

Clemson College, S. C.,

Nov. 1st, 1910.

Report of Acting President

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,
Columbia, S. C.

Gentlemen:-

It is my purpose to present at this time only such matters as cannot well wait until the regular meeting in February.

1....The College has had a prosperous opening. Up to date, *Prosperous Opening* 659 students have been enrolled, and we have in actual attendance at this time probably the largest number in the history of the Institution. If the matriculation for the remainder of the session is even no more than usual, the College will have a record enrollment. The student body is almost equally divided between the Agricultural Courses and all other courses.

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2....In order to properly supervise the Co-operative Experimental Work *Co-operative Experimental Work* now being conducted with the farmers of the State, and also to co-operate with the South Carolina Corn Breeders Association in the development and improvement of seed corn, I recommend that a field agent, at a salary of \$1,500 be employed for this work, said

agent to be attached to the Experiment Station, and work under the supervision of the Director of that Department.

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4....Mr. Ainslie has resigned, and we have diligently sought to find a man for this important position, carrying with it the duties of State Entomologist. Up to this time, we have failed to find a suitable man with experience, who will take the place at the salary we are able to offer, - namely, - \$1,500. The position ranks in importance and responsibility with the Associate Professorships in the Agricultural Department, and should, I think, carry the title and salary of that rank. Involving, as it does, the duties of the State Entomologist, the position is one demanding sound scientific training, some experience, and considerable judgment and tact. I request that the position, now an Assistant Professorship, be made an Associate Professorship, and that the salary be put on a par with the other Division Heads of the Agricultural Department, - namely, \$1,700.

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5....Prof. Ainslie asks that his salary for August be paid. I have ordered it withheld on the technical ground that Prof. Ainslie did not give us the three months' notice required by the By-laws, but in reality because he treated us with no consideration in the matter of his resigning. I learn from the Bureau of Entomology that he accepted a position with the Government at a salary of \$1,400 on

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June 27th, and his salary and services began on July 1st. When rumor became current on the campus that he was not going to return, Prof. Perkins and I both wrote to him early in August, and demanded to know his intentions. We then received his resignation, dated July 23rd, although the letter was postmarked Nashville, August 11th. He had been allowed to go off on vacation in the early part of the summer, on the distinct understanding with Prof. Perkins that he was to return to do a month's Institute Work.

I respectfully request that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee with power to act. With this Committee, I can go fully into the case and exhibit all the correspondence that has passed.

6....I respectfully recommend that the Printery be allowed to overdraw its appropriations by the amount equal to its cash receipts, or be allowed to re-invest its cash receipts in labor and material. As now handled, it is impossible for the Printery to make a creditable showing. Unless a complicated system involving the keeping of the labor, materials, depreciation and upkeep on each job separate, the Printery makes its worst showing when it does the most work.

Printery

7....I fear that very little regard is had by the County Boards for the actual need of the scholarship applicants, - at least this important qualification is not given the weight it should have. As one result, we have students who have finished our Freshman, Sophomore, and even Junior Class, going back home and during the vacation standing the Freshman scholarship examinations, in this way discouraging others from attempting them. I believe that attendance at College without a scholarship should be construed as prima-facia evidence that a student is not in need of the State's bounty. Would it not be wise to consider this matter in connection with pending changes in the scholarship laws?

Need of Scholarship Applicants

8....I regret to report to you the death, on Sept. 28th, of your venerable colleague, the Hon. Jesse H. Hardin. An official

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delegation went from the College to be present at the funeral services.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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On account of lateness in arrival of some of the newly elected teachers, and some vacancies remaining unfilled, we have to our credit on our salary account, \$1,692.04. The appropriations to follow amount to \$1,500, and will not therefore, if you see fit to make them, increase the total of the July budget.

Credit on Salary Account

9....Acting upon instructions from the President of your Board, we have granted the petition of the students asking to hold their annual encampment in Columbia during the week of the State Fair. An appropriation of \$200.00 will be necessary to cover the expense incident to this encampment.

Encampment

10....An appropriation of \$500.00 for conducting the Hog Cholera Serum work was, I think, unintentionally overlooked in considering the July budget. I consulted with the Executive Committee in regard to this matter at their meeting on Oct. 11th, and the following resolution was adopted by that Committee:-

Hog Cholera Serum work

Resolved:- "That we advise the Acting President to go forward with the work under such rules and regulations as may be agreed upon by the Departments concerned, and approved by the Acting President." I ask that the appropriation of \$500.00 be made for this work.

11....I request that an appropriation of \$500.00 be made for cement walks between the main buildings. I bring this matter up at this time, in order that we may avail ourselves of the convict labor during the winter months when they can best be spared from the Farm.

Cement Walks

In this same connection, I wish to say that I am thinking of grading down the remainder of the hill next to the Parade Ground on the North-east side, so as to improve the appearance of that part of the campus, and get the necessary earth to extend the Drill Field, which is not now large enough for Dress Parade.

Parade Ground

12....I recommend that an appropriation of \$300.00 be made to

improve the lockers in the Cadets' rooms.

INFORMATION.

13....I beg to report that the uniform system of book-keeping in the Divisions of each Department, ordered by the Board at its recent meeting, has been introduced, and in spite of some grumbling on the part of a few, is working smoothly.

Uniform System of Book-keeping

14....Acting upon instructions from the President of your Board, I beg to submit herewith a summarized statement from the Jones Detective Agency, and a report dealing with the appointment and promotion of those teachers and officers who are related to members of the Board.

Statement from Jones Detective Agency

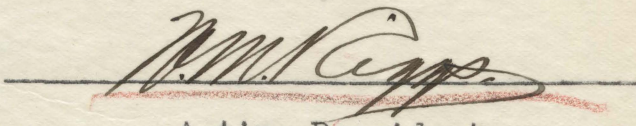
15....The College is in excellent financial condition. On October 29th, the College had to its credit in bank, including funds from all sources, \$23,696.57. The fertilizer receipts up to October 1st, amount to \$10,161.96, which is \$2,850.28 below the receipts for the same time last year. This small difference is likely due to the lateness of this year's cotton seed meal crop.

Excellent Financial Condition

16....The general deportment and health of the cadets are excellent. In the main, the various agencies of the College are working well and in thorough harmony, and we seem to have entered upon, not only the most populous, but I hope the most successful season in the history of the College.

Health of Cadets Excellent

Respectfully submitted,



Acting President.

P.S. I am considering the question of doing away with the cadet waiters in the Mess-Hall, and using the negroes now employed as cooks, dish washers, sweepers, etc. for that purpose.

Cadet Waiters

The change will effect a saving in wages along of \$689.35 per

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session, and will conduce to greater system and better discipline in the Mess-hall, will give the Mess-hall a neater appearance, and will give the boys more efficient and neater service.

I do not think that the cadet corps should be called upon to contribute nearly \$700.00 to twenty-eight of their comrades, some of whom are probably less needy than many of the contributors. We have no way of determining the need of those who apply for the positions of waiter, and often I believe these positions are sought more for the purpose of getting the pick of the food than for the monetary help involved.

The contemplated change was first recommended to me last session by the Commandant, and it is now recommended by Mr. Schletter and the Commandant. It has the unanimous approval of my Student Co-operative Committees, representing every class in College.

Before I decide this question, I should like to have an informal expression of opinion by the Board.

W.M.C.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 2, 1910.

Called Meeting

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Clemson Agri. College was convened at the Jerome Hotel, Columbia, S. C., November 2, 1910. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 o'clock, P. M., and the Secretary was instructed to call the roll. The following members were present:

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| President Alan Johnstone, | Honorable W. D. Evans |
| Honorable B. R. Tillman | " J. G. Richards, Jr. |
| " R. W. Simpson | " Coke D. Mann |
| " M. L. Donaldson | " B. H. Rawl. |
| " W. W. Bradley | |

Acting President Secretary present

Prof. W. M. Riggs, Acting President of the College, and W. C. Tucker Acting Secretary of the Board, were present.

The President of the Board stated that the object of the call was to perfect some college matters, and requested the Acting President to make his report.

Pres. Report

On the suggestion of Senator Tillman, the President was requested to read his report in its entirety and that then the Board would act upon it seriatim.

The report was read and is incorporated as a part of these minutes with the action of the Board thereon.

Intoxicants

A report of the investigation, into the charge of intoxicants being sold to the students, from the W. L. Jones Detective Agency was then read, as is filed with the papers of the Board.

W. L. Jones Detective Agency

A report as to the relation of certain employees of the College and the circumstances under which they became connected with the Institution, prepared by the Acting President, was read to the Board and this report is filed with the papers of the Board.

Employees related to members of Board

The President's report was then taken up seriatim (This report is filed with the papers of the Board.)

CHANGE OF AGE LIMIT

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Moved, by Mr. Bradley, That we amend the By-Laws by making the age limit of students entering the College sixteen instead of seventeen.

Moved, by Col. Donaldson, as an amendment to the amendment,

Amendment to By-Laws

That we amend the By-Laws by adding, except in cases where ~~an~~ a boy under sixteen but over fifteen and an older brother seventeen or over applies that they be allowed to enter at the sametime.

Moved, by Senator Tillman, That the President in his discretion admit students in exceptional cases.

Senator Tillman's amendment withdrawn. The vote was then taken on Col. Donaldson's amendment to the amendment. The roll was called and the result was announced as follows:

Yeas: Donaldson, Evans. = 2.

Nays: Johnstone, Tillman, Simpson, Bradley, Richards, Mann, Rawl. = .7

The amendment to the amendment was declared lost.

The roll was then called on the amendment, and the Chair declared the amendment unanimously adopted.

Field Agent

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Moved, by Mr. Rawl, That the position be created and that the President be authorized to fill the place.

After discussion, the vote was taken and the result announced as follows:

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Nays,--Donaldson, Richards.--2

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Moved, by Mr. Bradley, That the action of the Agricultural Committee be approved.

Motion Adopted.

Salary of Entomologist increased

4.--"Mr. Ainslie has resigned, and we have dilligently sought to find a man for this important position, carrying with it the duties of State Entomologist. Up to this time, we have failed to find a suitable man with experience, who will take the place at the salary we are able to offer, - namely, - \$1500. The position ranks in importance and responsibility with the Associate Professorships in the Agricultural Department, and should, I think, carry the title and salary of that rank. Involving, as it does, the duties of the State Entomologist, the position is one demanding sound scientific training, some experience, and considerable judgment and tact. I request that the position, now an assistant professorship, be made an associate professorship, and that the salary be put on a par with the other division heads of the Agricultural Department, - namely, \$1700.

Moved, by Mr. Bradley, That the change be made as recommended

by the Acting President.

Motion Unanimously Adopted.

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Moved, by Senator Tillman, That this matter be referred to the members of the General Assembly who are members of this Board with the request that they look after this matter.

Additional Scholarships suggested

Amendment, by Mr. Richards, That the members of the Legislature, who are members of this Board request the Legislature to provide for one-hundred-and-twenty-four additional scholarships at this college.

The vote was taken and the amendment was rejected. The motion was then adopted.

Death of Hon. J. H. Hardin

8.--"I regret to report to you the death, on September 28, 1910, of your venerable colleague, the Honorable Jesse H. Hardin. An official delegation wnet from the College to be present at the funeral services."

Moved, by Mr. Bradley, That a committee of long term members of Board draw up suitable resolutions.

Motion Unanimously Adopted.

The Chair appointed Senator Tillman, Col. Donaldson, and Col. Simpson, and the committee above ordered.

Concerning Cadet Waiters in Mess Hall

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The Chair stated that hearing No objection, the ~~un~~ unanimous ~~consent~~ approval of the Board was ~~construed~~ construed as given.

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Salary Account

Upon the recommendations of the Acting President, the following appropriations were made, viz:-

STATE WORK

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Co-operative Experimental Work
Conducting Hog Cholera Serum Work.....\$500.00

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Military Department

Office & Unclassified,-
Cadet Encampment.....\$200.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous

Campus,-
Cement Walks.....\$500.00

Barracks Maintenance & Equipment
Repairs to Cadet Lockers.....\$300.00

A request from Prof. Perkins, and recommended by the Acting President, asking an appropriation of \$100. for Seeds for the Farm, was granted.

Seeds for Farm

The Acting President reported the installation of the uniform system of bookkeeping ordered by the Board for the various divisions of the College.

Book-keeping of Divisions

The financial standing of the College was also reported by the Acting President.

Financial Standing

The report of the W. L. Jones Detective Agency referred to above was ordered received as information.

W. L. Jones Detective Agency

The President's report on Nepotism was ordered received as information with authority to the Acting President to make such changes after more careful investigation, as he deemed proper.

Nepotism

Moved, by Mr. Evans, That, with the unanimous opinion of the Fertilizer Committee that a Chief Inspector be appointed, to visit questionable seizures, who is sufficiently intelligent to make the farmers understand the reasons for the fertilizer rules, etc. and

Chief Inspector

request that the Board express their opinion.

Moved, That the suggestion be approved for a year.

Motion Adopted.

The Chairman of the Board requested information as to the report

to be made to the General Assembly. He asked if it was the wish of the Board to simply spread the reports of the special investigation by W. L. Jones, the President's nepotism report, and the auditors report on the minutes, or should the reports be condensed and reported in the annual report to the General Assembly.

Nepotism Report

Finance Committee

Moved, by Mr. Bradley, That the Finance Committee be empowered to embody in condensed form in the report to the General Assembly so much of the report as they deem advisable in answer to the charge made in the meeting of the Legislature.

Motion Adpted

Report to General Assembly

Moved, by Mr. Bradley, That so much of the report of the Board of Auditors as the Finance Committee may see fit be also embodied in the report to the General Assembly.

Motion Adopted.

Salary of Mr. Stackhouse

Moved, by Mr. Richards, That the Salary of Mr. H. M. Stackhouse, Secretary of the Fertilizer Board of Control, be increased from \$1500 to \$1700 per annum.

Motion Withdrawn.

Moved, by Col. Simpson, That the Board adjourn.

Motion Adopted, and in accord therewith the Board adjourned at 6:30 o'clock, P. M.

Approved;

Alan Johnston
President, Board of Trustees.

W. D. Tucker
Acting Secretary.

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