

My dear nephew

You justly think strange that I have been so long of replying to your very kind letter. The reason was this. When I immediately on the receipt of yours, applied to Prof^r Barker, our Prof. of Nat. Phil. for his advice in the premises, I did not till yesterday receive an answer, tho' repeatedly solicited. He was then sick, next day; and on recovering, he stated to me, that the subject required more thought & attention, than he was able all at once to spare to it. He undertook it with great readiness, and will be happy to be employed in any way he can serve the cause of science in your institution. I thought I should defer writing you, until I should be able to send you some satisfaction on this subject. I now transcribe Mr Barker note to you.

My dear Sir

In reply to your note in relation to provision of Philos. App^s, I would recommend that the same appropriated should be expended in Paris on an order for instruments to be selected from a Catalogue, as that of Paris, a copy of which I send to you with this note. There are many instruments which can be procured here,

and are well made, but economy will be found to be
consulted, by sending to France, notwithstanding the
expenses of importation. The recent additions to
the University Apparatus here, were made through
Mr. H. Niles, an American resident in Paris.

Chemical apparatus of which we have much
that is original, can be well procured in our city;
There are, however, many articles of stock which France
or Germany affords on more reasonable terms, and which
indeed, cannot well be had in our country.

I should it be in my power to render any ser-
vice to President Wyke in the way of ordering instruments
here, I shall be happy to have the opportunity of thus
furthering the cause.

Very truly Yours

A. D. Backe

I herewith transmit you the Paris catalogue furnished
me by Mr. Backe for that purpose, and do hope
you will avail yourself of Mr. Backe's offer, and
afford him the "opportunity of promoting the cause".

I now return you a thousand thanks for the
promptness with which you attended to, and succeeded
in obtaining, what I so fondly desired - The doctorate
the Rev. William Henry of Newton Ards. The fact
was published here in the Presbyterian & Philadelphian, &

both the Periodicals, together with specific intelligence of it, have been sent to the Emerald Isle. I need tell you how much I am indebted to you for this, among many other kindnesses. Accept of my grateful acknowledgments; and command my services, in any manner that may be useful to you.

There is nothing of much interest stirring here, but what you learn from the public prints, civil & religious. - All my family concerns are in statu quo. - We have got a new Provost in our University. I herewith transmit you copy of his inaugural address: and so soon as our College catalogue & all other appointments yet to be made, and which will be completed on the first Tuesday of the next Month, I shall send you a copy of it also. I was much pleased with your address to your graduates at your late commencement. I hope you continue to send me copies of them as they shall occur. I don't expect to see in May in Phila. as your Gen. As. meets in Oct. I design being in Pittsburgh in August, could then or before, send on Thackeray & D. Henry, I could in the fall have it transmitted to him. With best wishes the present & eternal interests of you & family, I remain most affectionately your Uncle S. B. Wylie



Handwritten signature or initials.

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