The days now past when under your wise and energetic direction
this Institution from a state of stagnation attained in a few years
to one of unsurpassed prosperity and that in the late struggle
its alone of similar Institutions in the Country was able to
maintain its operations.
We would express to you our personal regret that there is a
prospect of our being deprived of your valuable instruction
in your several departments of Political Economy, Moral Science,
Constitutional Law &c. and feel that the experience, judgment,
and abundant information which are combined in your person
may not be found in your successor.
Hoping that in consideration of the occasion, you will
pardon this expression of our sincere feeling and regret which
it has called forth, and assuming you are convinced pos-
tivity will recount with pleasure and pride the deeds of one
who in laboring faithfully for the improvement of the
present, has insured the prosperity of the future generation
and with the sincerest hope that in the quiet happiness of your
home you will enjoy that calmness and serenity in your
remaining years which from the prosperity of your entire life
you are suited to obtain, and which though ever the con-
comitants of a satisfied conscience and enviable career,
are seldom the fruits of one so varied and successful.
We remain dear Sir,

With the highest Respect
Your obedient,

[Signatures]