

Dundee Oct. 18/68

Esra Cornell, Esq.

Sir,

As we have a son in the University which bears your name, & which you have so magnificently endowed; as that son goes to the Institution, the representative of Gates County, he having received the free scholarship for that district; I take the liberty of commending him to your notice & care as much as you may be able to do so, with your multifarious duties.

Our son John D. Warner has received as good advantages as we could consistently give him. I shall assist him as much as I can consistently ~~can~~, but it will be necessary

also that he should help himself. He has always found it an easy matter to keep up with his classes, but with the hours for labor deducted, I think he is attempting as many studies as he could do, without, allowing for labor. What I fear is that by his attempting too much, he will over-reach, & thus lose the profit he might otherwise obtain.

We commit him as a sacred trust, to you, more particularly, as the founder of the University, the one to whom I think so many of our young men will have cause to look as their generous benefactor, & you will be blessed abundantly, inasmuch as it is more blessed to give than to receive.

If you can do so, will you become acquainted with our sons, study him & learn his capabilities, & in a.

measure watch over him.

Forgive me for troubling you with this line, but as we had no acquaintances in Ithaca, my "mother heart" after commending him to the Heavenly Friend, must needs commend him to an earthly one.

Trusting that you are receiving your reward each day for good attempted as well as performed, in the consciousness of trying to benefit the deserving among your fellow men with the means, placed within your power, I remain, your hearty well-wisher, Mrs. L. Warner.

Esra Cornell. Esq.