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My dear Sir.

Our friend Mr. Kester suggested to me the other evening that there were one or two vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Ind. University, & that at the next meeting of the Board he intended to propose me to fill one of them. I should be extremely happy to do any thing I can to advance the interests of the Institution & if I were not apprehensive that I shall be unable to attend the regular meetings of the Board, I should be gratified to have the appointment. I am however now the adm^r of the estate of my brother in law the late Col. Lane who died in Florida, and it may be necessary for me to be absent a good deal - besides, the meetings of the Board conflict with my courts and these two circumstances will prevent me from attending at times when it will be important that the Board should be full. I desire that the Institution should be at once placed on an elevated footing - that the different chairs of the Institution should be filled with able men, and that the narrow policy of consulting economy rather than the character of the University should be abandoned. This penny-wise system will never do. men of talents will not take professorships without a compensation, and students will not go there unless professorships are well filled. With the hope that better times are coming, that the University may soon rise to that rank in the literary institutions of the country which it ought to occupy, and with best wishes for your own health & success, I remain

Yours friend

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