

Report of The Department of History.

History

Richmond, Va.

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To

The President & Board of Trustees
of the Indiana University.

Gentlemen:

I beg leave to submit for
your consideration the following report
on the Department of History.

During the past Winter Term the
following classes in History were taught.

The Sophomores continued the work,
begun in the Fall, in the History of
the Intellectual Development of Europe,
the class containing during this (winter) term
forty-six (46) members.

The Juniors, eighteen (18) in number,
studied the History of Rome.

The Seniors, seventeen (17) in number, studied the History of the Reformation.

A Historical Club was also organized at the beginning of the Winter Term — open only to Seniors & Post-Graduates — and has met once a week, (on Monday Evening,) for two hours, at my rooms, during the Winter & Spring terms. A critical study has been made of Buckle's History of ~~European~~ Civilization, papers being read by the students and various questions minutely discussed.

During the Spring Term the following classes were taught.

The Sophomores, fifty-six (56) in number, studied the History of

Rationalism in Europe.

The Juniors, forty-six (46) in number, studied English History.

The Seniors, nineteen (19) in number, studied the French Revolution.

As this is my last report to you, I should like to call your attention to a few facts before bringing it to a close.

When I became connected with the Indiana University, there must have been a prejudice against me for some reason. For, during my entire first year not a member of the Senior Class (with the exception of Mr. Goerlitz, a foreigner & a new-comer who knew nothing of what had gone before) ever entered my class-room. It would seem,

however, that I have overcome that prejudice; for, out of the forty-one members of the present Senior Class, ten (10) will graduate in the Department of History, while nineteen (19) others have taken one or more terms of History with me.

Last year I used Montgomery's English History in the Spring Term as my text-book in the Junior Class — requiring, at the same time, reports from the students on outside reading in larger works. The class then numbered only thirteen (13). This year, with the same work, it numbered forty-six (46). In every Spring term I have had a Soph. Class in the Hist. of Rationalism. In 1887 it numbered sixteen (16), in 1888 it numbered thirty-two (32), and in 1889 it numbered fifty-six (56). — In the Spring term of 1888 the total number of students in all ^{three} of my classes was forty-seven (47). This Spring term it was one hundred and twenty-one (121).

The above facts make me feel that I have left the Department of History in a better condition than I found it.

Very respectfully yours
R. H. Dabney.

See Postscript on other sheet.

Postscript. Out of the 161
Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors,
31 are in the Department of
History*, whereas the average
number for each of the fourteen
other Departments is only 14.
R.H.D.

* Miss Overman (Junior) and Miss
Hawkins (Soph.) are in this Department,
though erroneously assigned in the Catalogue
to other Departments. Mr. C. H. Beard
& Miss L. B. Bennett, on the contrary, who
are put down in the Catalogue as belonging to
the Dep't of Hist., do not, I think, belong to it.
~~R.H.D.~~

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