

# Professor sought pay for double duty

When Indiana University Professor Matthew M. Campbell took his claim for back wages to the Indiana Legislature in January of 1883, the petition attracted the attention of the Indianapolis *Sentinel*. In an editorial, the newspaper said: "The Legislature of Indiana has before it a proposition to do a professional educator, venerable in years, and upon whose escutcheon no stain appears, simple justice."

It should be remembered that the \$6,662 claimed by Campbell for double duty as principal of the IU Preparatory School, department chairman and acting department chairman, was a very great deal of money in 1883. The sum was, in fact, quite overwhelming to a university budget already woefully inadequate.

Actually, IU couldn't have gotten a better deal in the employment of a teacher than that of



## Looking back

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Matthew Campbell. Of the man IU historian James A. Woodburn wrote: "I remember Professor Campbell well while he was serving Monroe County superintendent of schools. He was then a veteran in the field of education, a white-headed, white-bearded teacher, almost blind, but devoted with his whole soul and to the very end of his life to the cause of public education."

Woodburn remembered that the professor was "somewhat fussy, had some oddities, made a

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