

In this College, Agriculture is taught as a science and by practical operations. A lot of eighty acres of excellent land has been enclosed with a handsome stone fence, and a beginning made both in agriculture and horticulture. In time this will be very beautiful as well as useful. It is not, however, what is called a manual labor institution. An agriculturist is to be engaged, under whose supervision the operations of this department will be carried on. To the President, Rev. J. Denison, D.D., and Professor B. F. Mudge, from whose report as State Geologist I drew largely in speaking of the mineral resources of Kansas, I am under many obligations for hospitality and kind attentions while at their beautiful place.

President Denison, in his report, makes a few general remarks upon the progress of Kansas, which I take the liberty to copy as exactly pertinent to my object in making these brief notices:

“We already have a number of students from the counties west of this point. The pulsations through the great artery of travel to the Rocky Mountains and Santa Fé are already felt in the rapid increase of settlers in these counties. The cars of the Union Pacific Railway, E. D., will run to Salina, seventy miles west of this, by next spring, and soon to the western limit of the State. The benefits of this thoroughfare of travel to the State are almost incalculable; its cost to the State is very little. So much the more, then, can the State afford to apply a portion of its increasing means to the development of its institutions of learning. To the myriads of settlers that are coming on this thoroughfare, and those pouring into its northern and southern borders, the State cannot afford to refuse the means of education, or be slow or parsimonious in providing the means for them.”

This college is less than twenty miles this side of Fort Riley. By act of Congress it has an endowment of ninety thousand acres of land.

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This is a new institution, the first session having opened September 12, 1866. It has an endowment of forty-six thousand acres. The College edifice, which stands on a commanding eminence overlooking the city of Lawrence, is a handsome stone building. I regretted that I did not reach Lawrence on my return trip until the day after the commencement exercises had closed; but the citizens spoke in glowing terms of the manner in which the Faculty had discharged their duties and led their students forward in sound learning. This institution places both sexes, so far as education is concerned, on an equality. On this point President Rice, in his report, remarks: “This, without doubt, is both just and expedient. It is no small honor that the Mediterranean State should be the first to recognize the rights of woman in her educational system.”