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April 28,

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Brother T. W. Ross, W. M.,

Windsor Lodge, No. 387,

Windsor, Miss.

My dear Brother Ross:-

Your communication of the 19th. instant, informing me that your Lodge had been requested to arrange for the laying of the corner stone of the new school building in your city, on the 5th. of the prox, and asking me, as Grand Master of Masons, to be present and take charge of the ceremonies, has been received.

I have been quite unwell for some days, and unless I shall greatly improve before the time fixed, I shall be unable to attend, and especially to conduct the ceremonies. If, however, my health shall so improve that I can do so, I shall esteem it a duty as well as a great pleasure to comply with your request. Should I find that I cannot attend, I will take care that a suitable representative be present to take my place.

Suggest to Prof. Phillips, that he must make the arrangement for a speaker, as I could not undertake the address if requested. I suppose he expects to attend to this, but it is not wise for me to mention it here.

Fraternally yours,

J. M. Brown
Grand Master.