

English

Indiana University, June 5, 1889.

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees;
Gentlemen,

The Department of English reports for the Winter Term, 1888-9, six daily classes as follows; two, Freshman, conducted by Assoc. Prof. Gunn, one Sophomore, one Junior, one Senior, one Graduate Class, conducted by myself, the last four classes numbering respectively 18, 9, 7, 3. The Graduate Class I call such because of subject rather than membership, containing one resident graduate, one Senior, one Junior, subject Advanced Anglo-Saxon (Beowulf). I have, however, found it impracticable to conduct four daily classes satisfactorily and shall not again attempt it except in case of emergency. For the Spring Term, I report 5 classes, 2 under Assoc. Prof. Gunn, 3 in my own charge, all daily, with a few extra meetings for volunteer additional work, my three classes numbering the Soph. 34, the Junior 5, the Senior 10. I make special mention of Mr. A. D. Moffett, graduated in 1883 in Ancient Classics who returned after five years' experience to devote himself to English and has carried through the year two courses with outside work in addition to a course in German and in Pedagogy. Mr.

Moffett is assisting, at a disadvantage, in the preparation of a Concordance to Chaucer to be published by the English Chaucer Society, and his industry and zeal deserve recognition. I have by Correspondence directed the studies of various graduate students as shown in last Catalogue, but most if not all of them must continue their candidacy, being unable to complete their work this year. I am informed that Mr. E. H. Griggs of the present graduating class is to be appointed a teacher in the University and will devote his entire time to English, while teaching studying for an advanced degree with English as his specialty. I know no reason why Assoc.-Prof. Gunn should not be continued in charge of the Freshman sections ^{in English} except that there is of necessity a disadvantage in dividing a teacher into three parts, and that he greatly prefers Greek and Latin to English. He has certainly overworked himself in his new field, and would doubtless find his former specialties less laborious as well as more to his taste. It seems therefore to promise well to make the changes proposed, and I certainly look forward to an increased efficiency in my department as a consequence of thus consolidating its interests. I understand that Mr. Griggs will cooperate.

rate in the long delayed realization of my own plans for the English work and without regarding his part as a make-shift or temporary assignment.

I respectfully renew my request for the purchase of the publications of the Chaucer Society and the Early English Text Society.

I ask an appropriation of \$2500 ^{as may be needed} or less for the purchase and plain framing of the "Atlantic" Portraits of Holmes, Lowell, Bryant, Whittier, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Emerson, life-size lithographs, in the best style of the art.

I further respectfully request the increase of my salary to the amount from which it was reduced without notice several years ago, basing my request on mere justice in the first place and mainly, because the alleged ^{of the reduction} cause (the supposed loss of \$10,000) was non-existent, secondly in general desert and in services as Secretary of the Faculty and otherwise.

Yours sincerely,
O. B. Clark

P.S. I beg leave to supplement this report with a list of books needed in the Library.

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