

Atlantic City, N. J. Aug. 26th 1888

Very Rev. Father General:

Your telegram announcing the death of Professor Lyons reached me here and I am very sorry to hear of his demise. I could not answer sooner on account of my illness which is very severe and looks as if it might terminate in my death. I was stricken down last Nov. with pneumonia and ever since have been at death's door, I may recover but it looks doubtful from the way I am getting along. I was about erecting a fine Church in Oil City when prostrated and so the new building hangs fire waiting for my recovery and restoration to health or death.

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But God's will be done: Your Institution
had no better friend or harder worker
than the late Professor Lyons. May
the good God have mercy on his
soul and give him eternal rest and
happiness. We are all getting old and
it looks as if you and Father Granger
would live to see many younger ones
pass away. So may it be. I hope and
trust that your lives may be spared
for many years to come in the interest
of religion, ~~and~~ education and a sound
morality. As soon as I am able I will
offer the Holy Mass for the repose of
his soul or have it said for that end.
Please give my kindest regards to all the
Fathers and Brothers and believe me
to be yours sincerely and respectfully
Thos. Canoll