Raleigh, April 27


G. W. Handy,

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned in behalf of the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman Classes of the University of North Carolina do respectfully petition through your to the Trustees of the said University to have the College duties suspended until next session. In presenting this petition we have been actually by not desire to be released from our studies but by a thorough conviction that the present prevailing condition of our country and our own interest demand it. From all we experience we are thoroughly convinced that it is impossible for us to attend to our duties in the midst of so much excitement. It may be urged against our petition that the War may not last more than two or three months in which case our services will not be needed. This we admit but even then we lose nothing — since we cannot study as it is — while we gain no great deal.