The board met according to adjournment at Wright's Hotel at 10 o'clock, P.M.

Present: Col. R. M. Simonds, President, Col. B. F. Norris, Hon. W. B. Bradley, Mr. Stockman, Mr. H. D. Wannamaker, Hon. A. D. Haddin and G. L. Hinde.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed on motion of Col. Orr. The report printed by Col. Simonds was read, and after discussion an amendment was adopted.

The auditing committee reported as follows:

The committee upon the books & accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer beg leave to report, that we have examined the same and find them entirely correct, well kept and sustained by proper vouchers.

(Signed) C. J. Stockman, G. B. Bradley, Sec. & Treas.

The committee to draw suitable resolution and memorial upon the death of Col. A. T. Edwards, made their report which was adopted, order to be issued from the records and a copy of the resolution to be sent to Mrs. Edwards.

The board met at 9 o'clock A.M. absent from P.M. Illness of Mr. L. Runnels.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

1. Resolved, That in establishing the Experiment Station, it shall be considered as one of the departments of the Agricultural College, and it shall be managed and conducted not as separate from, but as part and parcel of the same.

2. Resolved. That owing to the fact that the Hatch fund, and the other
To the memory of

Benjamin W. Edwards

Born

January 27th 1824

Died

June 11th 1890.
Benjamin Wheeler Edmiston was born in Horry County on January 27th, 1824. In 1840 he moved with his father and family to Charlottesville, Va., but returned to South Carolina in a few years to educate himself. When he entered the Freshman Class in the South Carolina College in 1846 he presented a notice appearance in person, dress and manner which was criticized by the students, but shortly after joining the Philosophic Society his ability as a speaker and orator made him "one of the young heroes of the college." He was graduated in 1850 and was for some time private tutor in the family of Gov. W. H. Hertford. He borrowed the money enabling him to perfect his education, turning every dollar after studying in life; Rev. Stephen Elliot, Israel Night, G. H. Belcher, John Pratter, Col. James H. Grice and John C. H. McPherson graduated in the same class.

Col. Edmiston was born in Georgia in the office of Judge Wright. After which he was graduated in the Dana Law School of Harvard University. He began the practice of law in Sumter County in 1850, but moved to Darlington in 1852. He was appointed Commissioner in Equity for Darlington County in 1861. Which office he held until it was abolished. He was regarded as one of the leading members of the Darlington Bar. His health, which had been failing since 1860 caused him to retire from the active practice of law in 1861.

Col. Edmiston was married to Mrs. Anna M. Carter January 1st, 1857. They had nine children, six of whom survive him. In his home life he was
a model husband and father. In his beautiful and refined home he provided for and encouraged happiness and amusement to aid physical and mental development and to elevate and refine home influence and association.

Col. Edwards was an able and zealous advocate of temperance, was ready to make sacrifices to advance the very important work of temperance reform.

Receiving permission from the Governor to leave the State. Col. Edwards enlisted in Col. Harding's Regiment (9th CA) but after a severe illness he received an honorable discharge from the Army and returned home to discharge the duties of his office.

"His Religion was a principle and the ruling power of his life," so wrote one who best knew him. He became a Christian and united with the Baptist Church when quite a young man. During his whole life he was earnest for his Church and denomination. For many years he was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and was for a long time Superintendent of the Darlington Baptist Sunday School.

He was honored by his brethren by being made a trustee of Furman University, also of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and President of the Baptist State Convention.

Col. Edwards was elected Senator from Darlington County in 1886. His firm and energetic defense of educational matters shortly before brought him into political prominence throughout the State and he was suggested for Governor in 1888 and again in 1890.
Having been an undaunted advocate of the separate Agricultural College and having been the leader in the Senate in favor of the Clifton Agricultural College and because of his eminent judgment, his elevation as Justice was assured. His strong Common Sense, his wide legal knowledge, his thirty of the subject of Agricultural Education and his devotion to the interests of the Agricultural College rendered his services invaluable to the Board of Directors and to the people of the State.

Your Committee hope that Mr. Edwards will permit the liberty they take in quoting from a private letter to show Col. Edwards' latest interest in Clifton Agricultural College. He wrote, "As you know he was long interested in the College, and often expresses the desire to see Clifton College fully and successfully established. His last public work was the preparation of the By-laws for the Board of Directors, and also I think the Clanneer for the College. He hopes to the last to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors and was greatly disappointed when he found himself unable to do so. His strength of purpose and will force kept high, and working in spite of bodily weakness and suffering, that would have excused self indulgence. While preparing the By-laws he would be compelled to leave off his close study and dictating from Complete Exon. and rest for a while, and then to write again and again until its completion." Col. Edwards displayed the same common judgment in the management of his plantings, until he brought to bear on every other department of his work.
Your Committee regret their inability to present more fully Col. Edwards' early struggles prompted by a noble ambition to educate and fit himself for the most perfect possible discharge of public duties because they feel assured that a proper portrayal of these struggles would furnish a very valuable lesson for the young men who shall seek to avail themselves of the educational advantages that Clemson Agricultural College is designed to afford them.

By a life devoted to the advancement of Temperance, Education and Religion Col. Edwards has left a monument to his memory more beautiful and lasting than the most polished marble shaft that can adorn Green Hill Cemetery where his remains were laid to rest under the shade of the trees.

Recognizing our obligation for a life so usefully spent we humbly bow to the will of Almighty God in removing from our midst Benjamin Wheeler Edwards and deeming it proper to record our appreciation of his services. Be it resolved—by this Board that the State of South Carolina has lost a useful public servant, this Board a Valuable Co-Worker, and education an able advocate.

Resolved—That this Memorial be spread upon our minutes and a Copy furnished the family of the Deceased.