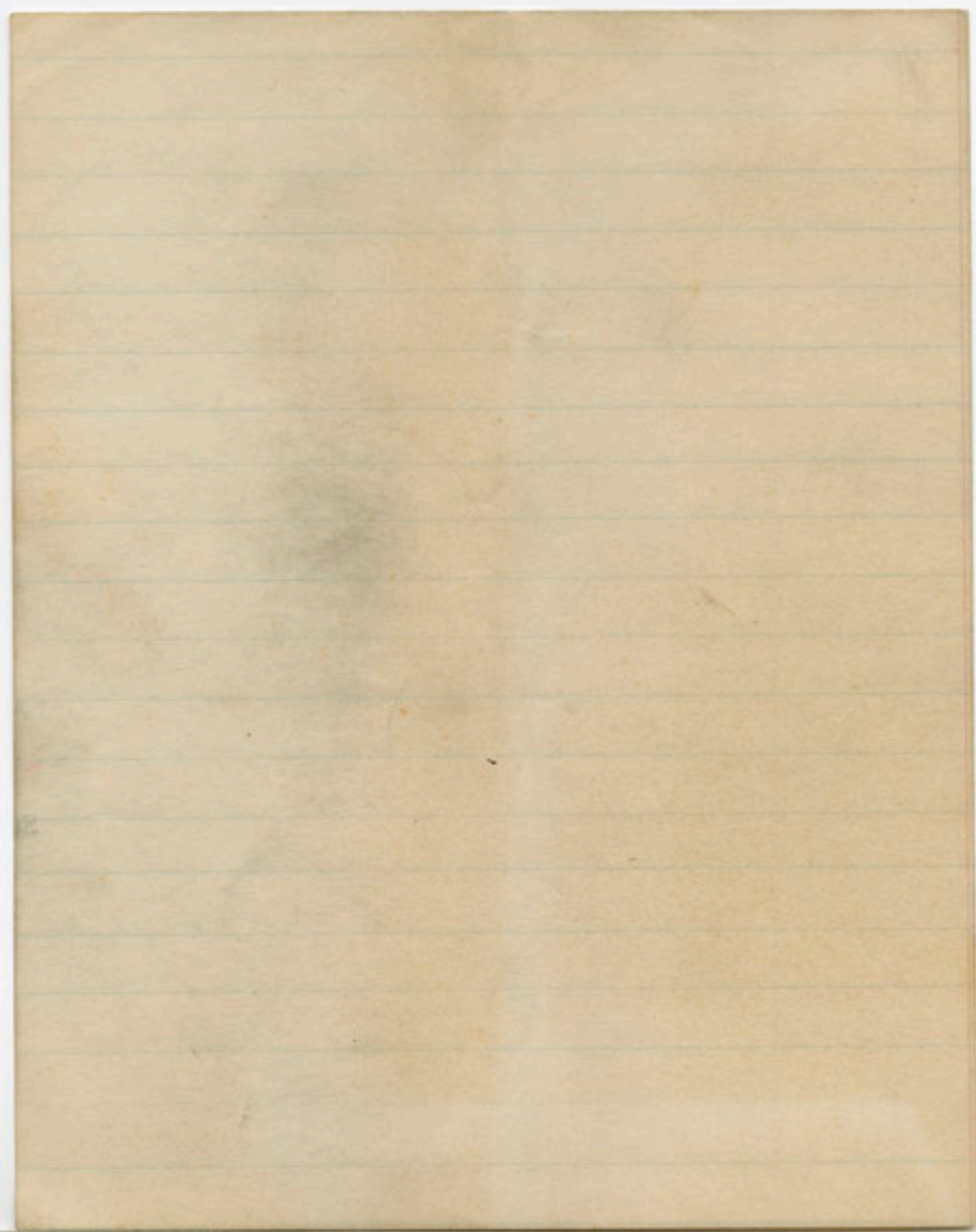
Had General Grant been a "bold,
bad man", as some have deemed



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to imagine. Had he been
a scornful of Religion, or a mocker;
had he been profane; had he
been in any sense a false-hearted
man, or untrue to his marriage
vows, one might look for
some more marked change
in these last hours. But
as he has been a "believer" for
many years, these simple ut-
terances, ~~and~~ this ~~of~~ showing his yearn-
ing for good will, his affection
of prayer, and his trusting spirit,
are all but one good omen
as evidence that the old hero's
heart is right and his prepa-
ration for the future rests on
a sure foundation.

Comrade.



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