

Hon James H. Graves

Chairman of Legislative Committee

Sir

In compliance with a resolution of your committee desiring me to give my views as to the causes of the decline of Indiana University, I herewith submit my opinion upon that subject. I know that there have been, some disputes and contentions in the institution, and with all the care which the Board of trustees ^{as a body} could take or exercise on such occasions, the prejudices excited against Doctor Wylie in consequence of those disputes, are such and so extensive, let him be innocent as he may, they are calculated to impair his usefulness and injure the University; and here I would say, that individuals here and abroad, appear to be disposed by their conversations, to inflame this prejudice. In some cases from their conduct and speech, I have thought it was through envy to Dr. Wylie personally and in others to injure the prosperity of the institution.

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