

Washington and Lee University,)

Lexington, Va., December 8th, 1874.)

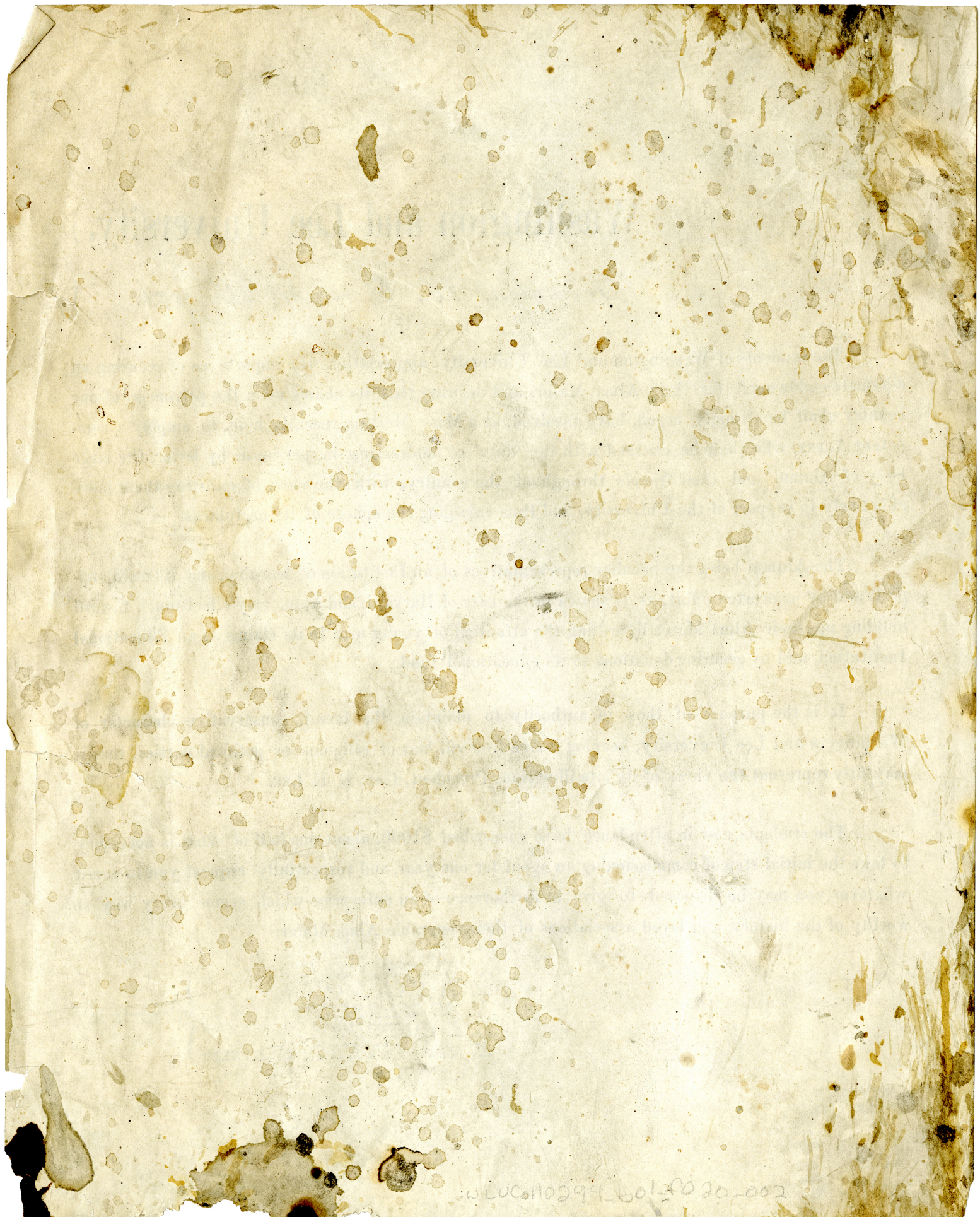
The students of Washington and Lee University appreciating the importance of securing an adequate endowment for their Alma Mater, and desiring that its claims upon the patronage of our country shall be strongly urged, have resolved, at a Mass Meeting recently held, to employ a competent AGENT, who shall be charged with the duty of addressing, in person or by letter, the large body of Alumni and their friends throughout the country, with the view of enlisting them more effectively in support of the University, and thus enlarging the sphere of its usefulness.

The Alumni being the peculiar representatives of an Institution of learning, and its main support, and by concerted effort, as is shown in the case of Harvard and Yale, may effect much toward building up their Alma Mater by calling the attention of young men to its claims as an Educational Institution, and by securing donations to its educational fund.

It is the purpose of those in authority to maintain the broad, conservative character of Washington and Lee University, keeping it free from all bias of religious or political parties, that it may fitly represent the views of its late illustrious President, Gen. R. E. LEE.

The students now in attendance have subscribed \$1000, about one-half of what is necessary to take the initial step of commissioning an agent for one year, and respectfully request you to remit whatever you may be disposed to give in furtherance of an enterprise which seems every way so worthy of the history and loved associations of their venerable Alma Mater.

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