The board met according to adjournment at Wright's Hotel at 9 o'clock. Hon. J. K. Norris, Hon. G. H. Bradley, Hon. Stockham, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wharnaker were present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The motion of Col. Orr. The report prepared by Col. Sumfield was read, and after discussion and slight amendment was adopted.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows: The Committee upon the books and accounts of the secretory 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) G. H. Bradley, Geo. White

The Committee to draw suitable resolutions and memorial upon the death of Col. E. T. Edwards, made their report which was adopted, ordered to be spread upon the records and a copy of the resolutions to be sent to Mrs. Edwards.

Book met at 9 o'clock. A. W. present. Hon. R. N. Tillman, R. M. L. Donnell, present. The following resolutions were offered, and adopted:

1. Resolved that in establishing the Experimental 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
In the memory of
Benjamin W. Edwards
Born
January 27th 1824
Died
June 11th 1890.
Benjamin Wheeler Edmisten was born in Spartanburg 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 stellar 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 1857 and was for some time private tutor in the family of Gov. Wade Hampton. He borrowed the money enabling him to perfect his education, returning every dollar after starting in life; Earl Stephen Elliott, States Night, Gen. John Bartet, Col. James W. Sloan, and John I. Spalding graduated in the same class.

Col. Edmisten moved to Georgia in the office of Judge Knight after which he was graduated in the same law school of Harvard University. He began the practice of law in Sumter County in 1857; but moved to Dorchester in 1870. He was appointed Commissioner in Equity for Dorchester County in 1861. Whistler House he was invited to was abolished. He was regarded as one of the leading members of the Dorchester Bar. His health which had been failing since 1880 caused him to retire from the active practice of law in 1880.

Col. Edmisten was married to Mrs. Anna M. Carter on January 1st, 1867. Who with nine children survive him. In his home life he was
A model husband and father, in his beautiful and refined home he provided for and encouraged liberal and amusing activities 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, 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. Hardings' Regiment (1st C.V) but after seven months he received an honorably 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. And during his whole life worked earnestly 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 Hamman 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 public discussion 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.
Hearing him as our undaunted advocate of the separate Agricultural College, and having been
the leader in the Senate in favor of the
Clemson Agricultural College, and because
of his eminent judgment, his election as Speaker
was assured. His strong Common sense, his
wide legal knowledge, his ability in the subject
of Agricultural Education, and his devotion
to the interests of Clemson Agricultural College
rendered his service invaluable to the Board
of Trustees, and to the people of the State.

Your Committee hope that Mr. Edwards
will pardon the liberty they take in quoting from
a private letter to show Col. Edwards latest interest
in Clemson Agricultural College. He wrote
"As you know he was long interested in
the College, and often expressed the desire to
see Clemson College fully and successfully
established. His last public work was the
preparation of the Minutes for the Board of
Trustees, and also I think the Clemson
for the College. He hopes to the last to attend
the Meetings of the Board of Trustees, and was
greatly disappointed when he found himself
unable to do so. His strength of purpose and
will force kept him up, and working in spite
of bodily weakness and suffering, that would
have induced self indulgence. While pre-
paring the Minutes he would be confined
to leave off his close study and dictateing
from complete exhaustion, and rest for a
While, and resume his work again and
again until its Completion."

Col. Edwards displayed the same Correct
Judgement in the Management of his Planting
interest, that he brought to bear on every other
department of his life 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 his 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, more 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 obligations for a life so usefully spent we humbly bow to the will of Almighty God in removing from our midst Benjamin Wheeler Edwards and desiring to put upon 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 read upon our Minutes, and a Copy furnished the Family of the Deceased.