

able and substantial building which you have in course of construction thereon, when completed and occupied, will undoubtedly put an end to all further complaints in this direction. I am not ignorant of the fact, that the building which, through the aid of our city authorities, you have been enabled to commence, cannot be completed with the limited funds in hand. Where should we look under these circumstances for assistance but to our present Legislature?

I believe it has been for many years a settled policy with nearly all the States to erect such buildings as are required for charitable and benevolent purposes. Our State has not provided ample accommodations for the education of her blind. Not only have the Northern and Eastern States taken the lead of us in this respect, but States even in the far West, younger and comparatively less able than our own, have set us an example worthy of imitation.

Feeling as I do the importance of having more commodious accommodations, for the prosecution of our efforts to ameliorate the condition of our blind, I cannot refrain from suggesting that the present Legislature be petitioned for an appropriation, sufficiently large to enable you to complete the work which you have commenced.

Respectfully submitted,

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