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To the President for the Honorable Board of Trustees of Ind. Un.

I have but a brief report to make for the Dept. of Physics. There has been a greater number of students studying with the Dept. this year than any year since I have been with the University, and the quality of the work has been at least as satisfactory as heretofore. Seventy students have been working in the laboratory the past term, 16 taking freshman work, 2 sophomores and 2 juniors. This is quite as many as we can work satisfactorily with our present facilities. A number of students who were taking lectures the first two terms of the year, and should have taken laboratory work this term (because of the crowded condition) left over their work until the fall term of next year. Mr. Foley has rendered most efficient help in the laboratory and has had almost entire charge of the beginning work.

Besides the laboratory work, I have had 3 students taking the sophomore lectures and 3 the senior work. Two of the latter will graduate this year; one has been taking double work in Physics this year and will not graduate until next year.

I have also had 3 students in the application of Descriptive Geometry to mechanical Drafting who have done very good work.

The appropriation for the Dept. has been almost entirely expended.

and, though small, has helped somewhat to relieve the stress due to lack of apparatus. The bills have all been paid by the Secretary and are in his hands. A small appropriation will be needed next fall for necessary running expenses, as the amount not expended will not be sufficient to purchase the battery material &c that will be needed for the year. I make this statement now in view of my absence next year.

I think I am justified in saying that the Dept. is in better working condition than it has ever been before. And I believe that, with proper encouragement in the way of laboratory facilities, it might be made, as in other schools, a most important attraction in drawing students to the University.

Respectfully submitted

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