

The Indiana University,

Bloomington.

History
Nov. 3, 1890.

To the President,

Dr. D. S. Jordan,

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the appointment by the Board of Trustees made in June 1890, I have undertaken the Professorship of American History in the University. In the absence of Prof. Barnes, and at your request, I have been conducting two of the University classes in the Course in General History while beginning the first of a two-years' course in the Department

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of American History. I respectfully submit the following as a report of the work in the Historical Departments for the current term:

Sixty three students are enrolled in the Historical Departments. In this enrollment five students are counted twice, special students working in two classes. The Classes are as follows:

Seniors, History of the Reformation----17
Juniors, English Constitutional History--14
Sophomores, Greek History-----30

All these courses are elective.

Twenty two of the above students

Two students of this Dept are doing extra work, two hours a week in French History.

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of the upper classes) have elected to enroll themselves as special students in the Historical Department. I have not learned the number who intend doing so among the Sophomores;

The Course in English Constitutional History is designed for as a preparation for the study of the origin and growth of the United States' Constitution, assigned for next term. By means of this Course offered this year to the Juniors, it is hoped that the Seniors next year, who continue to elect work in this Department, will be ready for an intelligent and thorough

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study of American Political History during the national period.

The work which the classes are doing is, on the whole, acceptable and satisfactory, tho' the students are hampered from serious inconveniences arising from the lack of a recitation room for the Historical Department. At present there is no room which may be claimed for this purpose. I have my first-hour recitation in one room, my second in another, my third in another. Two of these rooms are

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at a distance from the Library.

Books are, in a special sense, the laboratory for the historical student and our reserved books have to be divided into three groups, removed from one another, - a circumstance which makes the direction in the use of these books and the responsibility for their care and safety an unsatisfactory and uneasy task. I would respectfully ask the authorities of the University for rooms for the Historical Department in the new building within easy access to the Library.

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The Department is in need of some supplies on which account I would have you ask the Board for an appropriation. I would mention especially the following:

1. A series of Historical Maps, mounted on rollers for convenient use. The map is indispensable in historical study. Our supply in this respect is entirely inadequate. So far as I can learn it consists of
 - 1 map of Greece
 - 1 map of the Roman Empire.
 - 1 map of the United States.

We should have a map of modern continental Europe, a

map of each of modern Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain, and historical maps of medieval Europe. The Department of American History needs, also, a good map of Indiana and maps showing the territorial development of the United States. Sixty or seventy dollars might be profitably used in this direction, at present.

2. I respectfully petition the Board for a ~~mimeograph~~ an appropriation of twenty dollars (\$20) for a mimeograph and its supplier. I do not need to state the uses of this machine

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It will be ~~in~~ of constant use to the classes through the year and will enable me to give them much valuable supplementary matter.

3. When the Historical Departments are assigned rooms for their classes, upon the completion of the new Library building, I should be glad to have an opportunity to advise concerning the furnishing.

I add a list of books whose purchase I advise for the Library. I trust liberal appropriations will be continued for this

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purpose. I may be allowed
to repeat that our books
are our only laboratory
and they are the bulk of the
expense to which the Uni-
versity is put on account
of the Historical Department.

Very respectfully,

James Albert Woodburn

Prof. Am. Hist.