

intellectual facilities afforded them for tuition in the common schools, and yet for want of such advantages thousands of the youth of our land who are gifted by nature with those endowments which would fit them to adorn society and become useful men in the various callings of life; are doomed to imbibed the vices and habits which surround them, of which idleness neglect and evil associations are the prolific cause.

It is not from a disintegrated system of such as now exists among us that our fond hopes of a diffused elevation of the youthful mind is to be realized. It is from a well arranged and amply supported general system of primary schools, having a common head and uniform throughout the State in his basis and mode of operation that great and permanent results are to be expected. To this noble cause, upon which to a large extent the future happiness and security of our common country and its institutions must depend my warmest hopes are directed, and to it I earnestly invoke the attention of the Legislature.

I have witnessed with great satisfaction the demonstrations of practical enthusiasm which abound among the people of our State on the subject of agriculture. The last few years have added much to our happiness and to the enhancement of our wealth, by the growing interest which has been awakened to the improvement of our soils. Science, without which the hand of man against a thousand blind chances would be idle, has been confidently applied to our wants and necessities. Many portions of our territory once unwinning and cheerless prospects in the eye of the agriculturalist, have by the aid of science been made to gladden the hearts of their proprietors by yielding up their resources of wealth and magnificence. vast quantities of land have been reclaimed from the generation of foul malarias, and been made to contribute to the health and comforts of their owners, under the renovating effects of assistants suggested by the discoveries