an inquiry of various parties for, it is understood, a stimulated rent, within a
many or in kind. The committee learned that some rents had been paid
by the lessee, which payments are held, of course, in trust for the university.
What the amount has been the committee has been unable to ascertain
or to learn the payment, except income tax have been made.
Under the resolution of the Board, the committee empowered
Mr. Andrew McIlhite, a resident of Chapel Hill and a gentleman
of untold genuineness, character, to take charge of the buildings and
improvements of the university. No note of compensation was agreed upon.
Mr. McIlhite has promptly entered upon the duties and so far as he
has been able, has acted to the entire satisfaction of the committee.
They are happy to state that the services of so competent and reliable
a gentleman have been secured. To him the committee are indebted for
much of the information which they obtained.
It is but proper to say that, in the opinion of the committee
the buildings can be protected from further damage, and sufficient
parts of the buildings preserve forever as will probably be required for the
accommodation of such a number of students as may be reasonably
expected for several years at a cost far less than would be required for
through repairs. The parts can be built more easily as the patronage
and means of the institution shall increase.
In regard to the lands belonging to the university, the Com-
munity could obtain but little information. They have been able to know
the active and bequest of the late Mr. B. R. Lassiter, the former presi-
dent who, by letters, cautiously trusted his land, but, from some
cause, to the committee unknown, they failed to realize their expecta-
tions. From a report made by this gentleman to the former Board,
dated November 19, 1832, it would appear that the university owned
a large and valuable estate in lands in Brunswick, Caswell, and
Martinez counties, and that they are in charge of Maj. W. Taylor.
Mr. Taylor, at the request of the committee, has been authorized to
build, at his expense, a suitable dwelling house, which quantity and value
are unknown. Besides these two, there are several more tracts lying near
and contiguous to the village of Chapel Hill, amounting to seven or
eight hundred acres. A survey of them will be made so as to determine their value. It is also claimed of more or less strength to
valuable lands lying in Liberty, Chatham and Halifax counties in West
Carolina, the interest in which is under the control of attorneys in
that section. The committee would for the record state that the
late John Bache, the Vice of St. Paul's in Delaware County, is cur-
ding to have descended to the university, a valuable landed
estate lying in that county, subject to the life of his mother who

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