

been provided for by appropriation. It is desirable that you make the necessary provision for the accommodation of fifty additional pupils to be placed in that school in order the full capacity of that building may be utilized. The colored mission at old Tuliahassee, for which provision was made at your last session, is I learn, now complete and ready for the reception of pupils. I also learn that the new mission school, under the auspices of the Home Board of the Presbyterian Church, is in course of construction. On its completion our educational enterprises will embrace five mission schools and twenty-nine neighborhood schools ample in capacity to accommodate near 1,500 pupils. More space has been devoted than usual to the subject of schools, for I deem in their maintenance is intrusted the fundamental elements by which the destinies of our people will be shaped in the near future, and the subject cannot receive too much attention at our hands. You are respectfully requested to not omit to make necessary provisions for the maintenance of our pupils in the states, for we cannot afford to dispense with this branch of our educational system; and should you find our treasury in a condition to authorize a further expenditure in addition to the present quota, the exercise of