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To the Honorable Board of Trustees
Of Indiana University.
Gentlemen:

The Department of Greek has this term five classes, each five hours per week, representing in all twenty-five hours of recitation work per week. These five classes consist of one corresponding to each of the four years of college work, and an elective class in Greek Derivatives and Greek Literature in English. This latter class is a new department which I have introduced this term as an elective for students who do not have time or inclination to take a more extensive course in Greek. Three hours per week are devoted to the study of English derivatives from Greek, and two hours per week to Greek literature in the English translation. In this second division we are this term studying the plays of Aeschylus, using Plumptre's translation as a text book. Since this class is a new feature in the work of the department, it is of course as yet scarcely more than an experiment. However, if I may be permitted to pass judgment upon my own work, I can say that I feel confident that the experiment will prove a success, that such a class will satisfy a real want of many students, and will grow in popularity. I have already been

asked to repeat the work with a new class next term. Eight students have elected the work this term, (mostly seniors), and have so far pursued the work with diligence & efficiency.

Of the four regular classes in Greek, Prof. Philpott has charge of the Sophomores, and the other classes meet me. The upper classes are small, but the Freshman class is the largest I have had since I took charge of the Department. The number of students is as follows: Seniors, 3; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 6; Freshmen, 17; Greek in English, 8; Total, 38.

There will probably be 5 Seniors in Greek in the spring term, as there were two who were in advance of the class and are now out of college, but expect to return in the spring and graduate with the class.

It now devolves upon me to do some begging in behalf of the department, and I trust that you will hear me graciously as I have hitherto asked but little and received still less. If I am not mistaken, the records will show that the department of Greek has not received a single appropriation since it has come under my charge. Now I do not feel jealous of any department or wish any one to have less than it receives. I sincerely wish that they might all receive much more than it is in your power to give them.

Yet, if you will pardon the statement, it does not seem fair that some departments should be utterly ignored in this matter of appropriations. The department of Greek has not even a decent map of Greece. There are, it is true, a few old maps, but they are faded, torn, and out of date. We should have at once at least one good, large, new map of Ancient Greece. I have a fine large plan of the Acropolis at Athens which I purchased at my own expense rather than lose the opportunity of getting it. This I will present to the department, but do not feel like paying for the framing of it also myself. It must be framed before it can be used. There belong to the department a considerable number of photographs purchased at the recommendation of Prof. Clark when he had charge of the dept. Some of these should be framed and hung upon the walls of the Greek room. Additional charts are also much needed. Without specifying further I earnestly request that you appropriate at least \$25.00 to the dept. to be used at the discretion of the head of the dept. in the ways suggested above.

While the University is from time to time increasing the sphere of its activity by adding new departments, I trust that

the importance of a Department of Archaeology will not be overlooked. Probably in no science has there been greater activity put forth and greater advance made of late years than in Archaeology; and yet most of our students are hardly aware of the existence of such a science. I would therefore humbly suggest that the next department added to our University be a department of Archaeology, and that the foundation of an Archaeological Museum be laid as soon as possible. Of course we can not hope to collect much in the way of genuine antiquities here, but fortunately there remains of ancient art and civilization may be so well represented in casts and pictures that for the purposes of our students a museum of casts and pictures would serve almost as well as the originals themselves. Such casts and pictures may be obtained at a moderate expense. A little added each year, if wisely selected by a competent specialist, would make such a museum in a few years one of the most useful and attractive adjuncts of the institution. Such a department and museum, apart from its intrinsic usefulness, would be a great help to the departments of History, Latin and Greek; and, indeed, to all those depart-

ments which are concerned with the study
of man. It would be of especial importance
for the collateral work of Greek students,
and this must be my excuse for presum-
ing to call your attention to it.

Respectfully,

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Bloomington, Ind.,
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Department of Geology,
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