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Newtown, Pa. May 28th 84
Rev & Dear Dr.:

I've just-rec^d
the circular invitation to
be present at the laying
of the Corner-Stone of
the first of the proposed
new buildings of I. W.

How much I ^{like to} be
present, but I must fore-
go that pleasure. It scarce-
ly seems a year since I
enjoyed the favor of
meeting you & the other
members of the Faculty,
& the various friends
of the Institution.

In common with
thousands of others I
felt a deep pang when

the news came of the
terrible loss by fire

Now it is some compensation to know that thro' the devotion of its friends & the blessing of Providence, the University is to be better equipped than ever.

Now, that it arises the second time from its ashes, the emblem of the Phoenix might well find an appropriate place above its portals.

Surely a state of the age & prosperity of Indiana, owes it to herself to reconstruct her University upon an ample scale commensurate with the demands of

modern Education, &
to endow the Institution
with a fund sufficient
to equip & sustain every
department upon a full
University plan.

As one of the alumni,
I indulge the ardent
hope that my native
state will not be slack
in taking rank with
the foremost of her sis-
ters in the Cause of high-
er education. I accept,
with grateful satisfaction,
this movement, as an
earnest of the future &
still greater develop-
ment to follow.

And in closing, while
I repeat my regret at
not being able to be pres.

ent, allow me to express
my ardent desire &
prayer that the highest
blessings of Heaven may
descend upon you, the
honored Head of the Col-
lege & upon the other
members of the faculty.

Yours in fraternal
interest & fellowship.

A. McElroy Wylie.

To

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