PETITION TO THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

Public sentiment in this country has expressed itself in favor of scientific temperance instruction as the hope of the Temperance Reform, so far as legally to require that that study be pursued by all pupils in all the public schools of thirty-nine States, and in all schools under Federal control, including the District of Columbia, the Territories, Indian and colored schools, and the national naval and military academies, comprising more than 13,000,000 children and youth of school age.

That these millions who will soon constitute the majority, the law-making power in this country, should be taught the truth on this important topic, is a matter of national importance which emphasizes the need of careful and thorough original investigations, as well as painstaking study as to what has been found true on the topic in question, and the best methods of imparting the same to the different classes of minds described as "all pupils in all schools under State control."

The time therefore seems fully to have come when the public good demands that some and training of teachers in this all-important branch. The foundation of the American University at Washington appears to be a timely opportunity to meet this need.

First, because of its geographical central position at the national capital of this country.

Second, because Washington is becoming a centre for scientific research, which leads to the aggregation there of experts in various lines of special investigation.

Third, because the largest medical library in the country, if not in the world, is situated there; and also the Congressional Library, which is the largest our country affords, the third largest in the world.

In view of these considerations and other obvious advantages, we, the undersigned, in behalf of the public good, respectfully petition the Executive Committee, Trustees, or Board of Directors of the American University at Washington to create in its course of studies such a department for scientific temperance instruction as will meet this need.

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