

in such manner as the Legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to *promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.*"

In arranging for the accomplishment of this noble design the action of the Trustees has been cramped, and almost controlled by the heavy debt which the whole State appropriation, not available till April, 1868, will fail to liquidate; the financial exhibit being worse than that reported to the General Assembly. The College edifice needs repair; the furniture has to be renewed; apparatus must be purchased, and buildings for agricultural and mechanical purposes erected, for which there is not one dollar in the treasury. These practical difficulties meet the Trustees at the threshold of their labors, and unless removed will lead to an accumulation of difficulties resulting in a struggle against impossibilities, and a disappointment like that under the previous organization.

The State has already invested so much that it is her interest to increase her appropriations in order to insure success. She is also pledged to sustain this College by accepting the U. S. donation of public lands. The election of a Faculty, and a resolution to open the Institution early in the Spring of 1867, show the determination of the Trustees to do what they can. For the means to repair and equip the College edifice they must appeal either to the liberality of individual citizens or to the General Assembly.

That there may be no further delay to place the College upon a proper foundation, I recommend that the remaining instalments of the \$45,000 appropriation be paid immediately, and the additional sum of \$10,000 be appropriated to be expended as follows: \$1,500 for repairs to the buildings; \$2,000 for furniture; \$1500 for philosophical apparatus; \$5,000 for erection of farm buildings and shops. Thus the College edifice will be made comfortable, and offer to students the facilities sought in an institution of its specific character.

Without such additional aid, success is very doubtful.

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