

THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY,

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

History

and Board of Trustees

Nov. 7th 1888

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY:

Gentlemen:

In the department of History, during the present term, three classes are in operation. The Sophomore class, which is studying the general History of the Intellectual Development of Europe, contains fifty-one members; the Junior class, in the History of Greece, contains ten members; and the Senior class, which studies the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, sixteen members.

Total no. of students in historical classes, seventy-seven.

Of these, thirty-one have selected History as their specialty; ten such specialists belonging to the Senior class.

Comparing the present term with the fall term of 1887, the following facts may be noted. While the Junior class is smaller than a year

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ago, owing to the fact that several of the History-specialists in that class failed to return to college, both the Sophomore and Senior classes, on the contrary, are far larger. Such is also the case with the number of specialists in the historical department — and especially in the Senior class. — In regard to the quality of the work done in the Department of History, the professor feels justified in reporting progress. The beneficial effects of the election system are showing themselves in the fact that by far the greater number of students in the historical classes show a real interest in the subjects studied, while the professor himself is encouraged to all the greater zeal by this increased ~~interest~~ interest on the part of the students.

The professor of History advises a renewal

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of the subscription to the Magazine of American History, the Historische Zeitschrift, and the Preussische Jahrbücher. The two latter periodicals stopped coming in May or June, for some reason which only those who understand the management of the library can explain. Something will, I hope, be done to secure their the regular arrival of each number as soon after its publication as is possible. I also urgently advise subscription to "The English Historical Review", published by Longmans, Green & Co. of London.

In my opinion, the Board of Trustees would further the interests of the Library and the University if they gave the Prof. of History (as I understand they have done to other professors) permission to spend a sum of

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money in the purchase of such historical works as he may deem needful — the amount of such sum to be as large as the Board think they can afford to spend on the Department of History.

As regards my salary, I have already stated, in a letter ^{written in the Spring} to the President of your honorable body, my reasons for thinking myself justified in asking for an increase, provided that the necessary funds are in the treasury.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Dabney,

Prof. of History.