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General S. D. Lee,

President.

Dear Sir:-

Complying with your endorsement of 14th, inst. of the report of the professor of Mechanic Arts, dated Dec. 31st, 1898, I beg to submit the following:

I hand you herewith a statement of the Mechanical Account based on the receipts and the expenditures of the department to Dec. 31st, 1898, which shows a shortage of \$112.37. This amount represents the cost of running the electric light plant all night, from Nov. 13th to Dec. 31st, inclusive, above the receipts for lights from all parties and departments using them, except the College. It is, therefore, the amount which, under the order of the Executive Committee, the College will have to pay; and I will settle the accounts accordingly. It is substantially the same as the balance (141.00) referred to by Prof. Wiechardt on page 24 of his report after deducting the charges to the Experiment Station and the Laboratory on a basis of 40¢ per month for each lamp, to which both Prof. Hutchinson and Prof. Kilgore agree, with the understanding that this charge is to aid in settling the accounts for 1898 and that it is not to be taken as a precedent for future charges.

As shown on page 9 of Prof. Wiechardt's report, my estimate on the cost of pumping the water is 664.55 to \$732.01 as against Prof. Wiechardt's estimate (see page 8 of his report) of \$774.29 to \$819.74. These estimates convince me that it costs over \$600.00 per annum (the amount the department now receives) to pump the water, if we are correct in charging as much as \$15.00 per month, \$180.00 per annum, of the engineers time to the pumping. I beg to suggest, therefore, that such charges for water be made, to take effect Jan. 1st, as will ~~increase~~ increase the income from that source fifteen to twenty per cent. This may be done by a uniform increase on all charges now made or, if necessary, by a partial readjustment of the rates.

In case of an increase in the water rates, a corresponding decrease at least, can be made in the rates proposed by Prof. Wiechardt for electric lights. In view of the fact, however, that we are just changing from an all-night run to that of stopping at 11.00 p. m. and of the further fact that we have not fully determined the cost of lights on the new plan, I think it would be well to defer reducing the rate of 60¢ to students for at least another month, at the end of which time, I am hopeful that Prof. Wiechardt's observations and records will enable him to reduce the cost of lights even more than the above proposed increase in the water rates.

Very respectfully,

*R. L. King*  
Secretary.

Agricultural College, Miss., Jan. 19th, 1899.

Mechanical Account, January 18th, 1899.

Based on Expenses and Income to January 1st, 1899.

Disbursements

Debit on account.....	\$762.30	
Add water and lights from Jan. 1st to 15th collected from students.....	38.87	\$801.17
Less expenses for 1899 included.....	252.55	\$548.62
Due Dormitory for 20.45 tons coal at \$2.90.....	59.30	\$607.92

Income

Due by College-under order of Ex. Com.....	\$165.00	
" " M. & O. Railroad-December.....	15.00	
Coal on hand Jan'y 1st (105 tons).....	270.75	
" by Exp't Station-22 lights from 11/13/98 to 1/1/99-1.6 mos at 40¢.....	14.08	
" " Chem'l Dep't -38 ditto.....	24.32	
" " J. S. Moore - 1 " at 50¢.....	.80	
" " W. H. Pickard- 2 " ".....	1.60	
" " J. C. Herbert- 2-1/3 " ".....	1.86	
" " J. S. Wier - 1-1/3 " ".....	1.07	
" " F. J. Weddell- 1-1/3 " ".....	1.07	\$495.55
To balance .....	\$112.37	