

At the outset, your committee is unable to see how an institution which virtually gives free tuition to all its students, and is therefore dependent upon the State for its resources, can be expected to maintain a high standard of education unless funds by which this can be accomplished are granted by the State.

A similar view is taken by the Board of State-aid and Charities, which recommends that the scholarship fund be continued and that in view of the exceedingly small salaries paid the professors of the faculty, that the sum of \$20,000 be granted annually, in addition, for maintenance.

Coming to the matter of repairs, we also recognize the necessity for a new roof on the gymnasium, which is estimated to cost \$1,000; for concrete walks, and additional bath and toilet facilities in the dormitories, \$1,750; for general repairs of the buildings, \$750; and to assist in building a grandstand on athletic field, \$2,500—the old one having been destroyed in the cyclone last summer.

Your committee then visited the Chemical, Physical and Biological Laboratories. A great demand is made for suitable equipment in these departments by the students, many of whom are taking a pre-medical course in order to meet the increased requirements for entrance to medical schools. Therefore, as much of such necessary equipment is now lacking, we concur in the recommendation of the Board of State-aid and Charities that the amount asked for by the college authorities be granted.

Strict economy in the use of its funds characterizes the administration of the Board of Visitors and Governors.

We, therefore, unanimously recommend the General Assembly to grant to this college, to which the State owes so much, the full amount asked for by the authorities as an appropriation for the above necessities.

There are other improvements needed, such as an electric light plant, and rehabilitation of that part of the college campus bordering on College Creek, all of which are deserving, but we are of the opinion that the need for these is not so pressing as the items we have already mentioned, and that attention to them can wait until the finances of the State are in a more propitious condition. We have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

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*[Which was read and ordered spread upon the Journal.]*