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The campaign against illiteracy in Kentucky has gathered momentum of late. The ambitious promoters had dared to set the 10-year goal of eradicating adult illiteracy in the state, but they have now determined to double their efforts. In the interest of the submission of a large number of petitions offering assistance, every effort has been made to secure the cooperation of the state government, and to map a program of instruction that would be in harmony with the needs of the time.

In response to the pleadings of the Literacy Commission, Governor Smith has been cabled, asking for a calm consideration of the problem and requesting that the state be placed on a more solid foundation. The Governor has replied that he will appoint a committee of three to study the situation and report to the legislature at its next session.

The campaign for literacy is gaining momentum with each passing day. The spokesmen for the cause are everywhere, and their influence is growing. The Kentucky Literacy Commission has worked hard to raise funds, and a large number of contributions have been received. The enthusiasm of the people is contagious, and there is a feeling of hope and determination that the task will be accomplished.

The campaign is being conducted in a spirit of friendliness and cooperation, and every effort is being made to bring the message of education to all corners of the state. The newspapers and the press are giving full support to the movement, and the public is responding enthusiastically.

In conclusion, the Kentucky Literacy Commission pledges its support to the campaign for literacy and requests the cooperation of all who are interested in the cause. Let us work together to bring about a better future for our state and its people.