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Amherst, Mass., March 9, 1900.

Dear Sir:-

So many inquiries have been made respecting the effect upon the Morrill Annuity of 1890, by the passage of the Free Homestead Act, that a word of explanation seems necessary. The funds from which the Morrill Annuity is paid are by law derived from the proceeds of the sale of public lands. The Free Homestead Act gives away the public lands and thus cuts off at once our income. There are at the present moment in Congress two Free Homestead bills, Senate 17 and House H.R. 996. The one in the House contains the following proviso:- "That in the event that the proceeds of the annual sales of the public lands shall not be sufficient to meet the payments heretofore provided ~~for agricultural colleges and Experimental Stations~~, such deficiencies shall be paid by the United States." *by an act of Congress approved August 30, 1890*

The following amendment has been accepted by the author of the bill and by the Committee on Public Lands to which the bill was referred:- After the words "heretofore provided" strike out "for agricultural colleges and experiment<sup>al</sup> stations" and in place thereof insert "by an act of Congress approved August 30, 1890, for the more complete endowment and support of the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts, established under the provisions of an act of Congress approved July 2, 1862." The bill is now on the calendar of the House. This amendment will be offered by the author of the bill and supported by the full committee. If the bill thus amended passes, it will place the Morrill Annuity on an absolutely secure foundation. The Senate bill 17 does not contain this proviso. It would seem the part of wisdom to notify your representatives both in the House and the Senate of the situation of affairs.

Senate bill 3181, being a bill to amend the Act relative to the public printing and binding and the distribution of public documents and for other purposes, is now before the Committee on Printing in the Senate. An amendment has been offered which has been accepted by Mr. Platt of New York, the Chairman of the committee, as follows:-

After the ordinary provision for distribution to State and Territorial libraries and depositories, these words are added:-  
"and one copy to each of the colleges established for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts under the provisions of the acts of Congress approved July 2, 1862, and August 30, 1890."

If this amendment prevails, all colleges founded under the acts above specified will become by legal enactment depositories of public documents.

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