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The Honorable Board of Trustees
Of The Clemson Agricultural College.

Gentlemen:

Except for the burning of the agricultural hall and the anxiety contingent upon the meeting of the legislature, the work of the college has gone along very smoothly since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees in Columbia in December.

The President-elect, Dr. E. W. Sikes, has visited the college twice since Christmas. On January 31st he attended the meeting of the ninth anniversary of the Women’s Club of this community. On the occasion of this visit he was shown as much of the college and its workings as was possible in the three days he was on our campus. On Sunday morning, February 1st, he addressed the corps of cadets and people of the community in the college chapel.

Again on March 31st and April 1st Dr. Sikes visited the college, bringing Mrs. Sikes with him. An official reception was given them on the evening of March 31st, at which they were given an opportunity of meeting all members of the faculty and people of the community. The reception was given at this time as it will not be possible to give one when Dr. Sikes takes charge in the summer. For some years it has been our custom to give a reception in the fall to all new members of the faculty, and next fall Dr. Sikes will of course have this feature in charge.

Legislation:

Again I would acknowledge the diligence and ability
of Senator Alan Johnstone in looking after the interests of the college in the General Assembly. Although there was considerable feeling on the part of some of our enemies, both in the legislature and out, there was little unfriendly legislation that passed. There were those who showed some vindictiveness, and unfortunately they were in a position to get some results; on the whole, however, I feel that we came out very well.

A complete list of the legislative appropriations made by the last General Assembly is as follows:

- For extension service: $110,862.85
- For tick eradication: $20,000.00
- For live stock sanitary work: $50,000.00
- For agricultural research: $50,000.00
- For crop pest commission: $10,000.00
- For slaughter, diseased live stock: $3,000.00
- For bell weevil laboratory: $25,000.00
- For collegiate maintenance: $88,250.36

Total: $357,113.20

In addition, expenditures from other sources to the amount of $312,394.49 for public service and $302,386.13 for collegiate work were authorized, making a total of $971,933.82.

You will note that only two items were cut by the legislature. The item slaughter of diseased live stock was cut from $4,000 to $3,000. This cut makes no difference, as the state will have to pay for any animals killed. No attempt was made to have the figure restored to $4,000.

The Budget Commission without warning cut the amount asked for from $99,250.36 to $91,750.35, apparently trying to hold the appropriation to last year's amount. In the Ways and Means Committee, through the influence of one or two of our graduates, the amount was further cut by $2,600, the salary of the Director of Student Affairs, the hope being I think to eliminate this position. The Senate restored this
amount and also the original figure asked for slaughter of diseased live stock, allowing the full amount requested. However, in free conference the amount was again reduced to the figure of the Ways and Means Committee. The amount asked for the boll weevil station was granted. The appropriation for the boll weevil station is greater than for past years, but does not help towards the teaching work of the college, going directly back to the people. Should our fertilizer tax reach the amount expected when the budget for the present fiscal year was prepared, we can run - otherwise we may have to cut in some directions. I would favor having no balance on January 1st, 1926, which I think will enable us to get through the year on the same basis as last year.

Fertilizer Bills:
There was no fertilizer legislation enacted at the last session of the legislature. Representative Williams of Aiken introduced a bill to reconcile seeming contradictions of two sections of the law and to repeal Sec. 17. This bill was referred to the Agricultural Committee, whose clerk requested Dr. Brackett to appear before the Committee. Dr. Brackett wrote explaining that there was no conflict, and that repeal of Sec. 17 would leave no law governing farmers analyses. We heard no more about it.

Representative Cope of Orangeburg introduced a bill requiring manufacturers to guarantee a precise percentage of every ingredient used in mixed fertilizers. This bill as I recall passed the House, but must have failed in the Senate.

The Work of Instruction:
The instructional work of the college has gone on well
since the trouble in October. Very good spirit has prevailed among the students, and very few failed to return after the Christmas holidays, predictions to the contrary notwithstanding. The number in college is of course less now than in October, but this in itself tends to make for better work. Though we lost quite a number of Seniors for various reasons, we still have 144 in the graduating class - the largest in the history of the college.

The following tables indicate considerable improvement in class work during the last few years. The comparative percentage of the various classes receiving "honorable mention" for the first semester of the session 1920-21 and for the session 1924-25 may be of interest.

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There were 616 cadets who had no dererits charged against them at the end of the first semester of the present session.

At present we have 861 cadets in college. But for the trouble in the fall we would have had approximately one thousand. All classes except the freshmen are smaller than last year. This holds in all cases except for sophomore agricultural students, sophomore civil engineering and freshman engineering, which are considerably larger. I am confident that many of those who were suspended will return, as will also many who received honorable discharges.

Right here I might say that I have a strong suspicion, though no proof, that there are sub-rose fraternities among the students. We have had this suspicion for several years, but have been unable to get any proof.
Applications have been coming in for sometime from prospective students, and I feel that we shall have no trouble in getting our quota of men for next session. Certainly last October we got rid of many who should never have been here. Some of those who left were ringleaders in stirring up trouble, and I know of two who sold liquor among the students. Some of those suspended should not be allowed to return if there is any way to prevent it.

Student Life and Interests:

The spirit in the corps has been and is excellent.

On April 20th and 21st we had the annual inspection by the War Department. While they have not sent us the result of their inspection, and no information as to their grading, I have little fear but that we will again attain the distinguished class. The cadets showed up well.

I am glad to report that there was no evidence to indicate that the first of April was different from any other day. I hope that we have now reached a point where we shall have no further trouble from that score.

So far this session we have had only two discipline trials, and forty discipline recommendations by the Commandant.

The following is a summary of demerits incurred by the cadets through April 19th -

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During the first semester, there were only two cadets who exceeded the demerit limit, and so far, none during the second semester. One cadet has been required by the President to
to withdraw for violating of his hazing pledge. During the session five cadets have deserted college.

The Health of the Corps:

This year we have had a splendid record as to health. There have been no epidemics of any kind, and no serious cases of illness. One case of diptheria developed soon after Christmas, but the cadet was instantly isolated, and no other cases occurred. We had two cases of pneumonia, both of whom recovered very quickly.

Athletics:

While it seemed in the fall that we would have a good football team, the trouble in October caused the team to go to pieces, so that our record as a whole was not very good. In basketball we had a good team but not a winner. Coach Saunders has shown himself loyal to the college and has backed discipline as few coaches have in the past.

Mr. Richards has been full-time freshman coach, and so far as I know fits in very well with our conditions.

The Cadet Mess:

Throughout the year we have kept the price of board at $16.00 per month. With the large number of students I think we might have come out on this and furnished a very good mess. However, with the loss of about two hundred in the fall, and the increase in price on nearly all articles of food, it has not been possible to keep within this figure. As showed by the following table, the price of food stuffs has increased almost without exception. This table gives the comparative wholesale prices of the principal food stuffs on April 1st of 1924 and of 1925.
Beef........................................... $ .10 1/2 $ .12 1/2
Beef loins........................................... .15
Sausage........................................... .16
Ham................................................... .20 1/8 .30 3/8
Bacon............................................... .22 5/8 .32 1/8
Chicken............................................... .32
Eggs................................................... .27
Grits................................................... 2.69 c.w.t. 2.40
Flour................................................... 7.75
Rice................................................... 6.90 c.w.t. 7.26
Corn meal........................................... 2.50
Butter................................................... .42 .45
Syrup................................................... .34
Sugar................................................... .15 1/2 .19 1/2
Potatoes........................................... 7.70 .90
Coffee................................................... .22 .38

I shall therefore recommend an increase in the board from $16.00 to $17.50 per month, or an increase of 9.4%. You will note that this increase is considerably less than the increase in food stuffs. However, with the larger number of students which we will average during next session, we should be able to come out.

I shall also recommend that the charge for laundry be increased from $.33 1/3 to $.30 per month.

Uniforms:
The whip cord khaki uniform with turn-down collar has been very satisfactory, and I think popular with the students. However, the dress uniform with stiff collar is very objectionable and displeasing to the cadets. Col. Cole suggested a serge uniform such as is used in the navy. However, after seeing this, neither I nor the students were pleased with it. I thereupon asked Col. Cole to have a blouse made of the same pattern as the fatigue uniform but of blue broadcloth, - the same material as the dress coat now in use. With this the same gray trousers will be worn. The old style blouses will not look so ragged with this as if more changes were made. I can see no reason for further changes at this time, as the present uniforms look well, are comfortable and
wear well. The Finance Committee adopted this new uniform
at a meeting in Columbia on April 11th.

While it may appear that the new students will have to
spend a large amount for uniforms when they enter, these
uniforms last well and are the only suits the cadets must
have. They are worn all the time and certainly present a
much neater appearance than any and everything as seen in
many other colleges. The government as you know gives
$72.00 in the four years towards uniforms for R.O.T.C.

students. After the first year the cost of uniforms per year
is not over $40.00 - if so much.

Need of Additional Barracks:

It is hardly necessary to call your attention to this
need. The legislature was again asked for a dormitory, but
with little idea of the request being granted. Our needs in
this respect are the same as for last year.

Also to relieve the congestion in class rooms and
offices in the administration building, we need badly a library
building.

With the increase in students and particularly in
the engineering department, we need a shop building which may
be a unit of a future engineering building. With the shops
out of the present building the space now being occupied by
these could be used for class rooms and laboratories, thus
relieving the congestion here for sometime to come.

Fires During the Session:

On December 11, 1924, a part of the greenhouse at the
horticultural grounds was burned, the first starting in the
room where the heater was located. Three or four years ago
Dr. Riggs had this building removed from the insurance
schedule - therefore we have no insurance to cover the loss.
During the early morning of April 2, 1925, the agricultural hall caught fire in the bacteriological laboratory. When the fire was first discovered (nearly 3 A.M.) it was well under way and burned till practically the entire inside was destroyed. Some equipment from two or three rooms was saved. On this building we had $75,000 insurance and on equipment $23,000. Fortunately when Mr. Evans and I renewed the insurance last summer, we raised the amount on this building by $22,000.

On the early morning of April 4th, a fire started at the door of Dr. Heath's kitchen. Fortunately the alarm was given before any headway had been gained, and the flames were soon extinguished. I can discern no way in which this kitchen could have caught fire. No electric wires are under the floor and no hole was burned in the floor near the kitchen stove.

On Friday night, April 24th, between one and two o'clock, the crib opposite the mule barn was burned. The building itself carried no insurance, but the contents (about 700 bushels of corn) was insured.

During the year there was also a little negro house near the old stockade burned. Its occupant, a negro, had moved out an hour or so before the fire, and it is likely that he left fire which rolled down and caught the house.

About Thanksgiving time Sloan's store just beyond the college grounds burned - this making six fires in the community during the session. This looks rather suspicious, especially when it is noted that all of them were between the hours of midnight and three o'clock.
Rebuilding the Agricultural Hall:

At the time of writing this report the insurance company's representative has not notified me whether they will replace the building, or pay us the face value of the policy, $75,000. There is no question as to the $25,000 insurance carried on the equipment.

In rebuilding the hall, there are it seems to me three possible plans to follow -

1st plan: If the walls are condemned and the company pays us $75,000, we might tear down the walls and erect a suitable agricultural building near the present headquarters of the extension division.

2nd plan: If the walls of the building are in safe enough condition to warrant our using them in replacing the building, we might do this, making such changes as will convert the present structure into a library building. I have at hand plans for your inspection showing my ideas for changing this building into suitable quarters for both the college and the experiment station libraries. The location, if a building is to remain on this spot, is much more suitable for a library than for any other building. It would be close enough to the proposed new agricultural building to warrant the housing of the college library and the experiment station library under the same roof. Also, with the conversion of this building into a library, sufficient space in the college building would be released to provide much needed class rooms and offices for years to come.

The library building could also house the literary societies, releasing three more large rooms in the college building for class room use. The lower floor of the library could house also the division of education, and for the present the horticultural division, which has been almost
crowded out.

Though the agricultural hall was one of our best buildings, it has never been well suited for an agricultural department, having been built twenty-one years ago when little was known as to the best location for this department.

In the new plans for an agricultural department allowance should be made to take care of the extension offices as well, though this need not necessarily be done immediately.

3rd plan: Rebuild the agricultural hall as it was originally.

Of the three plans, probably the second is the best. I would not recommend the third unless there is no other plan available. Some rearrangement could be made which would be an improvement over the old arrangement, but there is much waste space which could never be utilized for an agricultural hall, but which could be utilized for a library. It would not be possible to enlarge the present building by the addition of wings without resulting bad architectural features.

In this connection, I think plans should be made for the location of other buildings which will be added in the future. I realize that it may be years before these additional buildings can be secured, but if plans are made in advance there will be no danger of having some building placed in an undesirable location. I have given this matter considerable thought and offer the following suggestions while I have the opportunity. If you think well of any or all of them, all right; if not, no harm will have been done by making them.
I would make the following suggestions:

That a dormitory be placed on the tennis court facing the athletic field, on the same side of the athletic field but lower down.

The erection of a gymnasium with one entrance from the athletic field and another on the second floor from the same levels as the present tennis courts.

That the agricultural hall and green houses be located near the present site of the extension headquarters.

That a hospital be build near the present site of Dr. Brackett's residence. This is close to barracks, quiet, and with a good view, and would be suitably located near the Calhoun Mansion. The building could be heated day and night from the power station, and could obtain hot water also from the power station.

The location of the textile building near the engineering department. The present building is not suited for the work.

The location of a dormitory where the textile building now stands.

That a lake be made where the old dairy was formerly located.

That a dam be built across Hunnicutt creek near the location of the pumping station, for the purpose of swimming and boating. (Neither of the above two would be expensive.)

That on the hotel hill there should be a young men's quarters and another for stenographers, also an apartment house for newcomers particularly, and a hostess house. In conjunction with all of these a good eating house could be run. The hostess house could be operated for transients normally and for caring for girls for dances, etc. The receipts would pay the salary of a matron and a caretaker, and the house would offer accommodations for the families of cadets who wish to visit cadets.

The above suggestions, which I have merely outlined, would provide for all the student interests, would group all agricultural work and all engineering work, with the chemistry common to all in the center.

I also feel that certain changes in organization should be made in the new regime. I would have only three departments, or schools, or colleges—agriculture, engineering, and arts and science, with a dean over each school. Each dean would be responsible for the work in his school. The textile work would be in the engineering department, as is electrical engineering.
engineering or civil engineering, with its own division head. With this arrangement the President of the college would have only the three deans to deal with so far as all teaching, research and extension are concerned. This would relieve him of much detail now necessarily on his shoulders.

The Dean of the Arts and Science School, since he would have less detail than either of the other schools to handle, might also be made Dean of the college if thought wise.

I offer the above suggestions not for your action at this time, but simply as my views. Should Dr. Sikes and you gentlemen of the Board think well of any of them, I shall be pleased to have you consider them later and adopt any as may appeal to you.

Fiscal Affairs:

On March 28th, the fertilizer tax was $180,698.92 as compared with $196,475.00 on the same date in 1924 and $154,000 in 1923. The receipts on April 23rd totalled $212,365.65 as compared with $212,140.00 on April 22nd, 1924. Out budget with the legislature was predicated on a fertilizer tax of $225,000.00, which amount will hardly be reached. The amount received for rents and interest will also be less by $3,000.

As was our policy last year, the legislative appropriation was applied entirely to salaries. This will apply to the salaries for the last half of this fiscal year and the first half of the next fiscal year. We have been carrying some balance each year on December 31st, and next June our budget should be so designed that we have no balance on December 31, 1925.
The Extension Service:

I believe there is nothing of special interest to report regarding the extension service. The work has gone on about as usual. On account of the financial unrest and effort on the part of every one to keep down expenses, there was an effort made in many counties to eliminate the position of the county agent. However, in most cases this move failed.

At the last meeting of the Board I was requested to find out from Mr. Long what responsibility was assumed by the college in the payment of county agents' salaries in case individual counties failed to continue appropriations for these positions. I quote from Mr. Long's letter of March 11, 1925 on this subject -

"Our policy in regard to paying the salaries of county agents covers only that part payable from Smith-Lever and federal funds. County funds appropriated by the legislative delegations are required to make up the total amount of the salary, but the college does not guarantee the agents that these local appropriations shall be made. However, it occasionally happens that a county in discontinuing an appropriation fails to make provision for that period between January 1 and the time when the supply bills are finally made up. While the college is not obligated by a contract to pay this shortage in the agent's salary due to failure of county delegations to hear their portion of the expense up to the time the work is discontinued, still we believe that in some cases this is the wise thing to do in justice to the agent and in order to stabilize county agent work and make it more attractive to county agents generally. We do not in any case request payment of that portion of an agent's salary due from the county after the month in which we find out the facts about the appropriations."

Selling of County Agent Radio Outfits:

I wish also to quote below an extract from a letter received from Director Long under date of March 11, 1925, requesting the sale of radio outfits purchased for the county agents throughout the state. This quotation covers
the period dating with the installation of the radio at

Clemson under the Presidency of Dr. Riggs.

"During the life of President Riggs the extension service established a radio station on the campus, the extension service paying for the apparatus and setting up of same. The college contributed cost of the small building. At that time the use of the radio was more or less in an experimental stage. It was thought that by locating receiving sets in the offices of each county agent that this agency could be used for disseminating marketing reports and other official matter of a definite character.

After a thorough trial and experimentation, we find that the radio cannot be absolutely depended upon as an agency for carrying this definite information. The radio can be used most helpfully in general and inspirational talks, but where definite information is to be given such as marketing quotations, spraying and fertilizer formulas and other information of this character, the radio cannot be absolutely depended upon as an accurate means of disseminating definite information. We purchased at the time 46 small sets costing an average of $56 a set. I respectfully recommend that we be permitted to sell the 45 sets at $25 per set and that we further be permitted to give the county agents the privilege of buying on deferred payments of $10 per month until the sets are paid for, the amount to be deducted from their monthly salaries. The funds from the sale of the radios will be turned in to the treasurer to be credited to the Extension Interest Fund. I might add that the radio service of the college is greatly appreciated and that we receive weekly agree number of letters from all over the state, and for that matter from all over the United States, expressing appreciation of our programs. It is of interest to know that a part of our program was heard in Marseilles, France, and reported to us direct from that city. Clemson College was among the first educational institutions in the country to establish a radio station, and it has been a great means of advertising the college throughout the country. Our programs now consist of general talks along educational lines and general talks covering different phases of agriculture and musical features furnished by the college orchestras, glee club and other local agencies, and occasionally musicians from Anderson and the neighboring towns assist us in perfecting a creditable and enjoyable program."

As yet I have not gone into this matter thoroughly and recommend postponement of consideration until the June meeting of the Board.
Agricultural Research:

The annual report of this department will be prepared in about three weeks, and I shall not therefore go into its details in this report. The work at both the Coast and Pee Dee Stations is in excellent condition, though much of the work at Florence could not be started until after the adjournment of the legislature - particularly that work relating to boll weevil control. However, the soil was prepared and the fertilizer applied so that we now have a good stand of cotton.

I regret to report that Dr. Armstrong, who is in charge of the boll weevil work at Florence, had to undergo an operation for appendicitis in March, this delaying the publication of the bulletin giving results of poison work for the past two years. The material is now in final shape and Prof. Coad promises to have it sent to the college this week for immediate publication. This should be a comprehensive piece of work.

Dr. Fenton and his assistants will continue the biological and ecological work with the boll weevil. Weevils are much more abundant this year than heretofore. Last year the total emergence of weevil was less than 0.5 of one percent of those placed in hibernation. This year up to April 16th the emergence of the weevil varied from 0.68 of one percent in open field where there was no material under which the weevil could seek shelter to 5.33 percent in cages filled with cotton stalks. The average to date at Florence is 2 1/2% and at the college 2%.

At the Coast Station more area is being placed in cultivation and the pastures and herd are improving constantly. The forestry work being carried on there has attracted considerable attention.
The farm at the college is in very satisfactory condition, the small grain and corn both looking well.

A matter of great interest to the research department at this time is the passage of the Purnell Bill at the last Congress. This bill carries for each state $20,000 for 1926-1925, and $10,000 increase each year until the total reaches $60,000. This amount is appropriated partly to supplement the Hatch and Adams funds, but mainly to start a new line of work.

The Executive Committee of the Land Grant College Association stresses the fact that in working for this appropriation emphasis is laid on the need of research work in marketing, rural economics, home economics and rural sociology, and rather insists that a large share of the fund be used along these lines.

In regard to this bill, the Secretary of Agriculture speaking at a meeting of the Land Grant College Association in St. Louis on April 20th and 21st, had this to say -

"It perhaps ought to be noted that the Purnell Act is not to relieve the status of their obligations. It is not designed to transfer these obligations to the Federal Government, but to enable the latter to join more liberally with the states in the maintenance of investigation at these institutions. Although the maintenance of experiment stations is not a 50-50 proposition, in effect it has always been a cooperative enterprise between the Federal Government and the States. The Hatch Act, which supplied the initiative for the national system, did not undertake to carry the whole burden. It was designed, as the opening sentence stated, 'to aid' in attaining the objects sought in the establishment of these institutions. In advocating this latest legislation much emphasis was laid on what the states are doing, and on the fact that it was not designed to relieve them but rather to stimulate and further extend their efforts. It is the confident expectation, therefore, that the individual states will continue to bear their part."

It is necessary to obtain the permission of the legislature to receive the money. However, until the next
session of the legislature the governor's consent only is necessary. Senator Johnstone has seen Governor McLeod, who promised to sign the bill. While this has not as yet been done, the necessary steps are being taken to obtain his signature. The first installment of money will be received in July 1925.

Report of the Board of Health:

The report of the Board of Health was read almost in its entirety at the December meeting of the Board, and the report in full is incorporated in the annual report to the legislature.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Board of Visitors:

I would remind the Trustees that at this meeting the Board of Visitors for 1925 must be selected. The By-laws fix the date for the inspection of the Board of Visitors as the first Wednesday in May, which this year will be May 6th. There is one member to be selected from each congressional district.

For the convenience of the Board, I have indicated the several counties lying in each congressional district. I give also a list of the Boards of Visitors who have been invited to the college for the past three years. This list may be of some help in suggesting names of others who have not been at the college in official capacities during recent years.
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### 1924 Board of Visitors

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Newspaper Reports:

There has been too much in the newspapers for me to refer to all, but I do want to call attention to an editorial in "The Calhoun Times" from our friend, Dr. Dreher. Some of you may have seen this, but if you have not it is well worth reading. This editorial appeared on February 5th, and speaks very much to the point.

The Clemson College Muddle.

"We have absolutely no more interest in Clemson College, directly or indirectly, than any other state or semi-state institution. However, all this fuss and feathers about it for months has puzzled us. We are at last fully convinced that politics, jealousy and poorly veiled hatred are at the bottom of the mess. Because a bunch of misguided and largely charity students on the
tax-payers of the state made jackasses of them selves, it gave those, too cowardly heretofore to tackle it, an excuse to jab it and do it all the harm possible.

The sly enemies of the college have even gone to the extent of raking up the bones (metaphorically speaking) of Clemson himself, spitting upon them and stirring prejudice by the charge of not being a Yankee, and not interested in the South. That is about the most typical illustration of gimlet-hole spectacles imaginable. A little light will bring such peanuttery into bolder relief. His sympathies were with the South during the Civil War. So much so that he was suspected and watched by Union officials, and escaped across the Potomac where he and his son enlisted under Lee and served through the war. After the war he settled down and lived in South Carolina. He soon joined "The Farmers Society" at Pendleton and became its President just a year after Lee's surrender. He continued a leader in agricultural matters and but for him there would probably have been no Calhoun property at Point Hill to will anybody.

Mrs. John C. Calhoun died in possession of a mortgage on the estate against her son. When sold under foreclosure proceedings, Clemson bought it. He came by the property legitimately and willed it conditionally. These conditions were accepted in good faith by the legislature.

There is not a scintilla of excuse for all this rumpus about it that we can see. Why make it a football of petty politics. We have enough and more than enough of that now in our other state institutions. The fact that there are life trustees has had no more to do with the troubles at Clemson than the barking of a poodle dog has to do with the man in the moon. We believe in fair play and clean fighting. There is too much money being wasted in all of our big colleges and it may be a good thing to kill a few, but slaughter them openly and above board and not be eternally sticking a stiletto into the side in the dark, and from motives of silly and childish jealousy and peanut politics. Most of this sinister propaganda has been breeding and flourishing in Columbia, and every blind idiot knows the reason. It is well to pull the veil and expose it in its true nakedness."

I desire also to call your attention to two or three paragraphs in Dr. Melton's report to the legislature. On page 10 referring to his faculty, he has this to say:

"Clemson, 230 teachers and officers........... 1,057 students
Citadel, 31 teachers and officers............. 312 students
Medical college, 88 teachers and officers..... 282 students
University, 55 teachers and officers......... 909 students
Winthrop, 137 teachers and officers........ 1,472 students

In other words, according to this statement, the Medical College has a teacher or officer to every 3.2 students, Clemson has a teacher or officer to every
4.16 students, the Citadel has a teacher or officer to every 10 students, Winthrop a teacher or officer to every 10.7 students, and the University a teacher or officer to every 16.3 students."

Also, on page 13 of this report, referring to the cost of education, Dr. Melton bases everything on the session hours offered, which forms no comparison at all Courses may be offered in which there are no students. Clemson should have, (though we have not) more teachers for the same number of students, because our students are in classes 26 hours per week as compared with about 15 hours of classes per week at the University. Also, in some of our laboratory work the sections are necessarily larger than in classes where only theoretical work is taught.

On page 13 of his report, Dr. Melton states -

"It is quite probable in the cases of the Citadel, Clemson and Winthrop that some profit is realized in boarding the students; at the University not a dollar is or ought to be expected to be realized from this source. At military schools and girls' colleges it is proper and altogether practicable to require the students to take their meals in a common dining room, but such procedure at the University not only not be tolerated, but would be impracticable. The two dining rooms at the University cannot accommodate more than 350 at a sitting, have to be run on the cafeteria plan, and every dollar paid by the students for a meal is given back to them in food and service. The fact that Clemson and Winthrop have farms from which income may be realized, the fact that Clemson is allowed to retain its tuition fees and that Winthrop is allowed to retain tuition fees in the department of music, are also factors of more or less consequence in determining the per capita cost. It should also be borne in mind that the plant of the Citadel is entirely new and the plants of Clemson and Winthrop comparatively new, whereas the plant of the University is old and therefore requires a larger annual outlay for maintenance."

I can see no reason for such unwarranted misstatement of facts, but have refrained, though reluctantly, from calling Dr. Melton to account for them.
The President of the Association, Mr. A. H. Ward, wishes the Board to speak in behalf of this request.

The Calhoun Mansion:
There has been some discussion in the Board in the past with reference to the disposition of the Calhoun Mansion. I feel that steps should be taken now to restore this building, move out the family now living there, and do something if possible to reduce the fire risk. A committee was appointed some years ago to make a report on this matter, but to date no report has been filed.

S. B. Harr, Acting President

Use by the U. D. C. of the John C. Calhoun Study:
The local chapter of the U. D. C. has asked that I present to the Board at this time their request for the use of the small study in the rear of the Calhoun Mansion yard in which to operate a Woman's Exchange. This Exchange is operated under the auspices of the John C. Calhoun Chapter of the W.D.C., and the study would be in charge of a committee of ladies. A little later I shall be glad for the Board to discuss this request and give me their decision.

Annuities:
A year or so ago the matter of annuities in conjunction with the Carnegie Foundation was discussed. Mr. Bradley was appointed a committee of one to look into this proposition and make a report of its advantages as
compared with insurance in other companies. Winthrop College and the University of South Carolina both work in conjunction with the Carnegie Foundation.

I. Appointments:

Request of Alumni Association:

Under "topics for discussion" I shall present a request from the Alumni Association for financial assistance in the maintenance of an Alumni office at the college.

The President of the Association, Mr. A. H. Ward, wishes to appear before the Board to speak in behalf of this request.

Division:

Joseph Robert Hawkins, "Live Stock Specialist," Salary

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. Earle, Acting President.

E. Leave of Absence:

Under the authority given me in the By-laws, I have granted sick leave to Mr. H. E. Robertson, Chemist, from January 13th to May 19th, 1925. Mr. Robertson receives only half pay for this period of time.

In his place we have appointed temporarily Mr. R. M. Simpson of Columbia at a salary of $200.00 per month. We shall likely need Mr. Simpson only two or three months.

Under the same authority I have granted sick leave to Mr. E. S. Elmore, Bookkeeper in the Treasurer's office. Mr. Elmore's leave begins on April 1st and is of an indefinite nature. After the first month of his leave Mr. Elmore will receive half pay until the expiration of this privilege under the By-laws, provided his leave extends for that period.
RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Appointments:

Under the authority given me in the By-laws, I have made the following appointments for one year or less, and ask your approval of my action -

Agricultural Department:


Extension Division:


Treasurer's Office:

Miss Janette Patterson, "Assistant to the Treasurer," (New position.) Salary $1,200; Effective Nov. 16, 1924.

2. Leaves of Absence:

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3. Second Probationary Year:

The following officers having satisfactorily completed approximately one year of service, I recommend that they be elected to their second probationary period:

Agricultural Department:

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<td>C. O. Eddy</td>
<td>Assoc. Prof. Ent. &amp; Assoc. Ent'st</td>
<td>$2,400</td>
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Extension Division:

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<td>D. H. Hall, Jr.</td>
<td>Poultry Husbandman</td>
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4. Third Probationary Year:

The following men having satisfactorily completed approximately two years of service, I recommend that they be elected to their third probationary period:

Research Department:

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<td>E. E. Hall</td>
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<td>R. W. Morland</td>
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5. Permanent Positions:

The following men having satisfactorily completed approximately three years of service, I recommend that they be elected to permanent positions:

Extension Division:

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<td>W. J. Keegan</td>
<td>Dairy Husbandman</td>
<td>$2,600</td>
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<td>R. W. Hamilton</td>
<td>Peanut, Soy Bean &amp; Cowpea Spec'ns't</td>
<td>$2,700</td>
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6. I recommend (a) That the report of the State Board of Public Welfare in making recommendations in cases of c.dots who have applied for free tuition, be adopted. (This matter was not brought before the Board in October or December.)

(b) That the later ruling of the State Board of Public Welfare in the case of the following c.dots, recommending free tuition, be adopted:

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<td>Burton, L. S. G.</td>
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12. At Dr. Long's request, I recommend the adoption of the title of Mr. E. C. Godby be changed from "Livestock Specialist" to that of "Animal Husbandry Specialist."

7. I recommend that a resolution be passed by the Board authorizing the expenditure, at the discretion of the Director and the President, of any unexpended balance in the Federal and State Extension Entomologist be created at a salary of $3,000 per year Budgets.

14. At Dr. Long's request, I recommend that he be allowed to pay the State newspaper $15.00 from the Interest Fund for publishing the report of the Land Settlement Commission.

8. At Dr. Lewis' request, I recommend a revocation of Poultry Quarantine notice, which no longer seems necessary. (Note attached)

9. At Dr. Lewis' request, I presented to the Agricultural Committee in March suggested changes in the rules for the control and eradication of contagious and infectious diseases among live stock. The Agricultural Committee approved these changes, and I desire to present them to the full Board for approval. (Changes attached.)

16. I ask approval of the President's action in paying Dr. E. S. Chandler, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, $40.00 per month for nine months from Textile Reserve Fund. The government has been paying Dr. Chandler $40.00 per month since this fund was first used, and I will give care of this item.

10. I recommend that the Board approve the President's action in giving to Mr. Chalmers McDoorm, County Agent of Charleston County, a furlough without pay from April 15th to May 31st; also
that the Board approve the President's action in appointing Mr. Bryan Legare Walpole as temporary County Agent in Charleston County, at a salary of $200.00 per month to fill Mr. McDermid's place, from April 16th to May 31st.

11. I recommend that permission be given to use money from the sale of scrap iron and copper for buying insulated copper wire of proper size, and adding to the appropriation for purchase of a boiler food pump.

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14. At Dr. Long's request I recommend that he be allowed to pay The State newspaper $15.00 from the Interest Fund for publishing the report of the Land Settlement Commission.

15. At Dr. Long's request, I recommend that permission be allowed to Pay Mr. D. D. Whitcomb $45.00 from Interest Fund to cover his expenses to Georgia in connection with shipping point inspection of peaches.

16. I ask approval of the President's action in paying Dr. E. S. Chandler, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, $40.00 per month for nine months from Textile Reservo Fund. The government has been paying us $40.00 per month rent on equipment, which will take care of this item.
17. I recommend that the President be allowed to increase the board of c-dots from $16.00 to $17.50 per month, if necessary, beginning with the next session; also that he be allowed to increase the charge for laundry from $1.33 1/3 to $1.50 per month.

18. At Dr. Long's request I recommend that Mr. D. D. Whitcomb be made Chief of the Division of Markets; this position to be under the head of the division including teaching, experiment station and extension, if such division is later created.

19. I recommend that the following emergency appropriations be authorized -

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<td>Sink (Mrs. Torrence)</td>
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<td>Scissors for audit</td>
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<td>Increase Item 11, C. &amp; R</td>
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<td>Moving garage, C. &amp; R. Division</td>
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20. I recommend that Prof. Doggett be allowed the following from sales of waste cotton -

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21. At Prof. Doggott's request, I recommend that $100.00 of Item 33, Warp and Filling Yarn, be transferred to Item 19, Millboy Helper.

22. I recommend that leave of absence, without pay, be given to Mr. L. G. Moffatt, Instructor in English, dating from September 1st, 1925 to September 1, 1926, in order that he may pursue his studies in France.
SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Disposition of the Calhoun Mansion

2. Use by local Chapter U. D. C. of study belonging to the Calhoun Mansion.

3. Election of the Board of Visitors.


5. College exhibit at the State Fair.

6. Naming of streets, putting of signs at corners, and numbering houses.

7. Erecting stone for Dr. Riggs' grave.

8. Building agricultural hall.

9. Correspondence with Spartanburg Sun regarding Prof. Bryan's refusal to give information regarding the burning of the agricultural hall.