

Greek.

To the President and Board of Trustees
of Indiana University.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following as my report for the department of Greek for the college year of 1890-91.

I have maintained throughout the year four classes daily as follows:

1. Senior class in Plato, ^{Xenophon,} Herodotus, and Demosthenes, the class containing nine members.
2. Junior class in Lyric & Dramatic Poetry, eight members.
3. Sophomore class in Xenophon, Herodotus and Homer, three to five members.
4. Freshman class in elementary Greek, eight to eleven members.

The nine students in the senior class all graduate this year in the Greek course.

I have been absent from recitations in the course of the year three and a half

days. In the first term I went to Indianapolis on business and missed the last two hours' recitations one Friday. In March I went to Indianapolis to attend the reception to President Eliot of Harvard and remained for the State Oratorical Contest, thus missing two and a half days from college. In May I missed a half day from college work by attending the meeting of the Indiana Philological Society at Indianapolis.

It will be seen from the above statement that although the entire number of students in the department is small, as, in the present tendencies of education, is to be expected in the department of Greek, the number of classes and hours taught has been more than you have generally asked one man to teach, and more than one person can well teach by real university methods. It must be

borne in mind that the number of classes rather than the number of students indicates the amount of labor required on the part of the professor. None of these classes are duplicators, and so I have ^{been} compelled to make preparation daily in four distinct subjects.

This has been too much, especially if I am expected to press out into the field of original work and take an active part as a productive factor in the advancement of knowledge, - that part which has become so important for the reputation both of the individual professor and of the institution which employs him.

I have accordingly taken the liberty to combine for next year the senior and junior classes so as to make a reduction in the number of hours. But as I wish to do some special work in Greek History and

Archaeology, and in some other lines of work which properly fall under the scope of the department, the number of classes will probably still be too great. I should accordingly be glad to have arrangements made so that some help may be secured next year, if the number of classes should justify it. It probably would not be wisest to elect any one at present, and I believe it will be possible next year to secure assistance from some one at hand for a small expense. My request accordingly is that the matter be placed in the hands of the President and Local Board so that help may be employed, if in their judgment the circumstances should warrant it.

Respectfully,

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