

A and M, College of Kentucky
March 8, 1897

The faculty, with the assistants and Station staff met in called session in the President's room, at 12:45 pm. All present. Object of the meeting was to take action relative to the death of Dr. R. J. Spurr.

Professors, Shackelford, White, and Scovell were appointed a committee to draft resolutions of respect.

Dr. Spurr
death of

The sense of the meeting was that College duties should be suspended on the 9th, that the use of the chapel during the funeral exercises be tendered to Mrs. Spurr. That the faculty should attend the funeral in a body, that the battalion should also attend in it, that the faculty should present an appropriate floral design.

Adjourned to meet at 9 am March 9th.

James K. Patterson
President.

W. H. Blum
Secretary.

Approved April 2, 1897

Dr. Spurr
Resolutions
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The Professors, Assistants, and Station Staff met in adjourned session in the President's room at 9 am March 9, 1897.

The following report submitted by Prof. Shackelford was unanimously adopted.

"The Faculty of the State College of Kentucky cannot forbear to make record on their minutes of their appreciation of the high character and honorable service of Dr. R. J. Spurr, and pay respectful and affectionate tribute to his memory now that he has passed from the service and fellowship of earth to the higher service and fellowship of heaven.

He has been actively connected with the College for the last fourteen years. For the last year and a half he has

been Superintendent of the Experiment Station Farm, and for the preceding twelve years and a half he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the College and of the Executive Committee of the Board, and for several years Chairman of the Executive Committee.

As a Trustee of the College he was active, persistent, wise, exact, careful, and unselfish. He labored incessantly to bring the College up to the highest standard of excellence and to lay a sure foundation for its enduring and ever increasing usefulness. Though advanced in years, he preserved the strength of his mature manhood and at eighty had the clear intellectual vision and bodily strength and lofty public spirit of a complete man in the prime of life. His well preserved vigor and ripened wisdom were in large measure consecrated to the State College of Kentucky, without compensation save the consciousness of a high public service cheerfully rendered and gratefully appreciated by the people of the State whom he so well served. He proved that "Old age hath yet his honor and his toil — That some thing ere the end, some work of noble note may yet be done."

He was a man of ardent nature, of deep convictions, and of sincere speech. All of us intimately associated with him found him to be a true friend and a wise counsellor. We are glad to have known so admirable a man, and to have shared with him the execution of a great public trust.

We tender to his wife and children our sympathy in the sorrow which nature constrains in the sad parting — sad, but relieved by that abiding hope which lighted his way through a long life and shone out with "farewell sweet" at the evening time.