If it was well known that no young man could graduate these days, only he was thoroughly approved by every Professor in College, then he would be spurred on to greater diligence in his studies, and in the end merit the diploma which he received, and take it home with him signed by every one of the Professors. For the want of this merit, some of the Professors cannot conveniently sign all the diplomas that are presented them and therefore in order to escape the individual responsibility of making an injudicious distinction, they refuse to sign any.

Perhaps, Gov. Graham may do something for us from the Peabody fund; perhaps, the Legislature may give us additional endowments; perhaps, Gov. Vance or some able advocate might go through the State and arouse the people to a heartfelt interest in behalf of the University; if urged, it to do; but I seriously doubt whether, or all these measures will avail us much except there first be made a great change in affairs at the university itself.