

THE CITADEL
THE MILITARY COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON

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PRESIDENT

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To the Board of Visitors of The Citadel.

Gentlemen:

The current session opened on September 20th with an enrolment of 720 Cadets distributed among the classes as follows:

Seniors,	80
Juniors,	123
Sophomores,	161
Freshmen,	356.

These figures for each of the classes are the largest that we have ever had at the Citadel. The class which graduated last June numbered 62 mem, and this is the record for size. As the casualties in the two upper classes are usually small, we have the prospect of about 80 graduates this year, and probably over a hundred next year. With barracks accommodations limited to 720, it becomes necessary for us at this time to consider the probable size of the Corps at the end of the present year so that we may know what will be the necessary limit to be placed on the number of new cadets to be admitted next session.

Allowing for the graduating class, and a loss in the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman Classes of 8%, 20% and 30% respectively, the size of the corps at the end of the year would be about 490, allowing for a Freshman class next year of 260. If the casualties in the Freshman Class should be somewhat greater, the limit of the Freshman Class would be raised.

It would seem to be reasonable to expect that the numbers in the respective classes at the end of the year would not fall below the following figures:

Juniors,	115
Sophomores,	130
Freshmen,	205
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This would permit a Freshman Class of 300 men next year, and that appears to be the limit that should be set in future to the size of the Freshman Class so as to have a well-balanced Corps of Cadets, and not give undue crowding in the barracks.

The problem of the faculty is also very important in this connection. If the classes should become stabilized in size, a regular teaching force can be provided. This is not the case at present. This year, a congestion occurs in the Freshman Class, and a partial one in the Junior Class. It has been necessary to employ temporarily two additional teachers this year to meet the emergency. The modern language department is still carrying too heavy a load, and it is evident that it will be necessary next year to engage half a dozen additional teachers to provide for the increased work in all the departments.

During the past summer, the following new assistant professors have been elected and their names are presented to the Board for confirmation.

Capt. L.A. Prouty, Registrar. Asst. Prof. Mathematics.
 Lieut. J.A. Tiedemann, Asst. Prof. Business Administration.
 Lieut. J.G. Harrison, Asst. Prof. English.
 Lieut. J.J. Owen, Asst. Prof. English.
 Lieut. J.H. Watkins, Asst. Prof. Chemistry.
 Lieut. Emile Telle, Asst. Prof. Modern Languages.
 Lieut. W.R. Redman, Asst. Prof. Business Administration.

The services of Dr. R.S. McElwee, Commissioner of the Bureau of Port Development of Charleston, have been engaged for the session for a 3-hour course in International Relations. Mr. Seabrook has been employed as an additional instructor in mathematics for the first semester, and it may be that he will be needed for the balance of the session.

With the increased number of cadets, and faculty, a corresponding enlargement of the facilities for class-room and laboratory work becomes necessary. At the present time, even with twelve additional class-rooms in Murray Barracks there is need for more room; and next year this situation will be very much more serious. The construction of the Main College Building is the most pressing need of the institution at this time. In it should be the administration offices, provision for an adequate library, and at least ten more class-rooms. The original plans call for such a building as this with a large auditorium in the rear. The latter is also much needed, as there is no place of assembly large enough for the Corps except the upper hall of the Alumni building, in which there is at present installed a number of "bleacher-seats" from the foot-ball field. Our Sunday morning services are held in this hall, but there should be a college auditorium where the Commencement exercises and all assemblies of the Corps can be held.

The cost of this entire building, which would have to comport in architecture and construction with the other buildings, will necessarily be considerable. But it might be divided into two or even three separate programs if necessary, so that the amount required in any one year shall not be too large. It may be impossible to get an appropriation of \$400,000 at one time, but if one of \$150,000 could be obtained, this might put up the essential part of the Main ~~Building~~ College building, leaving the auditorium and connections to a subsequent time.

An additional wing to the Hospital is also needed to provide proper facilities for the increased student-body.

During the past summer, when it became apparent that the number of new cadets would be unexpectedly large, an emergency force was put to work to extend the Mess Hall in order to accommodate the Corps. The cost of this as well as a balance to be paid on the Officers' houses will have to be met by the use of tuition fees, authority for which has been obtained from the Contingent Fund Committee.

In this connection, it might seem wise to the Board to consider the question of raising the tuition fees charged to pay cadets. A tuition fee of \$60 a year instead of \$40 for cadets from South Carolina, and a tuition fee of \$100 from Cadets outside the State would not be burdensome nor too large, and would materially increase the income of the Citadel available for building purposes. In the present Corps, as will be seen from the geographical distribution given below, there are 145 cadets from outside the State. A tuition fee of \$100 from each of these would therefore amount to \$14,500. While a number of pay cadets from the State apply for and obtain free tuition, it is probable that over four hundred will pay tuition this year, amounting to over \$16,000, - and if a fee of \$60 were charged, this figure would be over \$24,000. A total income of \$35,000 a year from tuition fees at the above rates ought to be reasonably expected, affording the basis of a very substantial building program.

Distribution of Cadet Corps by State.

Alabama,	10	Georgia,	46	Pennsylvania,	2
Arkansas,	2	Illinois,	1	Rhode Island,	1
California,	1	Mississippi,	1	South Carolina,	575
China,	6	North Carolina,	44	Tennessee,	9
Cuba,	1	New Jersey,	2	Texas,	2
Florida,	11	Panama,	1	Virginia,	3
				Total	720

Respectfully submitted,

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President.