

Our beloved President was there, ever cool, quietly turning the super-abundant human energy to best account. Control was admirably kept. Excitement, though intense, did not dominate reason, and to this we owe the preservation of much valuable material, and possibly the saving of other buildings.

Nearly a hundred thousand dollars worth of property was lost in a few hours that morning. Insurance relieved the situation but little, for in this fire a great amount of original research work was consumed, particularly the Herrick manuscripts. Rare machinery, including Professor Chamberlain's wonderful interferometer, was destroyed, while many departments were left practically homeless for a time.

For such a disastrous fire to come at a time when the institution was involved in unusual expense, seemed dreadful. Weak hearts would have failed. As "out of the darkness comes the day," so out of this disaster has come the possibility of greater things than ever before. The hopefulness of President Hunt completely won over the discouraged and enthused them with a new and tenderer feeling toward "Our Denison." Now we see upon the ruins of the old building a new one rising, like, it is true, its predecessor in outer form, but in inward substance much more substantial and enduring.

Who, though annihilation of property is always to be decried, will not but admit that the destruction of Science Hall was ordained to be the most auspicious event in the history of Denison University.

