

Bloomington, Indiana,
Nov. 8. 1888.

To The President of The
University of Indiana,

Dear Sir,

The following report concerning
The Preparatory Department of The University is respect-
fully submitted to you for transmission to The Board of Trustees.

Attendance &c.

1. Term's Enrollment, - - - - - 100.
2. Actual residents of Monroe county, - - - - - 64.
3. " " " Other counties & States, - - - - - 36
4. Average number belonging each week, - - - - - 97.
5. " daily attendance, - - - - - 95.

These figures show, - (1), The largest enrollment The department has known up to this date in The school year; (2). A steady gain in the number of foreign students; (3). Regular attendance, notwithstanding The disorganizing tendencies peculiar to The times; (4). Healthy growth of The school.

Recitations &c.

Senior Class.

Junior Class.

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| 1. Algebra - - - - - 56. | 1. Physiology, - - - - - 40. |
| 2. Latin, (Caesar) - - - - - 48. | 2. English Grammar, - - - - - 44. |
| 3. English Composition - - - - - 50. | 3. General History, - - - - - 53. |
| 4. Physical Geography, - - - - - 50. | 4. Beginning Latin, - - - - - 57. |

Whenever possible these classes have been divided into sections, so that in all there are twelve daily recitations. Each teacher is doing at least four & a half hours

of actual instruction every day. There are now forty-four regular Seniors, twelve irregulars, & forty-four regular Juniors. It is probable that a class of about forty can be graduated next June.

Instruction.

Up to date The Principal has given instruction in Algebra, Caesar, & Beginning Latin. Prof. J. E. Wiley has given instruction in Physiology, English Grammar, Caesar, & Beginning Latin. Prof. Jas. A. Mitchell has given instruction in Physical Geography, English Composition & General History.

The work of the school has been ^{somewhat} interfered with by influences peculiar to the times; but the teachers have been in their places daily, & every effort has been put forth to maintain steady & successful progress. Both assistants are energetic & faithful, & it is believed they are doing efficient & thorough work. Much care is used to direct every line of study towards thoroughness & accurate scholarship. The spirit of investigation is encouraged in every way possible. The good effects of this are seen in the essays regularly prepared for the weekly public exercises. Great pains have also been used in the preparation of discussions upon subjects adapted to the capacity of the students, hoping thus to awaken thought, inspire research, & cultivate the power of expression. Along these lines good results have been attained & students have been taught the practical use of the library & also how to investigate for themselves. Interest & zeal in the art of public speaking continue & the school is doing commendable work in this direction. A part of the appropriation made to the school last Term has been expended for books designed to be used in the encouraging of the art of expression. Good results have been already attained from these, & it is hoped still further to aid & encourage students to do this work successfully & thoroughly.

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Discipline.

That the discipline is efficient is shown by the fact that students are more interested in their work than they are given to bad behavior. Every effort is made to teach the habit of self-control as well as to appreciate the rights of others. The daily opening exercises are of a moral & religious nature. The mutual & regular presence of both teachers & students at these exercises has contributed, it is believed, in no small degree to the general welfare of the school. Whenever necessary judicious cooperation with parents has been used to strengthen the work & the discipline of the department.

Suggestions.

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

1. As it is very likely that the services of another instructor will be necessary after the holidays, that provision be made for such selection by the Local Board acting with the President.
2. That a small appropriation of say ten or fifteen dollars be set apart to be expended as the wants of the school & the judgment of the teachers may dictate.

The President of the University, the Board of Trustees, & the members of the Preparatory Committee are cordially invited to visit the school at their convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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