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Whilst offering to the numerous well-wishers of the Institution a few brief remarks upon its present condition, I beg first to tender our humble and grateful acknowledgments, for the various and highly gratifying compliments which have been addressed to us by parents and guardians, on the progress and general improvement of their sons and wards. Indeed, after bestowing upon a child, all possible attention, in furtherance of a fond parent's most sanguine desire, it is to us a rich reward to see that parent fully satisfied. It must not be concealed that the ending session has afforded us this special joy, which has been often increased by consideration of the honorable sources whence it proceeded.

The number of Students is not much greater than it was during the last scholastic year. There is, as usually and to the heart-felt gratification of all, not only excellent health, peace, and perfect harmony, but also a marked improvement in the several classes, on the score of emulation, docility, sense of propriety, or good manners, to the last of which, particular attention has been paid. Book-keeping, as its importance requires, has received a double amount of labor, and those who study it, advance in equal ratio. The French class, also, has been more numerously attended, and bids fair for distinction at the coming exhibition in July. In a word, the *tout ensemble*, shows a decided onward progress, equally consoling to the friends of the Institute, and encouraging to the Students and Professors.

Now, at the risk of alarming some tender Mother's heart, whilst assigning a proper cause for for this gratifying condition of the University, it must be stated, that this improvement which has been the cause of no small surprise to some parents, is chiefly to be attributed to what is called a *strict discipline*. Under this somewhat hasty expression, however, is not meant severe or tyrannical treatment, but simply a sufficient energy, ever in readiness to enforce the rules of the Institution. These rules, or rather, *certain internal regulations*, are at the same time equally binding on the Professor, and on the Student. the former's negligence in observing them, would be sufficient grounds for his removal; and in fact, two professors of superior talents and abilities, have been removed, in less than 12 months, for a want of thorough devotedness to the interests of their respective pupils; an occurrence in itself that ought to be a sufficient guarantee to parents, of the President's determination to correspond faithfully to the trust reposed in him. When all the Professors exhibit themselves an example of punctuality, they may easily claim, and ought to obtain the exact fidelity on the part of their pupils. Nor should it be apprehended by any parent that such a strict compliance might be incompatible, to some degree, with contentment and enjoyment. Youth, as well as manhood, requires order, and "heaven's first law;" and to reconcile the happiness of any individual with any thing like confusion and arbitrariness would be as difficult as to prove the happiness of any

being out of its natural sphere. To teach youth by early practice, regular and steady habits, as they advance in life, will prove an indestructible bulwark of strength against many a deceptive voice or vicious inclination. Should they bring home from College nothing more than a love for order, their time has not been thrown away; for such an acquisition is the foundation of future usefulness; it is a basis on which may be built extensive reading, commercial pursuits or business habits. This principle of order, which forms one of the most important features of a complete education, is brought again and again before the Students of Notre Dame, not so much by a tedious repetition of its theoretical utility, as by an easy, habitual practice of the thing itself. Even the youngest carry the sweet yoke of discipline, and an instance it yet to be found, of even one of those desirous of profiting by their collegiate course, who considers it in any other light than a necessary means of improvement. They are soon led to believe, that superior natural talents become paralyzed through want of order, and are likely to be of little, if any advantage, whereas even ordinary abilities, when kept in order, are almost sure of success. The very physical constitution in youth greatly depends also upon this same point. No one will hesitate to agree that regular hours for sleep, refreshment, study and recreation, must be highly conducive to the formation of vigorous healthy constitutions, and indeed, to the neglect of this early regularity may be ascribed with justice many cases of premature debility; of juvenile senility, if it be allowable so to express it, which under proper training, might be enjoying life with the vigor of manhood. To those who are anxious that the minds of their children in the first stage of life should be imbued with becoming moral and religious feelings, it will be sufficient to observe that the Students of this University, are never left, either day or night, without a Prefect. They are consequently always watched over with the greatest attention. The past sufficiently proves, that, whilst no undue interference is ever used with respect to those children whose parents do not belong to the Catholic Church, religious principles and practice are made the basis of all Catholic Students, and that no special recommendation in relation to that subject, can possibly so much influence the spiritual directors of the Institution as a proper sense of their own awful responsibility. All these, collectively and individually, whether Catholic or Protestant, who are immediately or more remotely interested in the condition of Notre Dame University, may feel fully assured that no labor shall be spared, no conscientious responsibility shall be refused, tending to make it really, what it was originally designed for,—a seat of Learning, of Religion, and of good Morals. The buildings destroyed last fall by an unavoidable accident, have now been nearly replaced in a more substantial and more convenient form. All possible attention has been given to providing suitable accommodations for the inmates of the University in case of sickness. The Infirmary is under the management of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, whose christian charity, and motherly kindness are too well known to need any special mention in this place.

The following are the names of the boarders, together with their places of residence, who have entered since the commencement of the present scholastic year. I must be permitted to say that among them, eleven have been deemed, at the last board of the Faculty, worthy to be inscribed for a month, on the Tableau of Honor.

# STUDENTS.

Thos. Doyle, <i>Niles, Michigan.</i>	William Fenton, <i>Bertrand, Mich.</i>
Patrick Daily, " "	Hiram P. Murphy, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i>
Pat'k. Mulqueen, <i>St. Jo. Co. Ind.</i>	John H. Bracken, <i>Niles, Mich.</i>
Jno. Mulqueen, " "	Theodore Coquillard, <i>S. Bend, Ind.</i>
John Reilley, <i>Bertrand, Mich.</i>	Palmer McCartney, <i>Bertrand, M.</i>
Joseph Zahm, <i>Mishawaka, Ind.</i>	Thos. Flynn, <i>New Orleans, La.</i>
Pat'k Conway, <i>New Orleans, La.</i>	J. Drulliner, <i>Terre Coupee, Ind.</i>
Wm. Kenny, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i>	John Fitzpatrick, <i>Goshen, " "</i>
Jas. Taylor, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio.</i>	Francis Kelley, " "
Richard L. Taylor, " "	Michael Martin, <i>Mich. City, Ind.</i>
W. F. Borden, <i>Fort Wayne, Ind.</i>	Andrew Rielly, " " "
Francis Woodworth, <i>S. Bend, " "</i>	Nathan Jacobs, <i>Detroit, Mich.</i>
John Woodworth, " "	John Beard, <i>Mishawaka, Ind.</i>
James Hamlin, <i>Detroit, Mich.</i>	Wm. Smith, <i>Matamoras, Mexico.</i>
Francis Bracken, <i>Niles, " "</i>	Wm. Minton, <i>Kalamazoo, Mich.</i>
Thos. Vagnier, <i>St. Joseph Co. Ind.</i>	Harley Bascum, <i>Jackson, " "</i>
John Kough, <i>South Bend, " "</i>	Joseph R. Greasel, <i>Detroit, " "</i>
Ross Pierce, <i>Terre Coupee, " "</i>	Wm. Muhlhausen, <i>Evansville, Ind.</i>
Louis Planchenau, <i>N. Orleans, La.</i>	Nathan B. Palmer, <i>Indianapolis, " "</i>
Thaddeus Taylor, <i>S. Bend, Ind.</i>	Courtland Egbert, <i>Terre Coupee, " "</i>
Louis English, <i>Lagro, " "</i>	Jas. McKune, <i>New Buffalo, Mich.</i>
James English, " "	N. H. Gillespie, <i>Lancaster, Ohio.</i>
Timothy L'Etourneau, <i>Detroit, M.</i>	S. A. Wetzler, " "
Louis J. L'Etourneau, " "	Patrick Glennen, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i>
Francis Breckenridge, " "	Jas. Bryant, <i>South Bend, Ind.</i>
Charles Williams, " "	Mr. McGuire, <i>White Pigeon, Mich.</i>
John B. Campau, " "	Jas. Mullaney, <i>Laporte, Ind.</i>
Eugene Hall, " "	Darl. Carmody, <i>New Orleans, La.</i>
George A. Nesbitt, " "	Thomas Slavin, <i>Niles, Mich.</i>
C. Vandandrischer, " "	Thos. Lafontaine, <i>Huntington, Ind.</i>
Peter Cooney, <i>Monroe, Mich.</i>	

N. B.—It will doubtless be a cause of gratification to many when they are informed that a Post-Office has been lately established here, by the name of *Notre Dame* under my own direction. For this valuable accommodation we are indebted to our kind neighbors, and especially to COL. FITZGERALD, of Niles to whom we return our most sincere thanks. Letters addressed to this Post-Office will be received one day sooner, when not superscribed "South Bend," but simply "Notre Dame Du Lac, St. Joseph County, Indiana."

I cannot close these remarks without adding, that we look forward with extreme pleasure for several distinguished personages, whose promised visit, the ensuing session, will make an epoch, not alone in the annals of the university, but also through the whole vicinity.

The Students in Theology are not included in the above list.

The Scholastic year is divided into two sessions, the first commencing on the first of September, and the second on the first of February.

The Female department is located in Bertrand, Berrien County, Michigan, under the name of St. Mary's Academy, and follows nearly the same mode of teaching and discipline.

E. SORIN, President.