The Southern States have passed general Education laws but they have no money & no qualified teachers. I have been to Mach^s & asked Genl Grant to lay before him a plan of aid from the U S G^t in the way of Land grants, represented by deeds upon which money can be had in New York – he was favorable to it. I then attended the National Ed^l Convention at Trenton last month & spoke upon that point & they unanimously passed resolutions favoring it, & appointed a special Com^te to bring the matter before Congress. I would like to go into the details of this subject, but time & space will not allow it.

Genl Howard has helped the cause much the past year financially. I think we can in all get thro' the next scholastic year, beginning now, without the aid of our dear friends of Ireland, who helped us so liberally when we needed it – you have, I assure thee, more than once turned the scale. As an unreconstructed old slave state, we had seen some dark days – bankrupt^y for as much as 3 mo^s at a time, yet we always came out right & never let our schools go down – only delaying the opening a year ago. I annex a financial statement. The money on hand has been dis drawing interest at a wealthy Friends house, who has kindly agreed