

IU's first president faced trials, tribulations

(Continued from page 1)

most holy will, making it our great and main concern to commit the keeping of our souls to him, in well-doing as to a merciful Creator, seeking his face and favor with our whole hearts, and encouraging ourselves in the cheerful hope, that whenever and wherever and by whatever means 'our earthly house of this tabernacle may be dissolved we may have a building of God an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.'"

Presumably Margaret was used to her husband's literary digressions, but she was obliged to wade through them to get to some further domestic news. Admittedly IU's first president had some help during his wife's absence. "The amount of it is we do

the best we can, and that is bad enough. We have Nancy Swift, without whose assistance we could not get along at all."

BUT WYLIE, who had the responsibility of running a three-building college with less than 100 students, couldn't be in two places at once. One can imagine his gloom as he related to Margaret, "At this moment the rain descends in torrents. Craig (Wylie), poor fellow, is likely out in it; for he went with the wagon this morning to the mill, for boards to cover a lime kiln which the rains have nearly spoiled."

Another son, John must have been either accident-prone or careless. Lamented Wylie, "Three days ago,

John went a black berry-gathering on the old mare without my knowledge. The mare threw him and only came home this morning. Yesterday the luckless fellow fell off the sawpit and hurt his head against a log. He is well enough now, but I was sadly frightened..."

Of Anderson, their 11th child, the president wrote, "Anderson continues to enjoy pretty good health. If

the weather permitted him to be taken out, he would not be anything the loser by his weaning."

Wylie must have been sorely tempted to urge his wife to come home soon, but the cholera was spreading across the Midwest. Upon her return in the fall, he was no doubt glad to relinquish his temporary domestic duties.

Court news

Compiled by the H-T staff

The following sentences were handed down this week in Monroe Superior Court Misdemeanors Division for div-

alcohol-related fees; license restricted for 180 days and supervised probation.