THE IMPERATIVE NEEDS OF IOWA'S UNIVERSITY.

Board of Regents' Requests for Appropriations Represent Only that Amount Which Is Absolutely Necessary

For Fire Losses
New Medical Building $200,000
Additional Ground $10,000
Medical and Homeopathic Libraries (annual) $1,000
General Library (annual) $7,000
Total $227,000

To Bung up Material Equipment
1-10 Mill Additional Building Tax (for five years) $55,000
Additional Annual Repair Fund $5,000
Additional General Support Demand by Increase in Numbers and Standards
Annual Permanent Support Fund $15,000
" for Publication of scientific and Learned Bulletins $1,000
Annual for Law Library $1,000
Annual Total $166,000

The state of Iowa is finally coming to recognize in a measure the immediate needs of her educational system. That is evidenced by the action of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly in cutting away from the niggardly methods in vogue in the past this body of legislation. The action met a popular demand that the legislature can better realize the condition of the university and the situation. To relieve this distress, to turn over the revenue to a more equitable purpose, and in the belief that the State of Wisconsin has seen the wisdom of putting $25,000 into 15 and Mississippi $1,000,000 into 28 buildings the legislature of Iowa has seemed to recognize the period of inactivity or inaction; at all events we find today but 13 buildings here and the amount of the mill building tax. For their employment we not only need but must have, not only the old fashioned lecture halls but also apparatus rooms, museums, extensive pathological, histological, physiological, diagnostic, anatomical and chemical laboratories and these cost money. But there are other reasons why less than the above amount should be expended for a medical hall. Since the erection of the structure just destroyed the college has enjoyed a growth of just 80 per cent and whereas the student enrollment spent eighteen months under her roof, this college with its growth of 80 per cent must have spent eighteen months in lengthening of the term, kept here for just double the time, or four years, of nine months each, entailing much more than double the space and expense. In connection with this subject it may be said that Iowa's loss by fire afflicts that of last March. In 1857 the general library, books and building, as well as the physical apparatus located in the same fire trap suffered almost complete destruction. To compensate this loss there has been no building erected in the college to have been suffered sufficient money had been made to re-store the valuable books and apparatus lost, but the university has experienced a constant deficiency in both books and equipment. To relieve this distress, the board of regents have asked for the modest annual sum of $9,000.

ADDITIONAL GROUNDS

One of the needs of the university that most potent to the student is that of more territory, nor this need escaped the notice of several legislators who have remarked about Iowa's scant acres. But now since the recent fire the state has recognized the folly of building the modern buildings together in a promiscuous fashion and this demand for more land is made still more imperative. Though comparisons with others are obvious it remains a truth that while our neighboring universities of Illinois and Wisconsin have 204 acres and 248 acres respectively and even Mississippi with her 293 students enjoys 440 acres of actual campus the university of Iowa can lay claim to but 15 acres of ground upon which to erect her buildings.

BUILDING TAX
But here is neither the alpha nor the omega of Iowa's needs. During the last decade we sister universities have entered upon a building era and Iowa has failed miserably in her effort to keep pace in this respect. This fiscal year the state of Wisconsin has seen the wisdom of putting $25,000 into 15 and Mississippi $1,000,000 into 28 buildings the legislators of Iowa have seemed to recognize also apparatus rooms, museums, extensive pathological, histological, physiological, diagnostic, anatomical and chemical laboratories and these cost money. But there are other reasons why less than the above amount should be expended for a medical hall. Since the erection of the structure just destroyed the college has enjoyed a growth of just 80 per cent and whereas the student enrollment spent eighteen months under her roof, this college with its growth of 80 per cent must have spent eighteen months in lengthening of the term, kept here for just double the time, or four years, of nine months each, entailing much more than double the space and expense. In connection with this subject it may be said that Iowa's loss by fire afflicts that of last March. In 1857 the general library, books and building, as well as the physical apparatus located in the same fire trap suffered almost complete destruction. To compensate this loss there has been no building erected in the college to have been suffered sufficient money had been made to re-store the valuable books and apparatus lost, but the university has experienced a constant deficiency in both books and equipment. To relieve this distress, the board of regents have asked for the modest annual sum of $9,000.

Annual Repair Fund
But in more than one way the folly of having formerly erected cheap buildings now made manifest, and that Iowa is but twelve old buildings ranging from the tenth to the sixteenth year, of their life. It is the interest of the board of regents to ask for the item of repair expense rapidly growing larger. From this item has been the common cry aside money for such things as the repair of sidewalks, fences and general repair of the infractions of the board of regents which the grounds have become so unfriendly and in need of improvement that it would be more appropriate for the city council. To meet this annual increase in expense of $5,000 is asked for, not that it will put things in first class shape but rather that it will enable the authorities to relieve the pressing demands of today.

GENERAL SUPPORT FUND
For the general annual support the regents have set $35,000 as the minimum figure. The modernization of this bill is easily apparent. The last General Assembly fixed the annual income of the professional colleges here as most self-supporting and do not draw heavily on the fund. But it is the most popular of all—the college of Liberal Arts, where no student pays more than $35,000. And if the new legislation takes hold there will be drawn out the college of Liberal Arts and Social Science with commerce where only $100 premium tax is charged to the student and here the university has experienced a growth of over 40 per cent in a single year and when the old buildings ranging from the tenth to the sixteenth year, of their life. It is the interest of the board of regents to ask for the item of repair expense rapidly growing larger. From this item has been the common cry aside money for such things as the repair of sidewalks, fences and general repair of the infractions of the board of regents which the grounds have become so unfriendly and in need of improvement that it would be more appropriate for the city council. To meet this annual increase in expense of $5,000 is asked for, not that it will put things in first class shape but rather that it will enable the authorities to relieve the pressing demands of today.

PUBLICATIONS AND LAW LIBRARY
Rightfully we find the university the Athens of Iowa—the center of the higher education of the state and here from time to time advanced students and members of the instructional force are pursuing lines of individual research. This is the fact that Iowa's school of political and social science with commerce is a sub-division in only waiting for sufficient means wherewith to spring into useful and practical being. These are some of the apparent reasons why our support fund should have reinforcements to the amount stated.
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