

To the Honourable, the Board of Trustees
of Indiana College.

Gentlemen,

It is now about six years since Mr Woodbridge, the talented Editor of the "Annals of Education", returned from his tour in Europe, deeply impressed with the salutary effects of Music, which he had witnessed in the schools of many parts of Germany, and Switzerland. He has been since untiringly employed in endeavouring to introduce Music, as a branch of education, in all the common schools of his native land. It is gratifying to know that his efforts have been attended with remarkable success; and that the measures are commenced which will secure its attainment. A very favourable beginning was made, in the establishment of the Boston Academy of Music, which has been the means, during the past year, of imparting a knowledge of this Science to 800 adults, (many of whom previously deemed it impossible to learn) and to more than 1000 children, in the City of Boston alone. The testimony of numerous Teachers in the East, who have introduced it into their schools, is highly favourable: all concur in giving it their unqualified approbation, and many speak in the warmest terms of the beneficial moral influence it is exerting.

Convinced of its salutary tendency, I introduced it in the School I have been conducting in this place, before hearing that any attempt had been made to introduce it elsewhere. The time devoted to it has been usually employed, heretofore, in amusements much less elevated and refined, and not more conducive to health. The innocent pleasure which the pupils enjoy in its exercise — the storing of the mind with pure sentiments contained in appropriate songs,

the gratification of others in listening to the rich
swell of so many happy voices—and the
moral tendency it is likely to produce in the
community, must recommend it to all who are
interested in the promotion of education.

I have been much pleased to see that a taste
for this Science is manifesting itself among the
Students of the College; and have represented to those
of your Hon^{ble} Board with whom I am acquainted
that an Organ placed in the Orchestra of the
College Hall would be the most likely means to
promote and increase it. I have written to an
Organ builder at Lancaster, Ohio, on several of
whose instruments I have played, to enquire
his price for such an one as I thought would
be of sufficient power. The extract from his reply
will be laid before your hon^{ble} Board. The
larger Organ, which he recommends, would be
decidedly preferable, as cheaper, and better
adapted for the purpose intended. I would
respectfully offer my services to your hon^{ble} Board,
if this Organ is procured, to perform on it, not
merely without emolument, but to consent to teach
Vocal Music to as many as wish to learn, and allow
the money so raised to be appropriated annually, in
defraying the original expense until it shall have been
entirely liquidated.

In making this proposal to your Hon^{ble} Board,
believe that I am actuated by no other motive than
a sincere desire to promote the best interests of the
young people, and the prosperity of Indiana
College.

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Gentlemen

With the highest respect

Yours &c &c

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