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Thursday

14th Sept. 1893.

My dear Ed. Ficker,

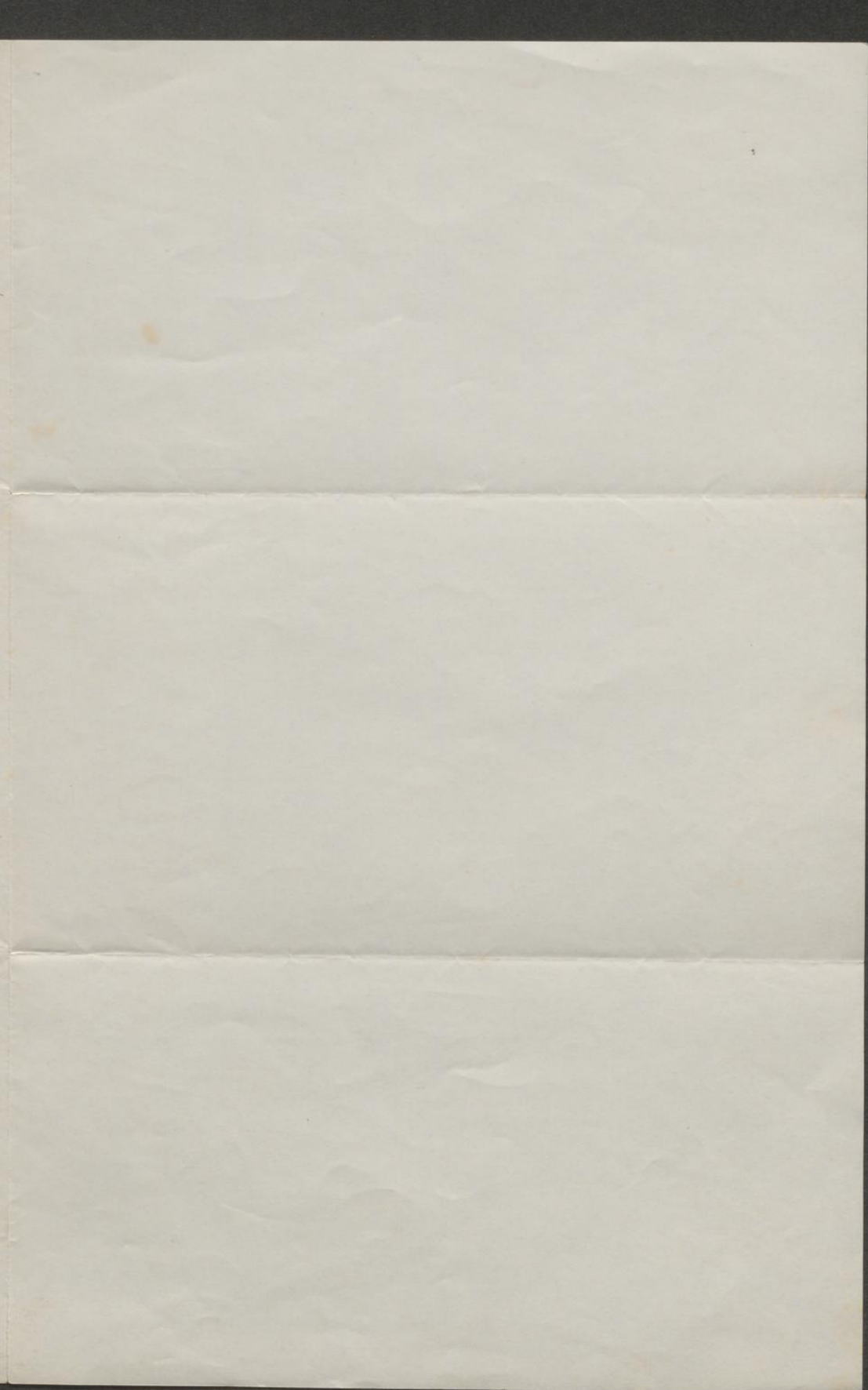
My mission has failed, but you still have it in your power to do what I cannot. The matter seems to me to stand thus: — Frau Turman gave you great provocation — you retaliated — bitter words passed on all sides, but the hardest to bear were those hurled at the one who first offended. Even if you were right, you nobly owned to me yourself that you were neither "Klug" nor gentle. Now, these are two beautiful and very necessary qualities in our dealings with poor mankind, and I in your place would take revenge on that part of my nature that led me to offend against them by an action that raises one high above the ordinary type of mortal. You would however have to

give yourself a loop-hole of excuse for doing this by remembering that unless we were omniscient, we are always liable to err in our judgment of others motives. Once admit this, and then you have an excuse for saying to Frank Turman - "I sincerely regret all the harsh things I have written or spoken, knowing that I am liable to err and that I may have judged wrongly. Can you not be willing to forget the past and let us for the sake of those who need our help, try and work together again." If after this, Frank T. again refuses, then you at least have done your part nobly and are free to start with a satisfied feeling on a fresh footing altogether.

For want of time I must close this. If you could call any time tomorrow, I could spare a few minutes to read you Mr. Turman's letter, but only on condition that you are indifferent to anything unpleasant in it regarding yourself.

In haste

Yours most truly
Flora Carnegie.



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