

great work in advancing the educational interest of Kentucky. Being entirely undenominational in its character it will appeal with confidence to the people of all creeds and of no creed, and will endeavor, in strict conformity with the requirements of its organic law, to afford equal advantages to all, exclusive advantages to none. The liberality of the Commonwealth in supplementing the inadequate annual income arising from the proceeds of the land-scrip invested in State bonds, will, it is believed, enable the Trustees to begin and carry on, upon a scale commensurate with the wants of our people, the operations of the institution whose management and oversight have been committed to them by the General Assembly of Kentucky.

#### LEADING OBJECT.

In the act of Congress making provision for the class of colleges to which the State College partly belongs, it is declared "that their leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life." To the departments contemplated in the act, a Normal School has been added by the State and an Experimental Station by the United States.

#### THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Normal Department of the State College exists under the authority of acts of the General Assembly approved April 23 and April 29, 1880. Section 7 of the first act briefly defines the object for which the Department was established, "a Normal Department or course of instruction for irregular periods, designed more particularly, but not exclusively, to qualify teachers for common and other schools, shall be established in connection with the College." The second act provides the necessary endowment to make the Department effective.

The number of students annually enrolled in the Normal School has exceeded expectation. As they come from all parts of the State, and many of them return well prepared for the profession of teaching, they must greatly promote the efficiency of our common schools generally, and demonstrate the wisdom of the General Assembly in providing an inexpensive Normal School, centrally located and easy of access, to keep the State always supplied with well-trained teachers.

#### THE KENTUCKY EXPERIMENT STATION.

This Department of the State College originated in a resolution of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, adopted in September, 1885, when the Department was organized and a Director appointed. In 1886 the Station was recognized and named by the