

all this teaching us? May I quote two things (they are not encyclopaedia either)? Oxford has recently, by a majority vote of its Faculty, agreed to dispense with Greek. Cambridge has just done the same thing. You will find that movement wherever you go and nowhere have I found it more pronounced than here. I would rather criticize all the prophets of the Old Testament than Homer—you would receive less criticism—but here we are face to face with the new demands of the age and I congratulate the State College that it appreciates that fact and that it is not to be left behind. It is an up-to-date College.

"But, gentlemen, before I said that I wish to say to you this: I wanted to speak of my feelings upon this occasion. Old memories have been stirred. If my foot be not upon my native heath this moment, it yet stands upon the first soil where, with my parents, I found a home in this Republic. (Applause) The Governor of this mighty State, this much-loved State, could have said nothing half so sweet to me as when he hailed me this morning as a Pennsylvanian. I like your 'Pennsylvania, State, State, State!' (Applause.) If Scotland be my mother-land, then I tell you Pennsylvania is my wife-land by marriage. (Applause) It was an early marriage. I wouldn't advise any of you students to be so rash: (laughter) I was only eleven. (Laughter) But I tell you gentlemen, I am not at all concerned about the question of divorce that is agitating the Episcopal Church just now. I never mean to be divorced from Pennsylvania and I never mean to let Pennsylvania divorce herself from me.

"I wish to congratulate you, Mr. President, upon the presence of the Governor here to day. I judge he has been sleeping as I was (laughter) and that he has awakened to the fact that of all the appropriations that he has approved none is capable of performing more lasting good for this State than that to the State College, to which he has hitherto stood a friend. (Applause).

"And now, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Faculty, one word more of deep and sincere congratulation to you all. If the teachers of mankind be right, from Homer to Washington, then the only solid foundation upon which can be erected a society marching ever upward, and where the rights of Democracy can be maintained, must be the universal education of the people. How noble then your vocation and that of your fellows: to be laying well and deep the foundations upon which human society alone can rest that will march ever upward, ever onward, always improving, a march to which no end can be assigned.

"In conclusion, before performing the ceremony, I wish to say a word about libraries. The State librarian referred to the speech of the President in opening a library in Washington, in which he said that he liked my idea of getting communities to main-

tain them. He made this remarkable statement, 'The man that always wants to be carried is never worth carrying.' That is the language of the President of the United States. Now may I venture to suggest delicately to the Governor that I gave the money to build this Library and our dear President here, and Governor Beaver, assured me that there would be a Governor of Pennsylvania who would see that enough money was voted year after year to maintain it. I think that the Governor who will do so has arrived. (Applause)

"It remains for me to perform the ceremony of handing over this library to you, Governor Beaver, as President of the Board of Trustees, and this I do in the earnest hope, may the confident belief, that year after year it must be of greater and greater usefulness to the students of this Institution with the hope that in communing with teachers of mankind you may not only become educated men but that here may be here implanted within you the truthful harvest of high ideals from which, gentlemen, we expect you to ever press upward to the truest of all wisdom, the best. And what is the test of the best? That one may render precious service to his fellows, to his State and to his Country.

"General Beaver, I hand you this key. Take it, sir, from one who loves Pennsylvania, who loves State College, who loves the people of the United States and who would serve them all well." (Great applause)

#### GEN. BEAVER'S RESPONSE

In response, Gen. Beaver spoke in part as follows:

"Mr. Carnegie,—pardon me, amid these scholastic surroundings, may I not give you your scholastic little, Dr. Carnegie. (Applause)

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State College, your colleagues, I am deputed to say a few words in accepting this magnificent gift at your hands.

"It is not the first of your gifts. There is a little case containing Stevens' facsimiles which you gave us years ago. I suppose you have heard—if you haven't you ought to have heard—*our band*. (Applause) I will tell you about it.

"A few years ago the students sent in a petition to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, asking for instruments for a brass band. Whilst we had not the money to appropriate for it, Dr. Atherton and I each said, we will start the brass band fund with \$50.00 and another gentleman who heard of it sent me a contribution. Under those circumstances, I wrote to Mr. Carnegie, told him of the movement and asked him for his check for \$100.00. In reply I received the following letter:

"My dear Governor:—  
Please let me furnish the music for the College boys. I have directed my cashier to send you a check for eight hundred dollars." (Applause)

"You have heard, sir, on the platform in the Auditorium to-day what impet-

us was given to the music of this College by that donation for a band. I believe it was the foundation of what I regard as one of the great elements in a complete education—the knowledge of music and the ability to express that knowledge in song.

"More than that, Mr. Carnegie, you do not know, you never will know, how many fellows when they came to a hard place and when fifty cents a week would put them through to the end of their term, have come to Dr. Atherton and he has helped them to the fifty cents a week out of the fund which you were always ready to give him for that purpose. The fellows never knew it, you didn't know who they were, but they are doing their share of the world's work to-day, because Andrew Carnegie knew where they came from and of what they were capable.

"And so, sir, we do not come to you to-day, accepting this gift as if it were the first of your benefactions to the State College; we have had them for years and they have been continued and continuous. In fact we hail you, sir, as the patron of art and of literature of this institution. I had almost said patron saint. (Laughter) The canonization hasn't come yet; (laughter) (applause) but I will tell you what I believe—the man who is doing the most for the uplifting of his fellows is doing the most for the highest glory of God and, if that is so, the canonization will come in due time.

"I can't stop to tell you—because my time is limited—what the gift of this library meant to the Board of Trustees. We were facing just such an emergency as we faced when our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Schwab, came to our relief with the gift of that magnificent Auditorium. We found we must have a Library. The Legislature, ready to do for us the practical things, said, 'That can wait.' We couldn't wait, and you came to our rescue. You can't imagine the feelings of the Board, when that announcement was made.

"But I want to speak from the standpoint of these seven hundred young men who stand before you. What does it mean to them? Ruskin has said that the greatest thing a human being ever does is to see something clearly and tell what he sees in a plain way. This Library is the ally of our department of English. We believe in the study of the English language and we believe that the Engineer who has a clear thought in his mind does a great thing when he tells his fellows that thing in a plain way, so that they can understand it; and this Library is to be the vehicle, the medium, through which they are to acquire, in connection with their studies in the department of English, the ability to tell what the soul sees in a plain way.

"Oh! it means so much to us! It has meant so much to us! You can't appreciate it, I fear, and we can't express what we feel and what we see in a plain way or in any other way. As Dr. Atherton has truly said, 'the