

institution is wise or not, and from what General Beaver has just said I have concluded that it is wise. It takes a long time to introduce to the public, especially to the great public of Pennsylvania, what you are doing here. You are environed by influences and advantages which could not be excelled in any other State. Man is like a colt or steer, his growth depends upon his environment and care. The growth of this institution would have been faster if it had been located in Pittsburg or Philadelphia, but it would have died quicker. To those who have contributed their energy to the welfare of this institution, such as Dr. Atherton and Gen. Beaver, you are deeply indebted. I won't say that I didn't know much about this institution, because anyone who is Governor of Pennsylvania will know much about it. Of course, the State ought to care well for this institution, but it must pay its own debts before those of other people, a work which it has been trying to accomplish and has accomplished during the last four years. The government has done all that it could. It is now rich. The State is rich and has more money in the Treasury than ever before after paying all of its bills. After setting apart four million dollars for a new Capitol building, and after contributing large amounts for the improvements of rivers, an act to which I was opposed, there is yet a large amount in the Treasury, and this amount could not be paid to a better advantage than what this institution is striving to be, namely, the greatest industrial institution in the world. I don't know what its future will be; it will take years to tell that. It takes four years to educate a Governor.

“For some reason or other there has been great prejudice against this institution. Those who do not send their sons here look upon this place as an experiment station, where the boys learn how to milk a cow or set a hen. In fact, a majority of the Legislators don't know any better. But he who will come here and see for himself will learn to know the large amount of theoretical instruction which is going on here parallel with the practical. The great industry of our country requires practical knowledge, and this you learn better from a