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Dr. Lemuel Moss,
Bloomington, Ind.,

Dear Sir:— I write you this morning in the interest of the two young ladies of this city, Misses Lillie Murphy and Marie Robelaz, who expect to enter the University in September next, and about whom you were written to last spring, by Mr. Sanders and Mrs. J. I wish to say in their behalf that I have known both of them for more than ten years past, and say to you that they are two most excellent young ladies; indeed it would be difficult, in my judgment, to find anywhere two more earnest, consistent and conscientious young persons. They will prove a credit to any institution of learning that they may enter. Both are graduates of our High School. Miss Robelaz graduated in 1877, and Miss Murphy, in 1879. Both have taught in the public schools of this city, since graduating from the High School, to the satisfaction of all persons interested in these schools. Miss Robelaz is about 24 years of age, and Miss Murphy nearly 22. They mean work. They will enter the University for the

purpose of acquiring a higher education, and you will find them, at all times, with that purpose in view. They are good students, and have always been recognized as such. They both came within a small fraction of one per cent. of receiving the highest honor of their respective classes in our High School.

They are anxious about what will be required of them to enter the University. They have passed out of their teens, and like most students as they grow older, are a little sensitive about passing an examination, especially when they are expected to pass an examination on branches passed over years ago. They both taught school in this city last year, and since they determined to go to College, have been reviewing some of their studies. They have employed a teacher to give them lessons in Latin, and have ^{been} devoting a good deal of time to that subject. As they worked hard in the school room last year, and, during the spring months, spent most of their time out of school in study; and as they have been studying ^{hard} thus far, this summer, they are beginning to feel the need of rest and recreation. I am a little afraid that the ambition of these two girls will lead them to overtax themselves. I think they ought to have the remainder of this summer

to rest and recuperate, so that they may enter upon their studies in September next, refreshed and with new vigor.

Will they be required to pass an examination to enter the Freshman Class, or, can they enter that class upon presenting their diplomas from our High School? If they enter the Freshman class at first, and in the course of a few months should show proficiency in the studies, I presume they will be advanced to the next higher class. They will take care of themselves anywhere they are placed.

When it became known here that Miss Robelag and Miss Murphy had decided to attend college, quite an effort was made by the friends of Asbury to induce them to go to Greencastle. A number of things, disparaging to the State University was told them; and the superior advantages of Asbury as an institution of learning were all depicted to them. But their minds were made up. They had decided to go to Bloomington, and could not be induced to change that decision, not, at least, by the friends of Asbury. They uniformly remarked, when approached upon the subject, "We have

made up our minds to go to the State University,
and cannot now be induced to go elsewhere."

If you can tell me what course these
young ladies should pursue, so that they can
have some vacation during the summer, please
do so.

Respectfully yours,

A. B. Jacobs