

ask of your honourable body, is the sum of \$2000, in addition to what they now receive, and they beg permission to state, that the condition of the College is such, as to render some assistance absolutely necessary, even to maintain it on the footing upon which it now stands, its regular income not being adequate to the unavoidable demands upon it. With the aid which your Memorialists now ask, they flatter themselves that they would be not only relieved from the apprehension, that an Institution, which was once a proud ornament of the State, will sink below the level it now occupies, but that they will be able to raise it to an honourable rivalry with those Seminaries in our sister states, to which the youth of Maryland are compelled to resort for that rich aliment of the mind which is no where now to be acquired in Maryland, though once by the College whose cause they plead, so liberally dispensed.

One of the advantages which your Memorialists ask to be allowed to suggest as likely to result to the community generally by enlarging the capacities of St. John's for education, is the benefit which must flow from it to the cause of Primary Schools. It can scarcely be necessary to remind the legislature, that the obstacle which these schools have had to encounter, and the only cause perhaps which has prevented the realization of the most sanguine hopes of those whose efforts first brought them into being, has been the want of an adequate supply of competent teachers. Experience has demonstrated, that it is as vain as discreditable to look to other states for the necessary supply, and that we must, from our own colleges and seminaries of learning, furnish teachers, sufficiently qualified to take charge of these schools, or the high benefits anticipated from them will never be enjoyed. Your Memorialists, therefore, in addressing themselves to the equitable consideration of the legislature, cannot forbear invoking to their aid the friends of Primary Schools, and urging upon them, as a matter of policy, the essential benefits which these schools will enjoy, by having furnished to them, from the bosom of our