

dollars—so as to enable the Trustees to place the institution upon a more substantial basis of prosperity, by the improvement of their academy building, by the enlargement of their accommodations for pupils, by the employment of a sufficient number of competent instructors and teachers, by additions to their chemical and philosophical apparatus, and by other obvious means which will tend to the enlarged usefulness of the institution—and, in consideration of such annual donation, the Trustees guarantee to the State to furnish gratuitous instruction, in all the departments of study, to eight needy and worthy pupils. Such a donation would at once enable the Trustees to carry on their work prosperously, and with great advantage, alike to the community and the State. And, if the history of the past can afford any guarantee for wise and judicious management for the future, the Trustees can confidently appeal to that history, and can point to the present position of their academy as the result of their past management. Having accomplished so much, with their few and feeble resources, they ask now, at the hands of the Legislature, a donation more proportionate to their claims, and more adequate to the wants and aims of the institution. This institution is not of a mere local and sectional character. It has long ago ceased to be so. Its advantages are, and have been for years, most largely shared by other counties of the State; and not unfrequently it numbers among its pupils, students from other States. Your memorialists are persuaded that if their present appeal for a larger donation be liberally responded to by your Honorable body, these advantages will be much more sought and secured.

It is now universally conceded and felt that the time has fully come, when the most enlarged and liberal provisions must be made for the education and moral training of the youth of the land. The very safety and perpetuity of our institutions, as a free, enlightened and christian people, demand it. And while our primary and common schools are most necessary and efficient to this end, it is respectfully submitted, by your memorialists, that our higher academies, from their position and influence, and from the tone and character which, more or less, they give to the lower schools, and from the fact that their greater educational advantages must be sought by a large proportion of the community, have peculiar and most urgent claims upon the patronage of the State. Your memorialists are deeply and honestly persuaded that no academy in this State presents juster and fuller claims for a large and liberal donation than the Brookville Academy; and they accordingly pray that the Brookville institution may be placed upon an equal footing with those academies which are already receiving from the State, the amount of donation herein asked for. Satisfied, as your memorialists are, that