

ing to the preamble, the purpose of the incorporation was to promote the cause of education and to make uniform the standard of scholarship, and to increase the opportunities and facilities for study and research; and to encourage and promote higher education in the State by creating an executive centre about which the various collegiate, technical and professional institutions of this State may be co-ordinated to carry out a comprehensive and harmonious scheme of education.

The Act, after providing for Trustees, enables the Maryland State University to enter into a contract, articles of agreement or mutual ordinances with any existing or heretofore created college, university, conservatory, institution, technical, professional, military or agricultural school, or other similar institution; and to affiliate any such institution under such terms as may to the governing bodies of the said institution and of the said Maryland State University seem meet and proper.

The thought behind this Act was that, while much had been done in the State of Maryland furthering the interests of primary education, compared with other States, Maryland had been backward in the promotion of higher education, leaving this field to various private corporations, and contributing toward their support and maintenance various sums from time to time as was by them deemed equitable in exchange for certain public scholarships. Under this system a number of important schools of higher education have grown up in the State, some confining themselves exclusively to certain professional training, while others occupied alone the academic field.

It seems a waste of energy and resources to maintain these institutions in their present condition, and if the State desires to follow the modern trend, it will itself take charge of the higher education of its citizens. While this is probably not of as much importance from the standpoint of a State function as the care for and promotion of primary education, it does seem to present and demand an opportunity for a more efficient and satisfactory administration of these matters so as to avoid the many duplications which necessarily attend a multiplicity of schools. And, were the facilities of all held by one univer-