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Our Acting President

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees in June, 1907, a resolution was passed requesting the faculty at its next meeting to select one of its members Vice-President of the University, to act in the place of the President during his absence. At the meeting of the faculty following Andrew Charles Moore, professor of biology, was unanimously elected to that office.

At the regular meeting of the Board held in June, 1908, when the resignation of our beloved President, Maj. Benj. Sloan, was accepted, the Board of Trustees showed their confidence in and approval of the choice of the faculty by electing Dr. Moore Acting President of the University. The wisdom of the Board in this election of the man in whom the whole faculty had showed its confidence has been demonstrated by the auspicious opening of the University, and the charming ease and comfort with which a change of administration is rarely effected.

The University has opened up with a larger number of new students than, perhaps, it has ever had in its history. This is more especially striking in view of the fact that the requirements for entrance have been raised for the session of 1908-09. The personnel of the student body is striking, and their conduct and devotion to duty, so far, has been exceptional, and we believe will continue so.

Andrew Charles Moore, Acting President of the University of South Carolina, was born in Spartanburg District, Dec. 27, 1866. He is the son

of Thomas John Moore and Mary Elizabeth Anderson.

Dr. Moore was prepared for college at the Reidville Academy by Mr. B. P. Reid, and entered upon his college work at the old South Carolina College at the opening of the session of 1883-84. Since that time his life has been devoted to successful study, teaching, and his church. He is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church and has been an elder for a number of years.

While at college Dr. Moore was a very active member of the Clariosophic Literary Society and of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. During his career in college he showed signal ability and devotion to study and graduated with distinction in 1887 with the degree of A. B.

He continued to pursue his studies, and threw himself with all his heart and soul into the upbuilding of the schools of the State, a work in which he has never wearied and still takes an earnest and active part. Upon graduation he was almost immediately elected Superintendent of the Spartanburg graded schools [in 1888], where he showed such marked ability that the following session [1888-89] he was elected to the same position in Camden, for the purpose of organizing the graded schools of that town, which work he accomplished with credit to himself and remained as Superintendent up to the year 1890.

At the close of the session Dr. Moore was elected Principal of the City High School of Birmingham, Ala., where he taught until the close of the session of 1897-98. During his residence in Birmingham, Dr. Moore served as elder of the Central Presbyterian church for seven years and also as State Treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. of Alabama.

It was during his residence in Birmingham that Dr. Moore met the young lady who made him happy by consenting to become his wife. In that city he married the charming lady who so graciously entertained the faculty and student body a few evenings ago. Mrs. Moore was formerly Miss Vivian May, daughter of Capt. Milton May, of Alabama, and his wife *née* Frances Kennedy, formerly of South Carolina.

During the session of 1898-99 Dr. Moore became a graduate student of the University of Chicago, and in 1899-00 a Fellow in Biology at the same university.

At this time his alma mater claimed him, and in 1900 he was elected assistant professor of biology, geology and mineralogy, where he served until 1903, when he was elected full professor of the same chairs, and he still serves as professor of biology in addition to his duties as acting president of the University.

In 1901 he was a student in the Marine Laboratory at Woodshole, Mass., and became an assistant in 1902-03.

Dr. Moore is still active in school work and church work, in addition to his teaching work at the University. He became a member of the Board of School Commissioners of Columbia in 1902, and is now chairman of the board. He is an elder of the First Presbyterian church. He has done a good work for the University and for history as the editor of the Alumni Record of the South Carolina College.

A singular incident in Dr. Moore's history, and one, I suspect, that is entirely unique, is the fact that he had the honor of signing his own father's diploma from the South Carolina College.

Then here is to Dr. A. C. Moore, our Acting President, his best health and success. We pledge him our hearty support and best help in making his administration happy, easy and memorable.