

Indiana College tries a 'first'

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together, without the unseemly appendages which the spirit of party has often connected with them."

Deal, in his editorial, claimed that the Indiana College was undertaking a genuine "first" in that respect. The editor italicized the following statement, "The experiment has never yet been made in any country — at least fairly and fully."

There is the hint in Deal's writing that he was appealing to the good natures of opponents in a controversy. He went on to say, "Time will show whether ultimate success will attend it or not. In the meantime, the friends of liberal principles, and of pure morality and exalted piety, ought to know and understand one another."

It is obvious that in reading Deal's editorial one gets a sense

of his fear for the integrity of the College. He described those who would impose their moral code on everyone, including the system of education in Indiana. "This spirit," wrote Deal, "is not as honest as it is plausible; nor as generous as it is powerful. The friends and patrons of Indiana College do not seek its aid now; and they do not wish, in their own persons or in their posterity, to depend on its mercy hereafter."

Deal concluded, "Believing that Piety, enlightened and exalted by Science and Literature, is both a safeguard and an ornament to our dearest interests; and that without these it becomes a cancer, to deform at once and to destroy; they wish this Institution to be a sacred tie to hold together the wise and good of every name. To such it will be gratifying to know that Indiana College is in prosperous condition."