

from the President

The complexities of our present social and economic structure make it impossible to trace precisely the part which education has played in the development of our culture. The demand for well-educated personnel in every field of endeavor indicates the importance of our schools and colleges.

The educational vision of our forefathers was keen and penetrating. They saw the need for learning as they laid the foundations for a great nation. Even as they spent long days building their farms and their cities out of the wilderness, they reared their colleges and universities. They placed their faith in the enduring values of education.

As we begin a new century, we cannot do less than those who have gone before. Actually we should do much more. The labor of their hands and the greatness of their thoughts challenge us at every turn. They had little with which to work, while we have much because of their efforts.

The Centennial which we are commemorating should be a period of dedication to the ideals upon which our nation is founded. We must strive with determination to seek knowledge and understanding. We must strive for discernment in our relations one with another. The great ethical principles of religious living must guide and direct us as we search out the secrets of the universe.

Within the pages of this brochure the story of the last century is portrayed in word and picture. It is a thrilling drama of achievement and one which should fill the heart of every alumnus and citizen with pride. We can well say of the past that the world would be much poorer had Michigan State Normal College not existed.

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