

DEPARTMENT OF GREEK.

Horace A. Hoffman.

To the Hon. Board of Trustees
of
Indiana University.

Gentlemen:

In the interest of the Department of Greek

I wish to request that there be set aside for the department an annual allowance of \$100, ~~00~~ to be used in the purchase of books and other equipments such as may from time to time seem best to the head of the department. The apparatus of the Greek department consists chiefly of books and papers, and this money would be used almost ^t entirely for works of reference. Occasionally some of it would be expended for maps, charts, or pictures, but in the main it would go to build up the library of the department.

I do not wish that ¹ this money should pass through ~~many~~ ^{my} hands, but I should have full discretion to purchase to that amount for the department and present the bills to the proper authorities for payment.

\$100. ~~00~~ seems but a small annual appropriation to any department for apparatus, and when it is taken into account that the result of this will be to build up the library, and that it will thus prove a permanent gain to the University, there ought to be no hesitation in granting it.

There are things which the department much needs which no one else can procure so well as the specialist who watches up this particular department and knows the value of things pertaining to it and how best to get them.

Books must be had which the ordinary dealer does not know how to get, or secures only at higher prices than we need to pay. Second hand books of great value to ^{our} work can often be picked up at very low prices if ordered at once and direct by the professor who discovers them; but if the order must go through the usual roundabout channels, and be subjected to the necessary delays of a complicated system, we are almost certain to fail to get them. At any rate our experience in the past amply justifies such a conclusion.

Our library is particularly weak in the materials for original research in the department of Greek. With \$100.00 at my disposal each year I could do much towards remedying this defect. The present is a period of remarkable discoveries in Greek lands, and the published reports of excavations and inscriptions should by all means be secured by our library. Most of them will not be republished and will soon be hard to get.

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