I do not know what is the matter, but I know that something is the matter and I feel deeply humiliated at the thought that our University has only about 100 students, while that of the University of Virginia is said to have 450 and the College at Lehigh about 250. The mortification is increased by the information also imparted that many, very many of these 250 boys are from North Carolina.

Have we not reached that period in the existence of our noble Institution when we must either go on in accordance with the improvements made in similar institutions or go down?

An improved system of instruction rigidly enforced by the Trustees, would no doubt be sanctioned by the Faculty or at least a majority of them and give satisfaction to the public. If it turned out that any member of the Faculty was opposed to the change, he could retire and allow some one else to be appointed in his place who would sanction the new plan.

Giving diplomas to young men who did not merit them has no doubt damaged and University greatly.