

be made the means of supplying a body of teachers to meet the exigency of the public demand. In recommending an appropriation to the college, the committee do not mean to propose it as a mere gratuity. They will explain their views very briefly, for the consideration of the General Assembly.

By the act of 1823, the College is bound to furnish gratuitous tuition to a certain number of Scholars. Practically, it is of but little advantage to persons who reside in the counties. Those whose narrow circumstances deny them the means of paying for the tuition of their children, cannot afford to bear the charges of boarding them at the college. Your committee propose to make it the duty of the College to receive, instruct, and board, a certain number of State's scholars, say, one for each county, to be selected by the respective Orphans' Courts, with reference to their moral and intellectual worth. It is proposed that these State scholars shall, for a limited period after their matriculation, and at a reduced salary, discharge the office of teachers in any of the primary or other public schools, to which they may be appointed, in remuneration for the expenses of their education. Thus the State and the public will be amply repaid for their liberality; and many youths of promise, who are now deprived by their condition as orphans, or by the indigence of their parents, from the benefits of education, will not only be afforded the opportunity of becoming highly educated men, perhaps ornaments to their Alma Mater and their State; but the means and the agents of dispensing in their turn, and in a more general manner, the blessings of education throughout the State. No system of general instruction can be judiciously adopted, with wholesome effect, until a body of teachers are provided for that purpose. Let St. John's provide a Professor of Education, let teachers of good character be there instructed and reared up; and to accomplish this, apply a reasonable portion of the fund which it is proposed, very properly, to devote to the great object of education within our State.

The committee would suggest, at the same time, that a new organization of the Board of Visitors and Governors is perhaps desirable; they should be distributed throughout the State; and it would be proper for the Legislature to reserve the right to make such provision in this respect, as the interests of the college may seem to demand.