

Chemistry

Bloomington, Indiana, June 1st, 1893.

To the President of the Faculty
and Board of Trustees,
Indiana University,
Gentlemen:-

The number of students
in the chemical department during the
three terms is as follows,

First term in class in Elementary chemistry and in both laboratories,	71
Second term in both laboratories,	67
Third " " " "	65

Although there was not so much original
work done, this year, as during some other
years, yet, the number of students and the work
done were much greater than during any
year since the department was created. In fact,
between twenty and thirty students were
refused admission on account of want of
room, and, if we had permitted students
to work in the laboratory without having any
knowledge of Elementary chemistry, the
number would be greatly increased,
provided, there were room for their
accommodation. It may be observed,
in this connection, that, taking into
consideration the work in this department

is strictly elective, and, that it is attended with much greater expense than work in any other department; the number of students in this department is sufficient evidence that the facilities offered and our methods of instruction supply the wants of the students.

The number of students in the laboratory for advanced work has increased (many doubling time) so that I have no opportunity to render instruction in the laboratory for qualitative analysis, consequently, the work in this laboratory will practically be in charge of an associate or instructor and unless he is, in every respect, qualified for the work, the Chemical department will fail to maintain the reputation it now enjoys. It is for this reason, that I urgently request the Board to continue the services of Mr Sherman Davis, even if it should be found necessary to increase his salary to \$1,500 per annum. In addition, the services of an assistant will be required the second and third terms in the laboratory for qualitative analysis, however, it may be that Mr Davis will undertake the work without aid the third term as his work

then will not be so arduous as during the second term.

For the purchase of supplies for next year we prepared lists, which were forwarded by President Coulter to five importing firms with requests for lowest terms, and, the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Messrs. Eimer & Amend of New York, who agrees to deliver the supplies on board the cars in New York for a stipulated sum.

Respectfully yours,
Thos. C. Van Stuy.