

In accordance with the views presented by Dr. Barnard to the Trustees, he has visited some parts of the State, and conversed and corresponded with its citizens, (though he proposes more extensively to enter upon these duties) in order to enlist the friends of education in a plan for building up on the basis of their public schools a system of higher education, in which each of the Institutions of Learning receiving the aid of the State may do its appropriate work in the liberal and practical culture of the youth of the State.

In making known to the people of the State the advantages St. John's now possesses for the collegiate education of their sons, he will set forth its claims for contributions from their liberality and public spirit, by the endowment of professorships, scholarships, &c., by accessions to the library and apparatus, and generally to the material aid of the Institution.

In this work he is sanguine of success if encouraged by the State. He has never failed in such undertakings in other States, nor can we believe that the people of this State will fail in a favorable response to such an appeal in behalf of so liberal and extensive a work of public instruction.

Already Dr. Barnard has assurances of five hundred volumes from the library of the late Dr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, and of such accessions from others within and without this State as will add to the library of the College at least twenty-five hundred volumes.

The provisions of the charter constitute the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the State, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Judges of the Court of Appeals, *ex officio* Visitors and Governors of the College, and thus secure to the State always an able and efficient influence in their councils, and to a great extent constitute the College a State Institution.

In view of the present condition and prospects of St. John's College the Visitors and Governor do not hesitate in confidently recommending that venerable Institution of Learning to the patronage and protection of the General Assembly of Maryland.

By order of the Board, &c.

JOHN THOMSON MASON.

Secretary of the Board
of Visitors and Governors of St. John's College,