

To the honorable James H. Brewster Chairman of the investigating committee.

The undersigned one of the Trustees of Indiana University, whose name is attached to a petition sent to the Legislature during their past session in obedience to the call made upon him by your committee as contained in the following resolution
 Resolved That Messrs Dunning, Howe, Linn & V. Mayfield Gentlemen

In a Memorial to the Legislature signed by yourselves
 "we find the following sentences" "We are constrained (however
 "painful it may be to us) to state that from some cause or causes, the University has been & yet is rapidly in the decline in the number of its students. We believe we know the cause of this decline"

&c (See Doc No 3). You will please furnish the Comtee. with your knowledge and reasons upon this subject in writing &c.

would respectfully submit to you the following facts and reasons which have induced him to believe have exerted an immediate influence on the decline of said University. The undersigned would state that he has been a member of ^{the Board of} Trustees of Indiana College and Indiana University ever since its organization until the present time with the exception of about one year and that in watching the course of events as it regards the prosperity of said College and University he thinks the following facts have caused its decline
 1st The committee will see by reference to the old College proceedings that shortly after the College got into successful operations a quarrel arose between Doctor Byler and Mr. Harry and Mr. Hall which ^{went} arose to such an extent as to produce a division of the friends of each and create a great disturbance among the students.

2nd That said disturbance between the said professors arose to such violence and malignity as to require the board of Trustees to investigate the matter which investigation result in the resignation of Mr.

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And also the dismissal of Mr. Hamy, and the Committee
will also see by reference to the evidence adduced in
that investigation of the undersigned collects it right
that the President of the University was considered equally
guilty with Mr. Hamy in regard to that quarrel but
was continued as President of the College because his place
was not so easily filled as that of Mr. Hamy
and in consequence of that difficulty a number of the students
of said College the friends of Mr. Hamy left to visit George
~~Burns~~ ~~Gilley~~ ~~Hamy~~

3rd That course taken by Dr. Doctor Ulye in regard to
the By Laws furnished him by Dr. Foster Turner and the
Admission Committee to draft the same for the government
of the College was the cause of some dissatisfaction and
hostility between Dr. Ulye and the committee which operated
injuriously upon the best interest of the college.

4th That the purchase of a lot of books without
authority from the board of trustees when a Library Committee
was appointed by the board for to furnish a list of such
books as was deemed most suitable for the College had
a tendency to create unfriendly and hostile feelings towards
Doctor Ulye by some of that committee.

5th That the quarrel which originated or disclosed
itself on the trial of Elmer Thomas before the
Faculty between Doctor Ulye and Professor Parks
had and exerted an injurious influence over the prospect of
the college and caused some students to leave.

6th That the trial of ~~William~~ ^{William} McCall and John R.
Bramm and Craig Ulye before the faculty and the decision there
made exerted an injurious influence over the insti-
tution by producing dissatisfaction amongst the students
and causing some of them to leave.

7th That the conduct of Doctor Ulye at the
trial of John R. Bramm and Craig Ulye in regard to
the expressions used by him in ^{reference} regard to the testimony of

David Smith and Edwin Brown had a tendency to ^{injure} the institution by causing several students to leave College. 8th The refusal of the Board of Trustees to examine all the charges exhibited by Doctor Foster against Dr Lydie had a tendency to keep alive the quarrel and strife between Doctor Lydie and Foster and thus in some measure exert an injurious influence on the peace and harmony of said institution. The above are some of the leading facts from which the undersigned has formed his opinion of the decline of said institution together with some facts mentioned by Mr. Dummerly such as the failure of the board to fill the vacancies alluded to by him in his statement. The undersigned in conclusion would venture the opinion that if the facts and cause which have produced the decline of this institution are thoroughly examined they will be found to exist in the Institution and not out of it. That their origin is to be attributed to some internal and not external cause, and that the disturbances which have had their origin out of the institution although they may have prevented some students from coming to this institution it is confidently believed has never caused one to leave it. All of which is respectfully submitted.

May 25th 1840.

Joshua C. Hane.

Doc. P.

Mr. Harris' Explanation

of
the Cause of the

Decline of the Union

James O. Harris.

May 20th 1860

Respectfully Submitted,

James O. Harris.

from coming to the conclusion of a confidential letter.

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