

the University. For instance, the State of Wisconsin gives its University two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) a year; Nebraska gives hers eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00); Missouri one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00); Ohio one million one hundred thousand dollars (1,100,000.00); Michigan one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000.00); California one million six hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$1,675,000.00); Minnesota, two million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$2,150,000.00). In other words, Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota each give their state university annually, as much as Kentucky has given hers in the last thirty-three years, to-wit: two million one hundred and ninety-nine thousand two hundred and fifty-three dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2,199,253.98); and yet the State University, if the work it has done and is doing, is understood, is the best asset that the State has, as a paying investment from a monetary stand point. I do not speak, now, of that abstract value supposed to result from cultivating the minds of young men and young women, and returning them to the bosom of society, learned, cultured and patriotic citizens, sound in mind, sound in body and upright in character. That there is a value to this part of the work of the institution, everyone will admit, but this value of State University I will expressly waive, and rest its claim for recognition at the hands of the Representatives of the people upon the issue whether or not the institution pays, looking at it alone from a monetary standpoint.

I will not go into all the details of the benefits which the teachings of the University are conferring upon the material interest of the State. I will take just one item relating to the Agricultural interest. I will consider corn for example. Corn is the best money crop that Kentucky produces. Indeed, it is worth, in money, all the other annual crops which are produced from the soil of Kentucky. Add wheat, oats, rye, barley, hemp, tobacco and potatoes together, and the value of the corn crop will amount to from two to five millions dollars each year more than their sum total. The average corn crop in the State of Kentucky is about twenty-seven (27) bushels per acre. Little boys, under the supervision of scientists from the State University, produce seventy-five (75), one hundred (100) and one hundred and twenty-five (125) bushels per acre. The