MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEE COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE PEE DEE EXPERIMENT STATION, JULY 11, 1927.

The following members were present: Messrs. W. W. Bradley, R. M. Cooper, F. E. Cope, W. D. Barnett, J. B. Douthit, A. F. Lever, and S. H. Sherard. The Trustees and the visitors assembled at the Office Building of the Pee Dee Experiment Station and first made an inspection of the old building now used for offices and laboratories. Following this, the proposed site for the new building was inspected by the members of the Board.

The Trustees and visitors were next taken in automobiles for a trip over the Experiment Station lands, including the Nettles Farm. After dinner, Dr. Cooper outlined the work of the Experiment Station, its plans for the future and the need for additional space. He stated that he thought it desirable for the College to purchase additional land along the highway so as to bring the tobacco experiments within sight of the highway. He informed the committee that at the present time they were renting one tract of fourteen acres together with house and barn for the sum of $22.00 per month. He stated further that this particular tract was probably the most desirable but he had not recommended its purchase because of the excessive price asked by the present owner.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sherard: That the College continue to rent the property and, if possible, to secure a lease at a reasonable rate for a period of at least four or five years; the lease to include, if possible, an option on the land. It was moved further: That Dr. Cooper arrange to negotiate with interested citizens and civic organizations for the purpose of creating favorable sentiment toward the purchase of the land because of the benefits of the experiments to the tobacco growing section of the State. It was moved further: That the results of these negotiations be referred later to the Agricultural and Executive Committees.

Motion adopted.

Dr. Cooper next presented plans and specifications for office and laboratory buildings at the Pee Dee Station and the Edisto Station. It was the sentiment of the members present that the funds originally allotted for the construction of a residence at the Pee Dee Station may be used in the construction of the office building. The bids were to be secured from contractors by Professor R. E. Lee, Architect, for consideration by the Executive Committee.

The Committee adjourned at about 4:00 o'clock.
Christie Benet: Letter from Mr. Benet dated February 13 and stating that he did not think it wise for college to buy land without having the matter go before the Board or the Executive Committee of the Board sent to Dr. Cooper on February 15.