

lect, nurtures that intellect, gives it the benefit of the best culture and exhibits the pure benevolence of Republicanism, which, by bestowing equal privileges upon all, gradually levels up the humble to an equality with those who enjoy all the benefits of wealth and social position.

Wisdom counsels us not to wait for years to accomplish that which by one earnest, vigorous, unselfish effort can be done in months. The work is before us. Our duty is to enter upon the field, and cause the waste places to bloom with beauty. No partial System, of gradual development, waiting for the decay of old prejudices, or the abandonment of local preferences, can do this. If done at all, it will be by a system perfect in its adaptations, comprehensive in its aims, and immediate in its operations.

It will cost money, so do all great public works, but it will be the best and most productive investment the State has ever made. The purse appropriated to the development of brain.

The School House will awaken into energetic life the intellect which has been slumbering so long in our midst, and invite to our borders thousands who else would turn aside and seek a home where not only natural life is protected, and agriculture, manufactures and commerce promoted; but where education is freely offered, and the claim of the heart and mind to moral and mental nourishment is broadly recognized. Such a home Maryland proposes now to open to the multitudes whom she expects to welcome to her fertile lands and salubrious climate. She invites them, not to share the clouded destiny of the past, but the glorious promise of the future—a promise so brilliant that we may reverently thank God, that we live to see the dawn of these good things to come. We behold them through the mists of the battle field, we reach them through the blood of martyred citizens, but they promise to our children an inheritance cheering to the heart of the patriot and of entrancing joy to the philanthropist.

The enactments of the Bill submitted, are predicated upon principles which have been often discussed, and now