Clemson College S.C.
May 8, 1907.
The Board of Trustees met at the College
this A.M.
Present:
Meyers, Simons, Tillman, Bowen, Deas,
Winnamaker, Yarris, Norris, Bradley, Rudd,
Donaldson, Evans & Hardie.
Reading proceedings of last meeting was
adjourned with:—

Petition of Committee of the Cadets was
read. Allowing that the appeal of Thornwell
and charges against the President be
heard together, and it was resolved
that the Board will attend first to the
appeal of Cadet Thornwell for resigna-
tion allowing the Faculty and body of
Class to be represented by counsel who
will cross examine witnesses.

That the status and nature of the
petitionment of the above Class will
be considered. And the parties interest-
ed be given a hearing both sides being repre-
sented by the same committee.

That the grievances or other charges
against the President be presented in
writing so that he may know in what he
is alleged and think he prepared for
his defense.

The Board will not mix up these
various questions but will reserve
judgment on all until the whole of
these matters shall have been fully
investigated.

Committee representing faculty appeared before the Board. Resolved to appoint Dr. 
Thornwell in behalf of his late deceased 
Evidence pro & con was introduced. 
(See Evidence)

The matter of reinstatement of member 
of Soph. Class was taken up and 
Appliation of Vernon Baker for reinstatement 
there was read. And C. Doutt indicated 
read to read a paper in favor of & defence 
of the action of the Soph. Class.

An motion of Mr. Harris's rules were 
suspended and all students & faculty 
were requested to attend session of the Board.

An motion of Senator Tillman's was 
resolved.

That it is the sense of this Board 
that no action or utterance of any 
Cadet either as witness or otherwise 
in this investigation shall be used by 
the faculty or considered by it as a 
ground for any future action prejudiced 
to such Cadet and the faculty is for 
hidden to refer to or use anything said 
or done by Cadet on this occasion.

Resignation of Mr. B. Hartley received 
as information. And action deferred 
until June meeting, at which investi 
gation asked for will be made.

The Committee appointed to report 
upon the matter of appeal of Cadet - 
Thornwell for Reinstatement in the College.
reported - That the Board, after a
most searching investigation into the
cause which lead to the suspension of
Capt. Thornwell, and the action of the
faculty in refusing the petition of the class
for reinstatement, find as followse:

That the offence was not of such mag-
nitude as to demand a sentence as to waran
the sentence imposed and that the
punishment was entirely disproportionate
to the seriousness of the offence. The
evidence shows that the faculty was
never in possession of all the facts in
the case. And while there were some
grounds for its action we feel that the
trial was not conducted with that seri-
ousness and thoroughness which
should obtain in any case which di
solve the character and good name
of a cadet. The management of the
minutes and inability of the faculty
to present to the Board, in written form
a record of the proceedings is creditable
and we fully expect it never to occur
again. We can understand how there
might be a difference of opinion, as there
ought to have existed in the faculty an amount
of the incomplete evidence. Before in.
The faculty divided evidently on the
question of guilt, due to the one hand
there was a belief that the students
understood their obligation in regard
to this property. On the other side Con-
scious of the Cadets that custom had
led them to believe they had the right
to take them under influence - th
judgment of some members of the faculty to the extent that the vote for suspension was fifteen while those who voted against such punishment were thirteen. But the error was in not giving the benefit of the doubt to the boy.

It is also an extenuating circumstance as to the severity of punishment that at the last meeting of the Board, quite great stress by resolution upon the lay discipline and somewhat loose way in which the College was being run, and ordered a strenuous effort to remedy it. The action of the Faculty upon this the first serious case that had come before it, was possibly the result of its desire to comply with the expressed demands of the Board. It is therefore ordered that Cadet Thornewall be reinstated to his rights and privileges as a cadet in this College.

Upon the Petition for Reinstatement of the Sophomores:

The action of this class in leaving the College, without exhausting all remedies and making an appeal to the Board for a redress of grievances is one of great seriousness. The College cannot be successfully run at which discipline is not rigidly maintained. Least of all can an institution with such a large number of students as we have here, and situated as Clemson College is in the country, be the purpose and intention of the
to require from any student who may avail himself of the opportunity that we offer here, implicit obedience to all lawful authority. Any combinations having for their object the destruction of discipline and subversion of good order will be punished to the limit of our power.

Understand we want it distinctly understood that the idea which leads to prevent to some extent among the students that they have the right to assemble in mass meetings or classes meetings and to dictate our college affairs cannot be too strongly condemned. The faculty in clothing itself authority to govern the college under rules and regulations which are accessible to the students and there is no excuse for the claim of ignorance of the right of appeal to the faculty in any case involving their rights. This board has on several occasions previously shown its willingness and purpose to give a just hearing to the students and to redress grievances. We want to stress with all due solemnity the feeling of the Trustees that rather than submit to mob law taking control of campus and having the students attempt to dictate to the faculty or to resist the college authorities we will say it again as a general principle of the college government here that we will in future if necessary dismiss the entire student body and begin anew before we will tolerate the continuance of any such spirit.

But in the case before us, as it is the first that has come before this Board in the
history of the College. We find that the Sophomores did not appeal to the Trustees
which they should have done. But they left
the College without that due Consideration.
While they should have given such a proper
clip - it may be stated for mitigation of their
offence - that their sense of justice had been
offended and that their feeling and influence
young blood had led them to resort to this
revolutionary action because they were
recollect of the wrong done their classmate
and were unwilling to subject themselves
to similar treatment. We sympathize with
the chivalrous feeling which led them to
do this. We have been of our own done
ours and we were bound ourselves once.
Therefore we are ready to make due
allowance for this plunder of youth and
permit such of the class as desire to do so
to resume their studies immediately and
at the beginning of the next session as they
may desire. But these students as avert the saving
of this privilege will be received in the
College upon the following conditions:

1st. They must present a petition to the
President of the College asking reinstatement.

2nd. They must make good, by extra labor, the
time lost and the work that is required
in the course and examinations. All our
studies must be passed as the notings
had occurred - by view however of the
the time already lost and by the uneven
of the end of this term with examination
will not be required until the Opening
of next season.
Resolved that the New Barn Committee be authorized to expend from Experiment Station funds $600.00.

That the Librarian be paid $20.00 for service in this last session of the Board.

The President & Treasurer draw their checks for all expenditures ordered at this meeting.

The Herb & Dairy Committee were authorized to expend the sum of $3000.00 previously appropriated in building a new barn for Experiment Station.