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The limited number of candidates for degrees at this and former commencements, in the estimation of the public, has perhaps operated an unjust prejudice against the college, but upon the inspection of the rolls of the institution, it will be found that the fault, if any, rests with parents, who too generally indulge youths in stopping short of a complete Collegiate course, with a view to a premature engagement in the professions, or other avocations of men. It is to be regretted that this spirit is so often exhibited in the Southern Institutions, to the lasting disadvantage of youth, and in derogation of the high character, which such Institutions would otherwise attain.

The committee would recommend St. John's College to the favour of the Legislature, and the patronage of the citizens of the State.

RICHARD POTTS, Chairman

Of the committee of the Senate.

STEPHEN COLLINS, Chairman

Of the committee of the House of Delegates.