

Bloomington, Indiana,
June 5th, 1889.

To The President of The
University of Indiana.

Dear Sir,

The following summary concerning
the work of the current-year, prospective wants, &c of the
Preparatory School is submitted to you for transmission
to The Board of Trustees.

Judged by the attendance, number about to graduate, & amount & quality of work done the year has been
a very successful one. Total enrollment for the year is
131; in actual attendance 129. This exceeds the enrollment
of last year by 3. The number of students accredited to Monroe county in the catalogue is 70, leaving
the number from other points to be 61. This shows an increase of 14 over actual number of foreign students of last
year & when taken in connection with those who have
come to Monroe county for educational purposes it represents by far the largest attendance of foreign students
thus far known in the history of the Department. Thirty-four counties of the State, six States & one Territory of the Union
have been represented during the year. The percent of daily attendance for current year has been very
good & the general interest of students in their work has
been well maintained.

The following indicates the classes & their respective
sizes: - Seniors, - Algebra, 63; Virgil, 46; Geometry, 53; Lat-

in Composition, 53. Juniors, - General History, 65; Junior Latin, 60; Beginning Algebra, 50; Arithmetic, 45. Whenever possible these classes have been divided into sections thereby facilitating effective & thorough instruction. The catalogue reports 70 Seniors, of whom 45 are regular & will graduate into The Freshman class on Monday June 10. Of the 25 irregular seniors many have been made almost regular, so that - They can enter The Freshman class with little inconvenience. Of the 61 Juniors, 35 are regular & 26 irregular; so that - The prospect for a large senior class next year is very promising.

As the foregoing shows, the work of the school has been very good. Students generally have worked well & earnestly. Some however have proved to be worthless & have been dismissed. The discipline has been generally good & maintained with little difficulty. Attention has been steadily given to the moral training of the school & good results have been attained. Students have been usually regular in their attendance upon chapel exercises, lectures, & they have not failed to heed the smaller details of school life. It is just to say that all the work has been faithfully & carefully done. That, however, in English Composition, Latin, & Mathematics deserves special mention. In English there has been a greater use of the library than ever before. More general reading has been done. The writing has been practical & the student has been fairly taught the use of the library. In Latin the full amount of work has been done in a way which will produce careful, critical students. It is doubtful whether the work done in Latin in the Preparatory School is duplicated in any other school in the state. The structure of the language, Scansion, mythology & history are all carefully brought out so that the student has a

State. The structure of the language, Scansion, Mythology & history are all carefully brought out so that the student has a good working knowledge of the subject as well as a disciplinary drill of great practical value. In Mathematics the work is fully up to that of the best schools & far in advance of what is ordinarily done. The school has given one public entertainment during the year which brought out by far the largest audience which has gathered in the chapel this year. A competent critic said of it, - "It is the finest preparatory performance I ever witnessed".

In securing these results the Principal cheerfully & cordially acknowledges the faithful & efficient aid of his associates, Messrs. Wiley, Mitchell & Griggs. They have labored in sympathy with the wishes & purposes of the Principal so that harmony of action & singleness of purpose have marked the efforts of all the instructors. It will also be observed that the growth of the school in number & efficiency is steady & certain. Which fact would seem to prove unquestionably that its work is not only appreciated, but that it has a necessary & useful place in the general work of the University.

Suggestions.

It is thought - that - The following will be essential to the welfare of the school:

1. That Profs. Wiley & Mitchell continue as instructors.
2. That, inasmuch as it has been necessary to have the additional help of Mr. Edward H. Griggs since the holidays, provision shall be made for two things: 1st The employment of an additional instructor for next year, if such shall appear to be necessary at the opening of the school year or thereafter. 2^d The seating of one room in third story with patent seats for use of additional classes. Both these suggestions will be imperative should the school grow next year as it has this.
3. That the Preparatory Committee & if at all possible, the

entire Board in company with The President arrange
to attend The Preparatory Commencement on Monday June
10, at 8 A.M. in The College chapel. The presence of so
many of The Board last year was very greatly appre-
ciated & it is hoped the encouragement of The same may
again be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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