

INTRODUCTORY.

The Society of whose views this statement is the official presentation, owes its origin to the conviction on the part of its members that the present condition of higher education in this country is unsatisfactory, that the number of institutions possessing University Charters and endeavoring to do collegiate work, is greater than the country can afford to support, that whether we consider the money available for the purpose of higher education, the demand for advanced literary culture and scientific training, the number of young men who should be attending collegiate institutions, or the number of thoroughly skilled and competent professors, there is not room in a country having a population of only a few hundred thousand souls for half a dozen universities. Even with the liberal, not to say extravagant appropriations made by the Legislature during the past five years, the condition of collegiate instruction was far from satisfactory, and the work was conducted in a manner that involved a tremendous waste of money. The \$13,200 granted by the Legislature