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ary or actually declining. Of course no additions could be made to the instructing staff; and its strength in 1881-82, namely, 49 members including instructors and assistants, was what it had been for the half-dozen years preceding.

Their salaries, wretchedly small, were irregularly paid,—how to borrow money for the purpose being a standing problem with the Trustees. A discouraged Faculty, a rapidly declining attendance of students, a decreasing income, a diminution of endowment, a condition of almost hopeless exhaustion superinduced by the heavy load to be carried and by that vampire of the Western forests:—such fate attended Cornell University at the close of the first dozen years of its existence.

All unconscious slept the simple, trustful, but far-seeing Founder and Benefactor. Yet Wisdom is justified of her children. The most daring sweep of genius, which to contemporaries shall seem madness, is in this world of rational law and order nevertheless vindicated before the eyes of their children. And the day of redemption of the University drew near when the well-based but far-