Clemson College S.C.
May 8, 1907.

The Board of Trustees met at the College at 3 P.M.

Present:

Myers, Simon, Tullman, Bowen, Deas, Wannamaker, Harris, Horris, Bradley, Kidd, Donelson, Evans & Hardie.

Reading proceedings of last meeting was dispensed with.

Petition of Committee of the Cadets was read, asking that the appeal of Thornwell and Draper against the President be heard together and it was resolved that the Board will attend first to the appeal of Cadet Thornwell for reinstatement allowing the faculty and both classes to be represented by counsel who will cross examine witnesses.

Soph. Class

That the status and question of the petition of the Soph. classes will be considered. And the faculty together be given a hearing both sides being represented by the same committee.

That the Grievances or other Charges against the President be presented in writing so that he may know it what he is accused and think he is 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 and appealed to Dr. Thornewell in behalf of his son, to read evidence pro et con which was introduced. (See evidence.)

The matter of reinstatement of member of Soph. Class was taken up and

Application of Vernon Baker for reinstatement was read—And C. Louttit proposed

ied to read a paper in favor of defense

of the action of the Soph. Class.

An motion of Mr. Harris rules were

suspended and all students & faculty

were requested to attend division of the

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 prejudice

to such Cadet or the faculty is for

bidden to refer to or use anything said

or done by Cadets on this occasion.

Resignation of P. D. Hartog received

as information; and action deferred

until next meeting. At which investi-

gation asked for will be made.

The committee appointed to report

on the matter of appeal of Cadet

Hartog for reinstatement, in the College.
reported - That the Board, after a most searching investigation into the
cause which led to the suspension of
Cadet Thornwell, and the action of the
faculty in refusing the petition of the class
for reinstatement, find as follows:

That the offence was not of such mag-
nitude as to demand serious punishment, as to warrant
the sentence imposed, and that the
punishment was entirely disproportionate
to the seriousness of the offense. 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 the seri-
ousness and thoroughness which
should obtain in any case which is
to involve the character and good name
of a cadet. The management of the
barracks and inability of the faculty
to present to the Board an written form
a record of the proceedings is clearly
and we dislike expect it never to occur
again. We can understand how there
might be a difference of opinion, as there
to have existed in the faculty on account
of the incomplete evidence before us.

The faculty divided, evidently on the
question of guilt, due to that one hand
there was a belief that the students
understood their obligation in regard
to this property - as the other that Con-
science of the Cadets that Custom had
led them to believe they had the right
to take those these items - the
judgment of some members of the faculty to the extent that the vote for suspension was fifteen while three who voted against such punishment were thirteen. And 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, the great desire of the Board upon the lay discipline and somewhat loose way in which the College was being run, and ordered a stimulative effort to remedy it. The action of the faculty upon the first sentence came, 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 Thornehill be reinstated to his rights and privileges as a cadet in this College.

Upon the Petition for Reinstatement of the Sophomore.

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 can be successfully run at which discipline is not strictly maintained. Least of all an institution with such a large number of students as we have here and situated as Clemson College is in the country. It is the purpose and intention of the
to require from any student who may avail himself of the opportunity to claim the privilege of the hour set aside for their use the observation of all lawful authority. Any combination having for their object, the destruction of discipline and subversion of good order will be punished to the extent of our power. Understood, we want it distinctly understood that the idea which seems to prevail to some extent among the students that they have the right to assemble in mass meetings or class meetings and to assert the college affairs cannot be too strongly condemned. The faculty is clothed with 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 nature of appeals to the president in case involving their rights. This board has on several occasions previously shown its willingness and purpose to give a patient hearing to the students and to redress grievances. We want to stress with all due solemnity the feeling of the trustees that rather than admit to mobs law taking control of college and having the students attempt to coerce the faculty and to resist the college authorities we will lay down as a general principle of the college government here that we will in future be necessitated to dismiss the entire student body and begin anew before we will tolerate the continuance of any such spirit. And in the case before us as it is the time that has come before the board to act
history of the College we find that the Sophomores did their appeal to the Trustees which they should have done then, but they left the College without that due consideration. While they should have given such a strong plea it may be stated that mitigation of their defence that their sense of justice had been outraged and that their pride and enthusiasm young blood had led them to resort to this revolutionary action because they were sensible of the wrong done their classmates and were unwilling to subject themselves to similar treatment. We sympathize with the chivalrous feeling which led them to do this. We have done for our own sons and we were bound ourselves once therefore we are ready to make an allowance for this blunder of youth and permit such of the class as desire to do so to resume their studies immediately upon the beginning of the next session should they may desire. These students as soon as the scholar 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.

They must make good, by extra labor, the time lost and the work that is required in the course, and examinations. All previous customary must be passed as the nothing had occurred. By view however of the time already lost and the dearth of the end of this term while examination will not be required until the opening of next session.
Res.
That New Barn Committee be authorized to expend from Experiment Station funds $600.00.

That kliegroter be paid $200.00 for service in the last session of the Board.

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

The Herd & Dairy Committee were authorized to expend the sum of $2000.00 previously appropriated to building a New Barn for Experiment Station.