Brooke Station (Thursday)
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My dear Sir,

I think there is no doubt that the war will last for many years, and that the next generation will have plenty of work without foretelling themselves to depend upon the present. Young men, once intrusted to the service, falling in the field from the hazards of a soldier's lot, in consequence of physical disability. My object in writing is respectfully to suggest that you will do the best in your power to relieve the distress of the old men from the performance of physical service for which they are unable to perform themselves for the danger of command. For though we are a very great people, all conscious it is lamentable that there are among us very few common men, 'in high' or low, and we are not going to maintain the same as we do not. The experience of all time has convinced me so much, therefore you will perform the duty well not be advised for you to establish a military attachment to the University. It would be an easy matter for you to procure a competent officer to...