

ing and apparatus in the University, all of which is now claimed as the property of the State. The liquidation of one half or more of this debt has already been effected by the operation of a sinking fund; but the Faculty are required to pay the interest of the whole. They therefore, petition to be relieved from the discouraging pressure of this obligation. This relief is the more necessary, because the Faculty not long since, for the purpose of making an arrangement, which, it was hoped, would conduce to the prosperity of the department, entered into bonds to pay annually one thousand dollars to a gentleman who retired from the school.

The good effect of this arrangement and of this expense has been defeated by causes which could have been averted, had the Faculty participated in the government of the school, and hence the pecuniary embarrassments under which they struggle, appear the more oppressive. These embarrassments it is to be feared, may cause them the loss from time to time, of their most valuable professors, and although they have recently been fortunate in obtaining a successor to Professor Duglison, may hereafter render it impossible to fill satisfactorily, such chairs as may become vacant. Indeed, it is obvious that a salary of eight hundred dollars cannot procure, or long retain the services of distinguished members of the profession; and if, in consequence of frequent resignations and other causes, the institution should finally decline, this source of revenue must be lost to the State, without any compensating advantage from the benefit of medical education.

Your Memorialists therefore, earnestly pray and as in duty bound will ever pray, that in this crisis of the medical department of the University, you will extend to them your patronage and legislative aid, in granting the subjects of their petition.

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