

These are mostly situated in the northern and middle States. Under the supposition that the number will not increase in any greater ratio than in former years, by the time the population of the United States amounts to fifty millions, there will not be more than one hundred colleges in the whole country, which would give one college to every 500,000 souls. This would be manifestly a very small proportion; and, so far as it is possible, such a result should be obviated. There are in Maryland eight colleges—a very large number. They are, for the most part, filled principally by youths who finish their studies in the colleges of other States, or prematurely go into the professions without any regular college education. Such need not be the case, if the State, regardful of her own interest and reputation, will extend an enlightened patronage to even one of the institutions which now exist within her territory.

Your committee therefore earnestly commend this establishment to the favorable notice of the Legislature. It is one which in former years sent out men who were at once the pride and glory of the State; and, under a liberal system of legislative patronage, such a result will occur again. Why should the sons of our State, after having become prepared by their previous studies for entrance into college, be sent off to distant States for that purpose, while the same advantages might be more conveniently and as effectually found at home? Why should those of our own citizens who, in after life, may become distinguished either in the pulpit, at the bar or in the councils of state, be obliged to point to Yale, or Harvard, or, peradventure, to Oxford, Trinity Gottingen, or some other university, in some distant land, and recognize it as his alma mater, while, within the confines of his own State, this institution, venerable for years and its former glories, should be entirely overlooked or forgotten? Your committee trust that such will not be the case; but that Maryland, emulating the example of New England, the land of intelligence and generous views in regard to education, will be found nobly exerting her efforts to attain an equally enviable distinction.

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Ch'n of the Committee of the Senate.

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Ch'n on part of House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

The committee to which was referred the memorial of Doctors David Davis and Peregrine Wroth, was discharged from the further consideration thereof, and leave granted to the memorialists to withdraw it from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of J. J. Speed, Charlotte C. Harper and John White, for authority to sell certain real estate, as Trustees of the children of C. C. Harper, deceased.

Which was read and referred to the committee on invalid deeds and defective proceedings.