

# Fight for state funds nothing new for IU

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large delegation and escorted to the Orchard House "where an elegant lunch was waiting them, and, if indications are any thing, it was much enjoyed. . ."

After a tour of the university's buildings and classes, the committee and students had the opportunity to get a closer look at each other in the Chapel. Never loath to speak, whether they had anything to say or not, the senators and representatives who wished addressed the students. Senator Yoche of Porter County said tht if anybody had told him when graduating 12 years ago that he would not be back sooner, he would have "considered the report very credulous." He added, "I am in favor of a very liberal endowment; for I believe the reputation of a State and Nation is dependent upon the education of the people." Senator Bloss reckoned that it "was evidently a mistake that he didn't graduate from Indiana University."

On the return trip to Indianapolis, Colonel Maynard of the Indianapolis *Sentinel* — perched in the smoking car — remarked that his visit was a fact-finding one, grist for further reporting in his newspaper.

The university was not to do battle with the legislature without some impressive intercessors, and an impressive group they were as they met in Indianapolis to plan strategy and

come up with a resolution. The group invited included the Honorable John W. Foster of Washington, D.C. (later to be appointed U.S. Secretary of State); the Hon. William R. Springer of Illinois; Hon. R.R. Hitt; Hon. W.E. Niblack; Hon. James. S. Rollins; Judge Andrew Wylie of Washington, D.C.; Judge Walter Q. Greshman, Hon. George G. Wright of Iowa; Hon. William McKee Dunn; Hon. S.M. Stocklager; Hon. A.L. Roache; Hon. R.J. Bright; and Hon. Thomas R. Cobb.

The resolution presented to the legislature was: "Resolved, That we instruct our legislative committee to prepare and present to the legislature a bill providing for the election of a board of regents of the University by the electors of the State, providing for one regent from each congressional district."

Though the resolution was ignored by the legislators, they were prevailed upon to provide for an endowment, funded a tax of one-half cent on each \$100 worth of taxable property. A one-cent tax had been turned down by the house of representatives by a vote of 47-44.

Philosophized the *Indiana Student*, "It is not what was hoped for, but it is a good deal, considering the limited preparation that had been made for the movement, and the amount of appropriations which the legislature had been compelled to make to relieve the distress of the Ohio River towns."