

"Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army."
—EDWARD EVERETT.

To the Legislature Greeting:—

The bill introduced by Wm. Klair for a State College appropriation of \$150,000, is nothing more than the request for THE NECESSITIES OF A STATE INSTITUTION. The money invested will be returned to the State tenfold in value, as it bears directly on the uplifting and educating of her citizenship. Train properly the boys and girls of a State and you have little need of prisons and law houses. Our State is far behind in higher education; some say we are a half century behind our sister states, and our State College cannot compare with those of Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and dozens of others, when, according to our resources, we should outclass many of them.

"Every college that grows requires more money every year; needs larger buildings and better buildings; more apparatus and more accommodations for its professors and students, and if it is the right sort of an institution it ought to have memorials and fine architecture that will make it A CENTER OF ARTISTIC INTEREST as well as an institution of learning. Very few of the colleges can begin on a thoroughly digested plan as the Stanford University did, or completely revolutionize its buildings as the University of California is doing, for in each case millions are required. But it can, from year to year, through the kindness of its friends and old students, make improvements that will eventually become A HARMONIOUS SETTLEMENT of handsome buildings."