

For, if these means and accommodations were furnished, in connection with our present advantages of increasing products of an improving farm, the Board could well afford to not only enlarge the corps of Instructors, but to make the rates for charges for tuition, board, &c., much less than they even now are, and thus place the benefits of the College within the reach of hundreds of citizens whose limited means doom their sons to a scanty educational outfit. All this can be done, and at the same time the standard of education shall not only be maintained, but so enriched in its provisions as to meet the wants and demands of the diverse circumstances of the youth of our country—fixed in the preservation of a regular *College curriculum* for those who desire it, and yet sufficiently varied and flexible in its range of instruction, as to suit the reasonable wishes of all.

By this generous policy the State would reap a large harvest of results in the army of educated young men, who by brain labor and manly toil would develop her vast mineral, commercial and agricultural resources. I would respectfully suggest, that the College has reached a point in her progress when the Board will be justified in filling the vacant chair of "Natural History," by the appointment of a suitable and competent medical gentleman, who should be required to not only search the branches appropriate to this department, but also to give instruction in Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, and be, at the same time, Physician to the Institution. Such a chair would be a popular and invaluable addition to our course of instruction.

The law requiring that sixty students shall be educated free of cost for tuition and text books, in consideration of the annual State donation, has been complied with, and exceeded by some fifteen or twenty; our aim being to extend the benefits of the College as widely as is consistent with the means at our command.

With the continued support of the State, and the intelligent and energetic co-operation of its friends, it is believed this Institution will attain a high and commanding position as a seat of learning, and justify the wisdom of its founders, and the generous liberality of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

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President.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Groome presented the petition of Robert Craig and fifty-two other citizens of Cecil county, asking that Article