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Andover College, Miss.,
June 15, 1892.

Gen. St. Lee, Pres.

and
The Honorable Board of Trustees:

We, the members of the Alumni Association, holding Bachelor of Science degrees from this College, such degrees having been conferred when we had completed the course of study by standing all the required examinations in the various studies of the different departments, and that such stands recorded in the Secty's office, and ~~we~~ holding dear our diplomas, the fruits of our diligent labors, and dearer still our beloved Alma Mater in all its varied interests, do respectfully protest to you and the Honorable Board of Trustees against the conferring of the college degree (B.Sc.) upon any one who has never been matriculated here as a student and who has not completed the course of study of this College by passing

all the required examinations. For the following reasons we think he is not eligible to that degree.

1. We believe the precedent as established would be dangerous and detrimental to the best interests of our Alma Mater. For there has existed at this College up to the present time a fundamental principle that nothing here is gotten without good honest work - that there exists no royal ^{road} to glory, not even to a B.Sc. diploma without diligent labor to that end.
2. That the College Catalogue says: "The degree of Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) is conferred upon students who complete the college curriculum by passing all the required examinations." And the non-fulfillment of this, in our opinion, renders any person ineligible to the B.Sc. degree from this College.
3. Our idea being that no one should get the regular degree at this College without having had on the harness of the student, and dem-

onstrated to be at least one year's work that he is in sympathy and imbued with the spirit and tone of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi. This being as little time as is required at any college of prominence, which confers degrees of worth and value. We believe that, whenever it becomes known that degrees are conferred here upon men who have never been students, never taken the prescribed college course, and never passed the required examinations as laid down in the college catalogue, that the standard of our Alma Mater will be sensibly lowered, and that her dignity among her sister colleges will not be maintained.

This is most respectfully submitted for your consideration and not intended to reflect upon the action of the Faculty in any recommendation made by them, nor upon any one who has been recommended by the Faculty. The fact is simply that any such applicant has not fulfilled the con-

ditions which the rest of us have,
and which we deem requisite and
necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

com. { H. L. McFee
T. B. Stone
J. J. Gice

Resolutions of
Alumni Soc.

[- June '92
to Pres. See + Board
- in protest
- temporary degrees
of A. + W.]