

Free State University as is Connecticut of Yale or Massachusetts of Harvard.

"Come to see us," is the confident invitation of everybody connected with the College; and nobody who accepts the invitation seems to go away disappointed. "I hope you may have half as good a time as I had," was the parting wish of a lady, alert, active and intelligent, who had made a visit to the place but a few weeks before. We think she might have doubled her good wishes and had them realized, perhaps better than that. * * * *

(We here omit the description in detail of many departments, with their outfits and workings—ED.)

During the past third of a century this institution of learning has had a varied experience of hope and disappointment, failure and success. The present site was made over by deed, in 1857, from Gen. James Irwin to the Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania, two hundred acres being donated and two hundred sold to the Board of Trustees, making in all a valuable farm of four hundred acres.

By act of the Legislature the State Agricultural Society was authorized to give \$10,000 towards founding the new school. The Board having obtained subscriptions and donations, in addition to the land, amounting to \$25,000, the Legislature voted an equal sum; another \$25,000 was voted on like conditions; and the trustees received from the State Treasurer the sum of \$50,000 thus appropriated. With these sums in hand the work was begun, and one wing of the main building was completed and opened for the admission of students in 1859. Owing to the great and rapid increase of prices in 1861, contracts made for the completion of the building could not be enforced, and the trustees were to finish it at a much greater cost than had been estimated. The Legislature made an additional appropriation of \$49,900 to meet the increased outlay.

In 1862 the United States Congress donated to the several States public lands equal to 30,000 acres for each Senator and Representative from each State under the census of 1860. Only such

land as was liable to private entry at \$1.25 per acre was included in this donation. The act provided that all moneys derived from the sale of this land, or land scrip, should be securely invested in stocks of the United States or of the States, or other safe stocks, yielding not less than five per cent. upon their par value; and that the money so invested should constitute a perpetual fund, "the capital of which shall remain forever undiminished, and the interest of which shall be inviolably appropriated by each State which may claim the benefit of the act, to the endowment, support and maintenance of at least one College, where the 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 such manner as the Legislature of the State may prescribe, *in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.*"

Under the census of 1860 Pennsylvania had twenty-four representatives and two senators in Congress, and received land scrip representing 780,000 acres of land. The sale of this land was not well managed, and the total proceeds of the scrip were only \$439,186.80. In New York, the late Ezra Cornell bought the entire land scrip from the State, paying the market price for it at the time, and agreeing to locate and hold it, and to give Cornell University the benefit of its advance in price. The result is that all the lands sold have brought high figures, some being yet held in trust, and the endowment of the University from that source alone will be from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Pennsylvania might have done nearly as well with a philanthropic citizen like Ezra Cornell to look after this public interest. Cornell University has now an annual income of more than \$100,000 from her land scrip endowment, against \$30,000 to Pennsylvania State College from the like source—the Legislature having added enough to make the endowment fund \$500,000, upon which interest is paid