

As it is the General Assembly can consider the subject, and devise such plan as may to them seem wise.

I would suggest that the Maryland Institute might very properly be made the Mechanical Department of the University. The State ought to endow a Mechanical Professorship upon a plan somewhat similar, although by no means so extended as the School des Arts et Metiers in Paris.

The State Geologist might be required to lecture under the direction of the Managers of the Institute, thus extending the present course on Chemistry so as to embrace Geology and Mineralogy, especially as connected with the State of Maryland.

I can only thus briefly and cursorily refer to this important agency for the diffusion of useful and practical knowledge, and express the hope that it will receive the aid from the State Treasury that it eminently merits.

The following letter handed to me by the President of the Institute, is appended to this Report because of its bearing upon the subject, and its practical suggestions concerning the proposed University.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,

*February 1st, 1865.*

JOHN F. MEREDITH, Esq.,

*President Maryland Institute, Baltimore:*

*Dear Sir:*—I have been honored by the receipt of your note of yesterday in which you are pleased to say, that many of the suggestions I made in our interview on Saturday last, seemed to you, eminently proper and to express the wish that I would write them out, for submission to your Board at their meeting on Monday next. Whilst I cannot hope to realize the expectations your kind language implies, I do not feel at liberty to refuse a compliance with your request.

I assume that it is the duty of every State to establish and maintain a *complete* system of Education, so that her sons may be qualified for *any* pursuit in life. That to do this, their moral, intellectual and physical qualities should be developed to the fullest extent of their capacities as well if they are to devote themselves to Agriculture, Commerce or a Mechanic Art, as to the profession of Divinity, Law or