

Bloomington Ind
July 13 1883

Dear Doctor

In this you have learned by telegram from home of our great loss in the destruction of New Building by fire. It evidently was the result of electricity passing into Prof^r Wylier's room through telegraph wires, as there was quite a storm raging at the time & a severe electric explosion.

This occurred about 9 o'clock P.M. & the fire was not discovered until about two hours afterward. Every thing we may say, in the building was destroyed - not a vestige of record or library left. The north wall & west wall are standing - a part of East & South wall also. There is a good deal of the material in

wally & foundation, that can
be utilized, but of course it
ought not to be on the present site.

Judge Banta has been telegraphed
and I will write to each mem-
ber of the B^d to hold himself in
readiness upon the call of the Pres-
ident, which ought to be immedi-
ately. I write to them because I
fear Judge Banta may not yet
have returned from his accustomed
trip north. While feeling sorrowful
over our loss, I will not allow my-
self to feel discouraged as to the
future. We will have, all told
about twenty eight thousand dollars
insurance on buildings - library &c.
- then the B^d could issue bonds for
ten thousand more, as they did at
the former fire in 1884 - then some-
thing can be raised from our own
community & country.

In relation to the subject -
matter of your last letter rec^d
on yesterday, I shall say nothing
now, as Mrs Mon has just told
me, that she thought if it were
possible for you to forego some of
your engagements; you would
be at home, as soon as you can
reach here.

Yours truly
L. D. Maxwell