

This organization came into existence through a call made by Governor A. J. Montague which brought together a group of leading citizens of the State in 1904 and they determined, through their several conferences, to plan for a permanent organization for the upbuilding of every interest of the State. The work, for a number of years, was almost entirely under the supervision of the Educational Department, and as other State Departments were organized the heads of those Departments participated in the supervision, and now we have the supervision of all the Departments above named.

The real objective of the Association is to have one citizens' organization in each community and one organization of the boys and girls in the school, and an organization composed of all the leaders of every organization in the county in order that all of the organizations may, in a co-operative way give their support to the State through their efforts to carry out the programs of various State Departments.

The fact that these outside foundations and private citizens have been willing to give so liberally to the support of the Association during all these years past should be an indication of the value they place on the work. Yet all the work of the Association is resulting in the development of the State, and no advantage whatever is being gained by these individuals. In other words, the State is the recipient of all the efforts put forth. These citizens and foundations are needing the encouragement of the State in order that they will be pleased to continue these gifts for the upbuilding of the Commonwealth.

Because of their belief in the great value of the work of the Co-operative Education Association, the Carnegie Foundation and the Laura Spelman Memorial Foundation have been giving liberally to its support for the past few years. Now that the work of this Association has proven so valuable to the State, these Foundations, believing that the State would make adequate provision for the maintenance of the work, have been gradually reducing the amount of their gifts. The Board of Directors is proposing to share with the State in making up the amount which is being gradually withdrawn by these Foundations.

The Board of Directors, after carefully considering the budget, has indicated that the total budget for the next two years will have to be as a minimum \$22,000 per year, or \$44,000 for the two years in order to maintain the work on its present standard. The Board is asking the State to take care of \$11,000 during the two year period and it proposes to raise from outside sources \$33,000. Of course, all the benefits of our work accrue to the State.