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Cleveland Ohio.

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My dear Mrs. Belden -

I have been wanting to get into touch with you for some time but have just come to the point of putting soul into my wants. The fact is I have been all the past few weeks - have been putting all my strength into work on that Hospital business. Last month I saw in the Leader notice that Hon. W. E. Bense of Port Clinton had about the same "revelation" in regard to this work that I had. Being a man, - a lawyer, - a politician I felt as though my cry had been answered, & it once opened correspondence with him & can but hope we may get live to see our efforts crowned with success.

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I have just sent him a lot
of documents I had collected
— both English & American —
— with the request that he give
the A. P. Co. - C. G. Co credit
for what they had done in
pioneer work. This, with my
large family correspondence
has taken all my strength, but
not all my thoughts. While
on this subject — there is one thing
more I want to ask. When I
sent that paper to be read at
Mallet Creek was there not
connected with it a copy of the
Bill that was presented to the
Legislature last winter?

I fail to find a copy now
when I need one very much.

I have the impression that quite
a number of my papers are
at at the Room in the Arcade
But so many of the officers are
away I have not been able
to get hold of them.

If there would be a copy of the bill
+ it would not be too much
trouble to you, could you
send it to me?

They say a woman puts her
business into her P. O.!

My large object in writing to
you at this time is to learn
how you are situated
about taking the Presidency of
our State Society. It is just
as much my business to enquire
as the winds! But the word
has a mission, + so have I.

There must be a radical
change or the Society might
as well give up. I shall not
probably do any thing except
what I can do in my sitting
room, but I have found even
this is not to be despised. I am
now in my 88th year + my life is
behind me, except this one philan-
thropy that the Lord has opened to me
in my old age. Yours in the work,
Mrs. Justus L. Cogswell.