

IU not state university, said Indianapolis writer

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ship of a newspaper, which had espoused the causes of temperance and abolition. Perhaps the minister's "grudge" against Indiana University went back to the days when he was president of Brookville College, which was probably one of the county seminaries abolished by the legislature.

Not content to grumble about tax support for a state university that, in his estimation, did not exist, the Rev. Goodwin fired a broadside at another state school, Purdue University.

He wrote, "That institution has no more right to appropriate any part of its income to teaching the liberal arts than the state normal has, assuming that it has a right to exist at all as a state normal school . . ."

Goodwin's solution to the problem was, "To make the collegiate grade 'equally open to all,' a half dozen or more colleges, suitably located, are needed instead of the one selected (IU), and that at one of the most inaccessible points in the state; so inaccessible that about one-sixth of its entire

enrollment is from Monroe County alone. While Marion County pays twenty-five times as much tax as Monroe County it has less than one-fourth as many students . . ."

Goodwin deplored the million dollars already spent on a university (that didn't exist) and reminded his readers that nearly \$50,000 is raised annually for its support.

"Whether we can recoup from the university the \$573,519.93 acquired by taxation, or not, is a small matter. We certainly cannot

disturb its possession of the government grant of lands . . . We cannot deprive it of its grounds and buildings. These are deeded to a private corporation, and not to the state. They have cost the state a million, more or less, but the state has no right to them now."

To remedy what he

regarded as the evil of preferential treatment of the state schools over private colleges, Goodwin advocated a change in the selection of members of the State Board of Education. He suggested that his readers put pressure on their legislators. Apparently not enough of them did.

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