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Good Morning

KNEE DEEP in June. 'Tis a glorious summer morning, Gentle Reader, and we shall take our cushions out on the campus under the great oak trees and recline on the cool, velvety grass. How fine the breezes feel this morning. Draw close around us friends and we shall tell you of the class of 1911 with many interesting incidents in our college life during the past year.

Open this portfolio. The first photograph is of a most noted member of our faculty, to whom we have dedicated this accumulation of memories.

Behold our signatures. Can you read in them aught of the owners character? Scrutinize these our likenesses and listen meanwhile to the life history of each. Do they not seem to exhibit a close correspondence?

Ah, you chime in on our ode as tho you have practiced it with us for class night.

Now sip of this cup offered you by the "Prophet" and the curtain will rise before you, behind which we are rehearsing our roles for the play of "life" in 1920.

The Junior Historian desires to tell you of his class mates and sing to you his ode, after which the under classmen will entertain you for awhile.

An Associate Editor will now tell you of our drill. Why, how, in what we drill and the results attained. Bang! An M. A. Caesar rings up a bull's eye at Stump Neck. Patter, patter, patter! but our teats did not leak last June. Do not forget the portfolio, for among the military pictures priceless jewels are interspersed.

Our Art Editor is at your elbow. You will surely not slight his productions, for of them we are justly proud.

Do you ask what is the Rossbourg Club? The M. A. C. girl will tell you.

You are doubtless glad to know of the good work of our Y. M. C. A.

Hark! Give heed. Do you appreciate true oratory?

Are you not proud of the work of our sturdy athletes, and that our College stands for clean athletics?

And just here you are made aware that we are not all in the same boat, but each pursues his special course of study.

Yes this photo of our true friend in time of need we secured by dint of much coaxing.

Now give ear and we shall entertain you with things of lighter vein, and then you will be invited to read our book of days.

We shall converse again at the setting of the sun.



Dedictory

to

Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro

Prof. of Agriculture



The pioneer promotor of Scientific Agriculture in Maryland

Prominent in his ability as a teacher

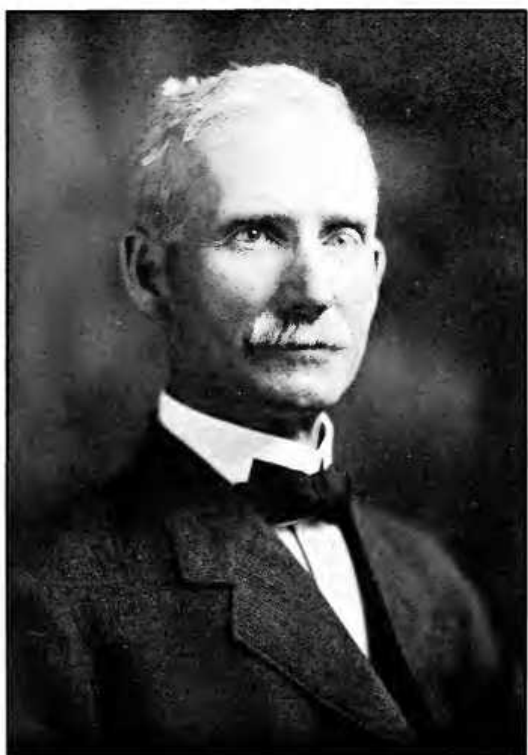
Revered as the embodiment of all that we love to associate with the Free Southern Gentleman

This the fifteenth edition of the Reville is most affectionately dedicated

by

The Class of Nineteen Hundred and Eleven





Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro

T Prof. W. T. L. TALIAFERRO, head of the department of Agriculture at the Maryland Agricultural College, was born in 1856, at "Dunham Massie" in Gloucester Co., Va., where his family have for generations, devoted themselves to agriculture and professional life.

His father was Major General Wm. Taliaferro, distinguished for his service in the Mexican and Civil Wars; he was later prominent in the political and legal history of Virginia and at the time of his death was serving as judge of his native county.

His mother was, before her marriage, Miss Sallie Lyons, a gentle woman of the old school, who combined those traits of mental culture and true refinement which are typical of the subject of this sketch.

Prof. Taliaferro gained the rudiments of his education in private schools, meanwhile working upon the farm. Having matriculated at William and Mary College, he was graduated in 1876, valedictorian of his class, with the degree of B. A.

For five years succeeding his graduation, he was principal of the high school at Gloucester, Va., meanwhile living on and managing one of his father's farms.

In 1881 he accepted the Principalship of the Bel Air Academy, in Harford County, Maryland, and the number of distinguished men who were his students recall with gratitude that, thru his inspiration, they sought successfully to reach their goal.

In 1886 he accepted the position of Acting Editor of the *Harford Democrat*; meanwhile he kept up his interest in matters agricultural, being a member and Secretary of the Fallston Farmers Club and taking a leading part in organizing the first series of Farmers Institutes ever held in Maryland.

While in Bel Air, Mr. Taliaferro was active in the organization of Company D, First Regiment, Md. National Guard, of which he was later made Captain.

The practical and theoretical training which he had acquired made Mr. Taliaferro the logical choice for Prof. of Agriculture at this College when it was reorganized in 1892, and he accepted his unanimous election to this post. Although modern methods had not been generally accepted, he entered upon his duties with a stout heart and ardent zeal, and his success was soon attested by the constant demand for him throughout the State as counsellor, teacher and guide.

He was one of the pioneers in the propaganda for improved seed corn and the

growing of alfalfa for Maryland, and it is admitted by all that, by these two items alone, immense sums have been added to the agricultural revenue of Maryland.

To promote these and other like movements from 1900 to 1906 he acted as Agriculturist of the Md. Agr. Expt. Sta., and it caused general regret that the insistent demand of his students at the College prevailed upon him to give up this part of his work.

Prof. Taliaferro is a loyal son of Maryland, the State of his adoption, he knows her valleys and her hillsides by heart, and he has a fervid faith in her agricultural prosperity, provided, as he would have it "The willing arm be guided by the trained mind."

His students are succeeding in every county of the State and exemplify by their prosperity, the value of his precepts and example.

Notwithstanding his close application and devotion to his profession, Prof. Taliaferro is a man of extensive reading and wide culture and the subjects are few upon which he is not well informed, therefore it is not surprising that he should receive the much coveted membership in the Phi Beta Kappa, conferred at his *Alma Mater* in 1895.

Thus equipped and trained Warner Taliaferro in his modest but firm way has been a positive aggressive force in the making of men and the remaking of a College.

A most auspicious event transpired in the life of Prof. Taliaferro when in June, 1896, he wedded Miss Emily Franklin Johnson, daughter of John O. Johnson, Esq., of College Park. Mrs. Taliaferro and her husband both delight in dispensing a hearty and generous hospitality at their College Park home, which is made even more beautiful by good care and good cheer, and the frequent acts of kindness and charity which are traced to them naturally augment the esteem and affection in which they are held by all.



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