

p.t. Elmira N.Y. February 17th 1868.
'Delavan House'

Hon: Ezra Cornell!

Dear Sir.

Allow me from here to drop you a few lines. I hope that you still remember me. This summer I took the liberty to make known by a brief article in one of the leading papers of Copenhagen, Denmark, the great and almost unparalleled magnanimity and liberality you had shown in the establishing of the Cornell University, and that your children were, according to Prof. White's statement to me, just as much interested in the erection of this Institute of Learning as yourself. From a letter recently received from my wife I learn, that this example of liberality, which you have been pleased to set before our selfish world, has been the subject of an article in Denmark, in which you very correctly are called: "the benefactors of mankind", and in which the words of the

sacred volume are used: "Verily, verily,
so great a faith is not found, no, not even
in Israel."

Having all good reasons to believe that
this cannot but please you to hear, I have
considered it incumbent upon me as a
duty to inform you of it.

If Prof. Andrew White is in Athaca,
which I suppose he is, be pleased to pay him
my most respectful compliments. His
manysided attainments combined with
logical deductions and determinations
of character will, I feel perfectly sure,
and so do all, elevate your Institute
of learning to such a standard as to
gain the esteem and confidence of the
public, and to meet the approbation
of its liberal and sound-minded founders.
After a few weeks I think, before going
to New York to remain, to spend a
few days in Athaca, the natal place of
old Ulysses, and shall then not fail

to present my humble self to you.

May the days, (be they many), allotted
to you to remain in this earthly pil-
grimage, be to you a period of un-
mingled felicity!

Deign, dear Sir, to accept the homage
of my respect, and to believe me

Yours sincerely
Paul. C. Seidenig. 2