

Preparatory School

Bloomington, Indiana.
November 1. 1887.

To The President of
The University of Indiana;

Dear Sir-

The following report, concerning
The Preparatory School of The University, is respectfully
submitted to you for transmission to The Board of Trustees.

Attendance &c.

- 1. Term's enrollment, ----- 97.
- 2. Actual residents of Monroe County, ----- 73.
- 3. " " " Bloomington, ----- 45.
- 4. " " " other counties & states, ----- 24.
- 5. Average number belonging each week, ----- 95.
- 6. " daily attendance, ----- 93.5

These figures indicate, - (1), the largest enrollment the
school has known since its separation from the Bloom-
ington High School; (2), excellent & regular attendance; (3), a
reasonable assurance of the steady growth of the school.

Recitations & number of Pupils in each.

Senior Class.

Junior Class.

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| 1. Algebra, ----- 53. | 1. Physiology, ----- 41. |
| 2. Latin (Caesar), ----- 41. | 2. English Grammar, ----- 43. |
| 3. English Composition, ----- 50. | 3. General History, ----- 54. |
| 4. Physical Geography, ----- 49. | 4. Beginning Latin, ----- 50. |

These represent the daily recitations of the school.
Wherever it has been practicable, these classes have
been divided into sections so that there are in all e-
leven recitations heard each day. Out of the num-

ber in the senior class, it is probable that thirty or thirty-five will graduate next June. The number of irregular students is comparatively small. The first year class is large + contains many promising students.

The work of the school has met with no interruption worthy of mention. Both assistants are faithful + experienced, + it is believed they are earnestly trying to discharge their duties efficiently + thoroughly. The work in English Composition is receiving more than usual attention, + much pains is being taken to train students in the art of expressing thought on paper, as well as to give them much valuable + useful information. In addition to this, great care has been taken in the preparation of discussions upon questions suited to the capacity of the students, the teachers hoping in this way to develop thought, research, + power of expression. Much attention has also been given to the art of public speaking, so far as its practice lies within the province of the school.

Discipline.

Believing it to be a part of the work of a school to teach the habit of self-control as well as a proper regard for the rights of others + a due observance of such moral obligations as abide in good society, the instructors have sought to shape the discipline of the school to this end. The result has been that the work + the behavior of the students have in general been entirely in harmony with the wishes of the teachers. The general exercises at the opening of school each day have been of a moral + religious character. Both teachers + students have been present, thus seeking the one to aid the other in the formation of a habit of reverence + devotion to God + man. The teachers

The other in the formation of a habit of order + an appreciation of good morals. The teachers have also sought through cooperation with parents to accomplish as thoroughly as possible the ends + purposes for which the school was established.

Outside work.

During the summer vacation the Principal did institute work in seven counties of the state, namely: Daviess, Gibson, Warren, Rush, La Porte, St. Joseph + Monroe. Calls were also received from two other counties. The purpose of this work was not only to help to advertise the Institution, but also to do such work as would exhibit the character of the instruction given throughout the year in the Preparatory School. While at this work, quite a number of young people were met who expected sooner or later to avail themselves of the advantages offered by the university. Indeed, some of them are now students.

Suggestions.

The following suggestions are respectfully offered for the consideration of the Board.

1. That the age of admission to the Preparatory School be advanced from thirteen to fourteen years, + that the age of admission to the Freshman class be advanced likewise.
2. That since there are no reference books directly supplied to the school, arrangements be made by which Preparatory students may have the use of the college library as a reading room on Saturday mornings from 8 to 12 M. By the present arrangement of library hours, they are not only subjected to much inconvenience but also to a great loss of time in going to get information from works of general reference.

The President of the University, The Board of Trustees,
+ The members of the Preparatory Committee are cordially in-
vited to visit the school at their convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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