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James A. Woodburn.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,

INDIANA UNIVERSITY;

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report the following condition for the Department of American History in the University:

I have at present the following classes and enrollment:

1. English Constitutional History, with an enrollment of twenty, all young men. ~~Taswell~~-Longmead's Constitutional History of England is the text book used in this work. This is to be followed by Bagehot's English Constitution, the well known essay on the present system of English Cabinet Government. This work is given five hours in the week.
2. The Slavery Controversy and the Causes of the Civil War.

Enrollment, 17. Of these five are ladies, twelve are gentlemen. The class is using the Library material in making special studies in the history of American Slavery, and the Constitutional and Political History from 1829 to 1865. I would respectfully ask the individual interest and cooperation of members of the Board in collecting valuable historical documents and material calculated to be of use in this study. Three hours in the week.

3. American Politics.

Text: Bryce's American Commonwealth, Supplemented by special

readings and reports.

Enrollment, 23, - six of these are ladies, -seventeen gentlemen.

two hours in the week.

4. The Historical and Political Science Seminary, consisting of the advanced students in the three departments, Social and Economic Science, European and American History. Papers on special Historical and Economic themes are presented by the Professors of the Departments and by the special advanced students. A number of graduate students will present the results of their studies to the Seminary during the year.

In reference to the fund of \$100.~~00~~ placed at my disposal in June for the purchase of books, I would report that \$25.50 has been expended for volumes which I have found in Second hand Bookstores and have seen advertised in catalogues of other such stores. I shall have need of the balance of the fund before the close of the college year. I trust the Board will see fit to continue and extend this policy in the purchase of books.

I suggest that for the use of the Historical Seminary, provision should be made for lighting one of the Historical Rooms. This is necessarily an evening meeting, and we should be able to meet our students among our books.

Very respectfully,

J. A. Woodburn,

Professor.

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