

have given it aid with reasonable liberality, although more room is needed so that all who desire may be accommodated ; the people have been friendly to it and patronized it ; a wise and patriotic management has directed it, and a noble and intelligent body of students have attended it until we have the language on the catalogue realized an institution "where boys are equipped for their future career by the fullest development of their powers with reference to the wants of life and where they are acquainted thoroughly, both theoretically and practically with the duty, the dignity and nobility of labor." Opening with five professors it now has a busy faculty and official list of thirty-five engaged in teaching all the practical relations of life from plant disease to veterinary surgery, from carpentry work to bridge building, and to this is added the embellishment of letters and the expansive development of the pure sciences. With the advancement of the state the college has advanced. Commodious dormitories have taken the place of crowded wooden barracks. We now see artesian water and ice, under the early regime I remember the tank and the tadpoles. We now admire a magnificent herd of fine cattle in the early days there was one lone animal, a fertile subject of mention by the press of the state and a constant source of bereavement to the college and its friends. He stood grand gloomy and peculiar wrapped, in the solitude of his own importance. The entire farm has been turned into a beautiful garden. A splendid library and reading room and museum have grown up and all that contributes to a student's welfare, information and advancement is found at his elbow.

In the progress our state has made during the last two decades I claim for this college a share of the glory. Those she has sent out have contributed in all the essentials of the states advancement. They have assisted in uncovering her mines and working her ores ; they have utilized her timber and advertised it abroad ; they have helped to span her with rail roads ; they have bridged her streams, they have beautified her cities with their architecture ; they have improved her country roads ; they have taken part in improving her