

upon the possibly hazardous absurdity which requires the college authorities to appear before the legislature every two years and beseech that body to provide sustenance for an important State institution, initiated and liberally endowed by the national government! Common sense would suggest that this humiliating requirement be permanently abolished by setting apart a portion of the general revenue, or by a special tax levied for the purpose, in accordance with the indisputably wise suggestion of President Foster in his annual report.

Among the special appropriations asked by the board is one for a building for the agricultural and horticultural departments. This building is absolutely necessary to the efficiency of the agricultural department, and that it has not been supplied heretofore is an anomaly in a State where more than 75 per cent. of the population are engaged in farming, and which exports annually more than \$150,000,000 worth of agricultural and live stock products. The department in question has been cramped for room and equipment so long that its friends seem to have become used to it, and are not as importunate in knocking at the door of legislation as other, and perhaps less important interests. Agriculturally, Texas is far the most important State in the Union, and under wise legislation a few years should find her so far in the lead that any comparison with other States would be odious. In agricultural and live stock resources, Texas more than equals any three or four States. Her own people and her own legislatures seem to have a very inadequate conception of her possibilities for expansion under a wise and liberal system