Note: Dr. Wyman about Nov. 4, 1941 on official business.
Regular Meeting, Nov. 4, 1896

The Faculty were called to order by the President at 8 o'clock. Attendance roll called by Messrs. Parner, Bowman, Darse, Tuman, Posey, Riggs, Shiver, Combs, Wright and Bozeman.

Mr. Morrison in behalf of the Committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Prof. McGee, read the following resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased God to remove by death our late colleague, Prof. H. L. McGee:

Resolved, that in the death of Prof. H. L. McGee, we the faculty of Chnawm College have lost a friend highly esteemed, faithfully regarded by all; the College an efficient and faithful teacher, the community a brave, true citizen, and the Church an earnest and faithful member.

Resolved further, that we adopt as a memorial paper the address delivered by President Cringhead in the College chapel on the morning following Prof. McGee's death.

Resolved further, that we extend to the bereaved family of the deceased, our warmest sympathy in their affliction.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of their deceased friend, and that copies thereof be furnished to the daily papers of the state and Mississippi for publication.

On motion of Mr. Chinnecoule (recorded by Mr. Fuller) the report of the Committee as read by Mr. Morrison was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Chinnecoule (recorded by Mr. Fuller), the hour for Regular Meeting of the Faculty was changed from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

On motion of Mr. Morrison (recorded by Mr. Chinnecoule) the Faculty proceeded to make an report of meetings for the month ending Oct. 31, 1896.

The Faculty resolved at 10:30 a.m.

W. W. Brackett, P. 

[Signature]
Memorial to Prof. M.E. Mcgee

Address by Rev. A.A. Higgin in the college chapel on the morning following Prof. Mcgee's death — adopted by the Faculty as a memorial service — Mt. Moriah Nov. 4, 1896

"At the request of the faculty, I have earnestly win the midst of constant interruptions written a few words in memory of my dear and honored friend. Two years and more ago, he took his lot with ours, bringing with him the benedictions of hundreds who loved and admired him in his beloved State of Mississippi. I have read his alma mater when he spent twelve years, from student and sight as assistant in the agricultural department, and I know of the esteem in which he was held by the faculty and students. Gen. Lee, the honored president, said to me: 'Gen. Mcgee, like many am man and slave to give him age, but winter field to open to him in South Carolina, recommend him to you in unqualified terms. You will find him a man on whom you can place implicit trust.' And so I have ever found him. The love which others bore to him, he returned out of the fullness of a great, sympathetic heart. Yesterday as he lay bleeding, wrung, racked with pain, spent and cold, and without warning into the immediate presence of death, his thoughts wandered back to his old college for Gen. Lee. "Mr. A.A. Higgin," he said, "I want you to telegraph Gen. Lee," and a few minutes later, "Have you telegraphed Gen. Lee?" In a short while the wires brought back from that grand old man: 'God bless him — this touching and beautiful reply: 'Tell Mcgee that I am shedding tears that are so beloved and prominent should meet each a fate." Now this sympathetic message would have cheered the heart of the brave man who, forgetful of his own suffering, thought only of his loved one and his friend, but even in this tender to him of affection came too late. His eyes were closed, his voice was forever hushed and his rich warm life blood was rushing rapidly away. He called over other names, old schoolmates, boyhood companions and asked me to write to them. From one of them, I re-
others, such forgetfulness of self, I mean witnessed in any man struck suddenly down without warning. The brave Lydgate, the flower of English chivalry, dying on the field of battle, preferring death to another's; because, "his need is greater than mine," was not more heroic than was the man who, conscious of impending death, his very pulse ceasing to throb, thought only of the need of others, even of the poor, humble serf who cleansed his room.

"Mr. Peckham, I have tried to be unselfish, not to take a narrow view of things, I have tried to look to the good of the whole college," And so he did. He was unselfish, he was brave, he was magnanimous. Of all the difficult places to be filled here, this was the most difficult. Of the work of the engineer, the chemist, the zoologist, the mathematician, the masses neither know nor pretend to know anything. But to the work of the agriculturist every farmer, every man, be he lawyer or merchant or doctor, is ready to offer suggestions and criticisms. That he gave satisfaction to all in this important work he did not pretend, but I do not hesitate to say that he was for this college, taking all in all, deserving the warmest praise. He gave all the strength of his noble young manhood to this college and its interests. He was, in every trial, its loyal and unwavering friend, and in honoring him we honor ourselves. And often said in speaking of him, that he was the George Washington type of man. He was not brilliant. He was no genius. But he was of Washington height, and Washington bulk. Broad-shouldered, chest-headed, perfectly formed—a man whom you could trust to push forward any work one undertakes. Modesty was one of his distinctive characteristics. "I have only one fault to find with him—his extreme modesty," wrote Dr. Lee. He never blew the bugle trumpet of impudence. What he did not know, he candidly acknowledged, and where he was not sure, he never ventured further than to express an opinion. Modesty, my young friend, is a measure of merit. Here was a model of large knowledge, a man rooted on
many subjects, but as simple as a child and as modest as a woman, he was a brave man—a man of intellectual courage and moral courage. I have read of a rock so perfectly poised that the finger of a child could take it from center to circumference and yet so securely planted that an army of giants could not move it from its firm base. It has fittingly illustrated the strength and tenacity in character of M. J. McRae. The weight of suffering children made him tear, but whose principle was at stake, he stood like a steed unmoveable in the presence of a man or march of, if need be, in the face of shot and shell. There are no noble battles, no great much of the sunshine and joy of life and sunshine were the daffodil sweetness, light, sunshine and gladness.

But, in spite of his suffering and his marvellous thoughtfulness of others, his thoughts kept wandering back to his old Mississippi home, to his constantly and high over all, to his aged father and mother. "You know," he said, "I was their only son." He seized a black book, wrote in it with clear, half hand, "My remains to go to the mighty Mississippi." All his accounts were clear. It was hard for him to give up his young life, so rich in hope. He was no misanthrope, weary of existence, and longing to end this weary life with a sleep. Life to him was sweet and it was a pleasant thing to look upon the light of the sun. But he did not murmur. With uncomplaining patience, with calm patience, he faced the king of terrors and never quailed. And why should he fear? He had been a humble and devoted follower of the Master, and had only to await his summons.

Such a life is not incomplete. He had a mission in this world and nobly did he fulfill it. Though he died, yet speaketh. I have read somewhere that if the distant stars should become suddenly extinct, then their light for generations to come would still illuminate this earth.
"So when a good man dies
Ten years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him
Shines on to light the path of men."

Brave man, noble friend, affectionate son,
Kind-hearted teacher, farewell. May your words
Lay upon your bier these few fading flowers
Where indolent eyes might dwell.
Regular Meeting, Nov. 1876


Dr. R. M. Bracken was elected chairman of the Committee on Degrees and Diplomas and reported that he had obtained a sample of Mississippi A&M College Diplomas, which he showed to the faculty. After some discussion the following resolution was passed on motion of Mr. Chubascus (seconded by Mr. Tomsicki): That the matter of form for Diploma be left to the Committee on Diplomas and Degrees to act.

Dr. R. M. Bracken stated that he thought the catalogue of the College should be issued as soon as possible. He repeated the request that heads of departments hand in at earliest possible date matters pertaining to their several departments of any changes from last catalogue or information on various.

On motion of Mr. Tomsicki (seconded by Mr. Bracken) the professor was requested to appoint a committee on catalogue.

Morrison, Tomsicki, Bracken, and T. M. Bracken were appointed with Mr. Tomsicki as chairman. Dr. R. M. Bracken requested Committee on Catalogue to be ready to report on Monday next.

Dr. R. M. Bracken requested that the matter of hours for examinations be reported to the Schedule Committee at once.

Mr. Tomsicki asked that some time be appointed for the examination of deficient students.

Dr. R. M. Bracken adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

R.M. Bracken
Chairman

Signed: Faculty.
Note: Hardi, Haus, Zeuge, Rest, Damen, Luther, Freiheit, Mannen.
Regular Meeting Nov. 25/96

The Faculty was called to order by Mr. Freeman, acting President, at 7:30 P.M. Attendance on roll.
- By the Roman, Dr. W. H. Harkins
- By the Greek, Prof. Wright, Mr. M. W. Russell

Mr. Morrison, in behalf of the Schedule Committee, made a report on the schedule for examinations. The report was adopted on motion of Mr. Fuller (seconded by Mr. Chinnocale)

The Committee on behalf of the Catalogue Committee stated that the necessary data was now all in hand that the Committee had no formal report to make.

A motion of Mr. Morrison (seconded by Mr. Chinnocale) that tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 26/96, was, in accordance with the usual custom, declared a holiday.

A motion of Mr. Fuller (seconded by Mr. Sampson) that Earl Earee was in excess of weakness in his family, excused from making up drills missed during the week.

Mr. Chinnocale stated that the Board had requested him to ask the Faculty to elect an Annual Speaker and a minister to preach Commencement Sermon, and to direct the Secretary of the Faculty to notify the gentlemen elected, at once.

After nominations had been made, a roll-call vote of the Faculty resulted as follows:

For Minister to preach Baccalaureate Sermon:
- Rev. W. E. Boggs, Aiken, S.C.
- Mr. Landman, Atlanta, Ga.
- E. F. Gardner, Greenville, S.C.

For Annual Vator:
- Rev. W. C. Bennett, Charleston, S.C.
- W. E. Patton, Columbia, S.C.
- W. E. Gomans, No. M. Lucan

Mr. M. Lawrence was designated to take charge of Friday night exercises No. 2/96.

A motion of Mr. Fuller (seconded by Mr. ) a Committee was appointed on Friday night exercises to consider in conference with the President the plan of change of name as the Annalist - R. H. Bracken.