

English

Bloomington, Ind. June 11, 1891.

To the President and Trustees of
Indiana University;

Gentlemen,

The Freshmen pursuing required American Literature have been met daily the current term by Assoc. Prof. Griggs who will report as to the numbers and work of the three sections of the class. Professor Griggs' work is I doubt not properly valued by you, and I hope he may return to the University after his intended studies at Harvard and on terms satisfactory to all concerned. It would probably be best to divide the work in English Language and Literature into two coordinate departments upon the return of Professor Griggs and along lines that might be agreed upon.

I hope you will confirm the selection of Mr. W. E. Henry of the present Senior Class to be Professor Griggs' successor for the year 1891-2.

My own classes this term are the Seniors, 26

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in number daily in Browning's lyrics and dramas, and Lowell's poems and prose; the Juniors, 16 in number, reading all of Milton's poetry, and two prose works, daily; the Sophomores in the History and present condition of the English language, 18 in number, also daily. For my first Class, with a visitor or two present, the room is crowded and is inconveniently small for my work in general. I very much wish to have the use of a larger room for my Shakespeare class, likely to be a large one, next fall, and would urge the importance of providing for the English department a room capable of seating from 40 to 50 persons, in view of the probably necessary division of the Freshmen next year into but two sections of about 50 each to enable the instructor to render assistance in higher English as well as in the Department of Rhetoric and Oratory. I expect to conduct a class of graduate students in advanced work next year in addition to former and present College courses, and shall therefore avail myself of the Instructor's

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Knowledge and experience as a teacher in some higher class courses besides the Freshman. I wish to make my present room not only a recitation room for smaller classes but a work room for advanced students. It should therefore be supplied with a few necessary tools. For general literary and linguistic purposes, and specially for the word studies of next year, I beg a sufficient appropriation to purchase one copy of the New Century Dictionary in 6 vols., 5 now published, the 6th to be out this fall. It costs in cloth \$10.00 per vol., in 1/2 Morocco \$15.00. I have a copy for my own use, and there is a copy in the Library, but as dictionary (of etymologies, meanings, quotations and illustrations) and encyclopedia of all arts and sciences it is invaluable and furnished a whole reference library for the working student at the preliminary table.

I would further ask that the Local Executive Board be authorized to assign or re-assign rooms for next year as may best accommodate the greatest number.

Respectfully,

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