

New year

Five years ago we had a hard winter the indians were all starving they came to our house every day to beg some thing to eat. They call new years day shaking hands day and they always expect to get something when they shake hands with any body on new years. Father told them day before new years that the day next day would be new years they were very glad of it the next day men women and children filled our house and yard full. They had all come to shake hands with us all the girls dressed up in there finest gathered together came into the room where we was and shook hands with us mother got them some loaf sugar and gave to them they were very much pleased. Father gave the indians fifty or sixty pounds of pork five bushels of potatoes and and a barrel of flour and some coffee and sugar they stayed and ate all day. They were very glad that Father had told them that it was new years. the indians very seldom have any new years sometimes when they find out that it is new years they go around from store to store and shake hands with the store keepers sometimes they get something and sometimes they do not.

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## Reading

Every one should know how to read and write if they possibly can no one can have any Education without knowing how to read there can be no Education or Refinement or much good manners without this art it is something which must will and always does exist where there is any Refined Respectable or Educated Society the ancient Romans Greeks and every other Nation that had made any progress in the arts and sciences had a written form of reading it is by reading that we find out a great many things that we could not find out well without it it is by Reading that we find out what is going on in other places a great deal quicker better and more correctly than we could any other way untill two or three Centuries ago all books were

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written with pen and ink taking much  
time and labor the consequence of which  
was that books cost a very high price  
so that none but those that were very  
rich could afford to buy books to read and  
unless some benevolent person gave books to  
the poor they had to go without the  
art of printing however which is one  
of the most useful things ever invented  
has made books very plenty and ~~so~~ cheap  
that there are few who cannot get  
them if they ~~want~~ want them it is very  
wrong for those who have the chance to  
learn to read to not improve it  
and when they have learned to  
read books that will not improve  
the mind the invention of printing  
and the art of reading is very badly  
disgraced and abused by those who  
print and read wicked and worthless  
novels most of them very false which  
are printed and read in great numbers  
every year these wicked books  
are printed and read by a great many  
persons who spend a great deal of  
their time at it but it is  
very wicked as well as foolish  
for it not only wastes the

time but it also spoils the health and ruins the mind for any good and useful reading novels are so fascinating to some persons that they are foolish as to read nothing else but them and are disgusted at any good and useful reading those who abuse their advantages and ruin their mind in this manner are much to be pitied when people read they should choose books containing useful information that will improve the mind and not books that will ruin and debase it it would be a great deal easier for children to learn to read if words were not spelled so hard and if every letter had but one sound some people think that before long every letter will have but one sound I think it would be a great improvement in the art children would learn to read a great deal easier quicker and better and I do not think that there would be so many

bad Spelt Letters as there  
 are none should say as an excuse  
 for not reading that they have got  
 too much work to do or that they have  
 not got time except when they  
 come home from work at night tired  
 for they should take time and  
 choosing a few good books and read  
 them it would make them more happy  
 and more usefull those that can read  
 should read some every day it will  
 be found that those nations who have  
 no Alphabet are generaly if not always  
 wicked and degraded and the same  
 will be found to be the case with  
 families in our own country who  
 cannot read and write they are  
 always ignorant and generaly  
 wicked Reading is always  
 acknowledged to be the most usefull  
 of the Sciences

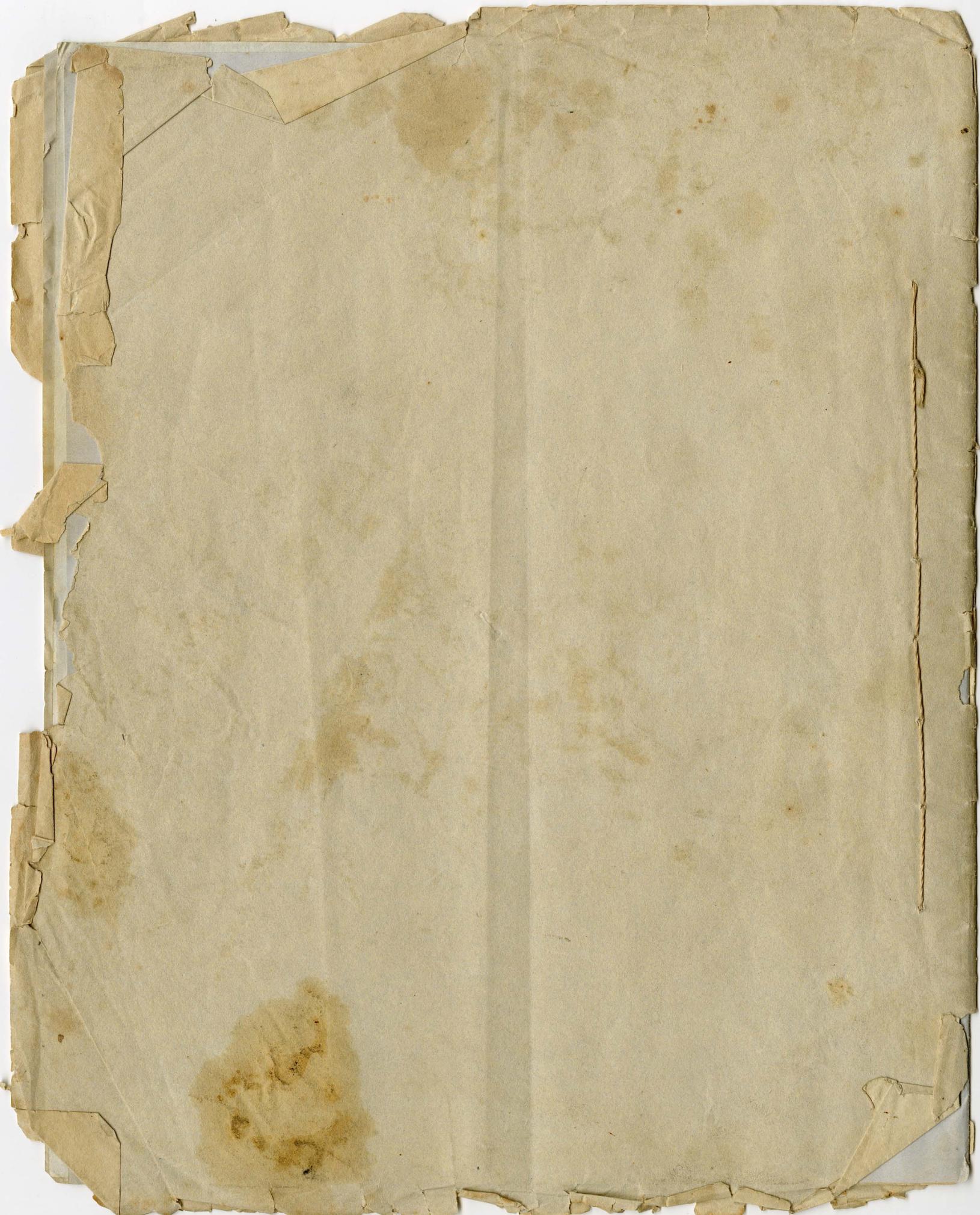
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Two weeks have swiftly flown away since the last night I was seated here to write for our paper. Two weeks have rapidly they have passed. Our last number had some very good pieces in it but they were not finished quite early enough in the week this weeks pieces are finished with more promptitude but not quite as early as I could wish. I do hope the scholars will persevere and not stop writing for the paper it will be too bad to let it drop now after we have commenced. Persevere should be the motto of every one — — — — —

The Past, how many old recollections are brought up by that one word, past. Yes past. Long years of changing scenes joys sorrows labor and rest gone on the fleet wings of time in reality do return no more yet after in the hour of lonely thought the spirit trends again those forsaken paths and as a returning wanderer seeks out every old familiar spot so the spirit will call up every little incident that has left its record on the memory. Far far back dim in the distance appears the day of early happy childhood, then the light heart was free from care, morning night and noon loved friends were gathered around forming a household band, and a young childish heart could see no reason why this blessing might not always last







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