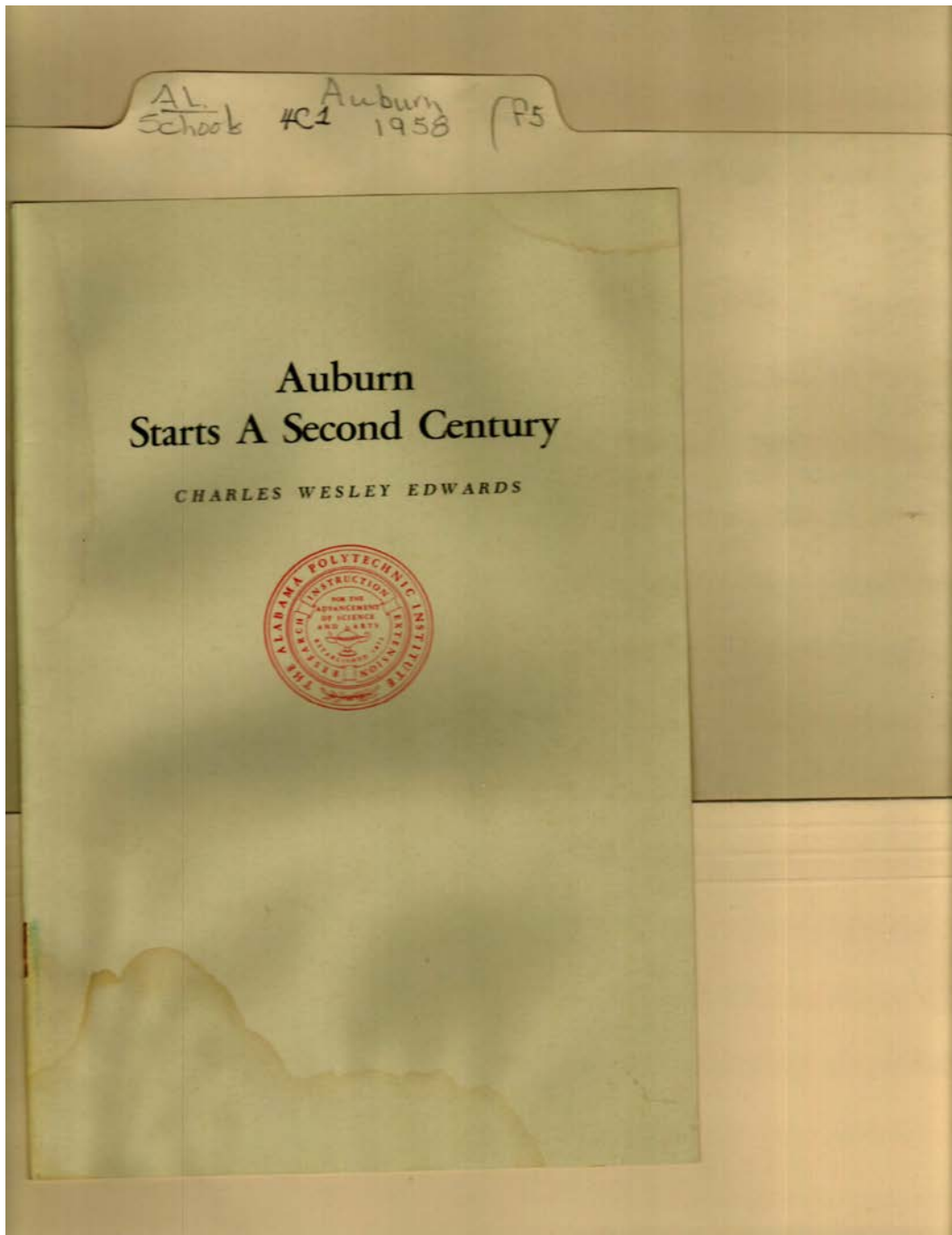


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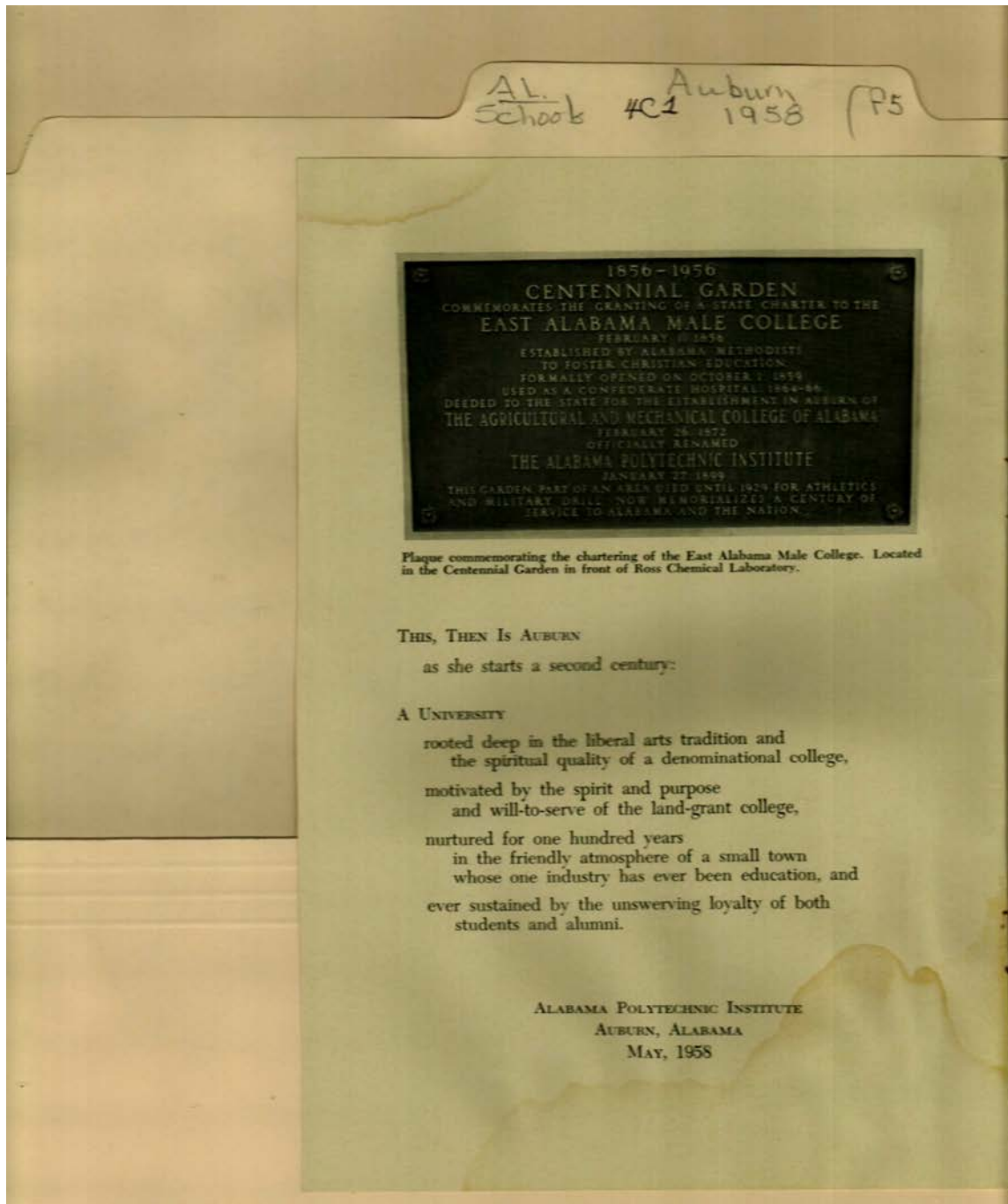
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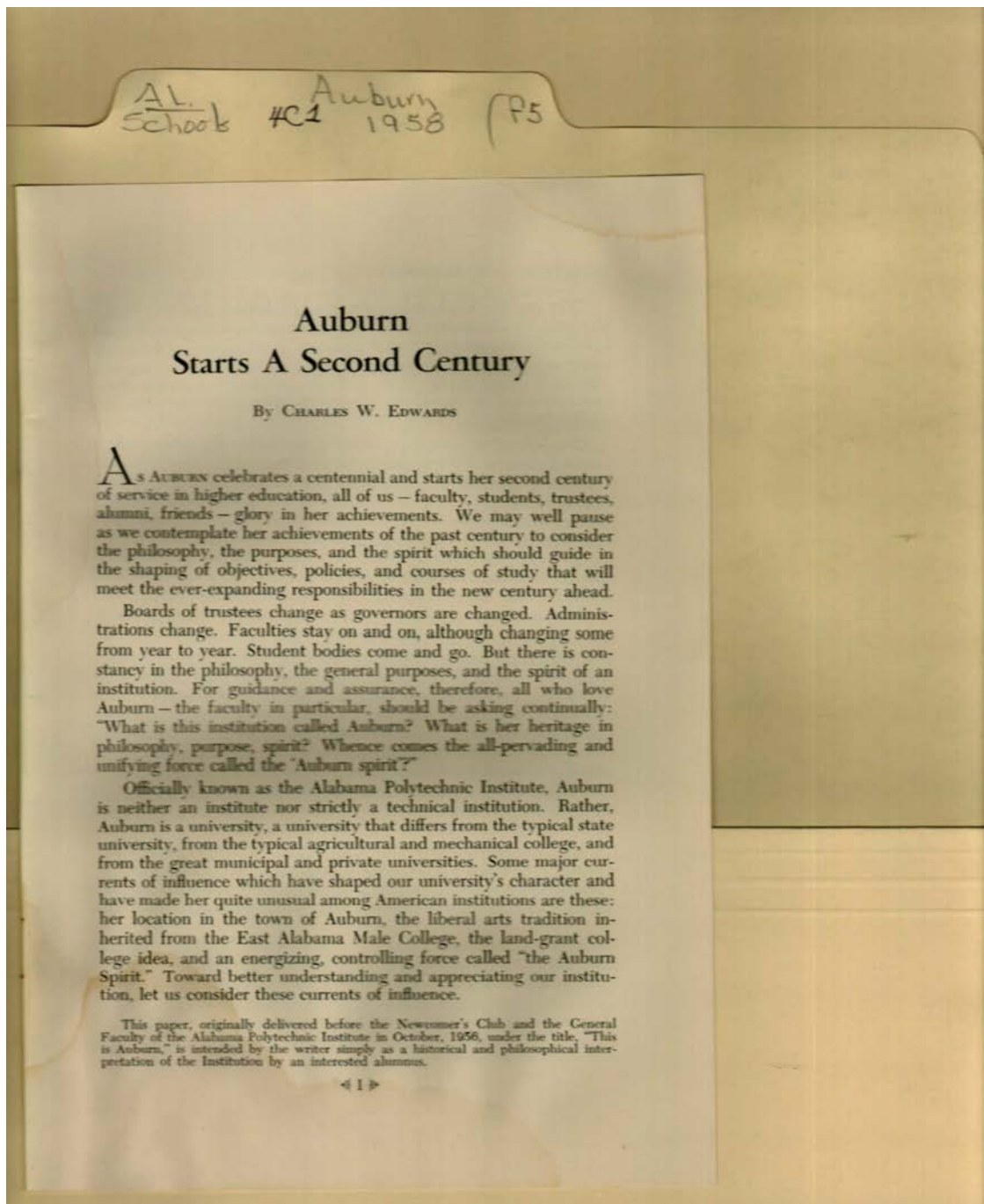
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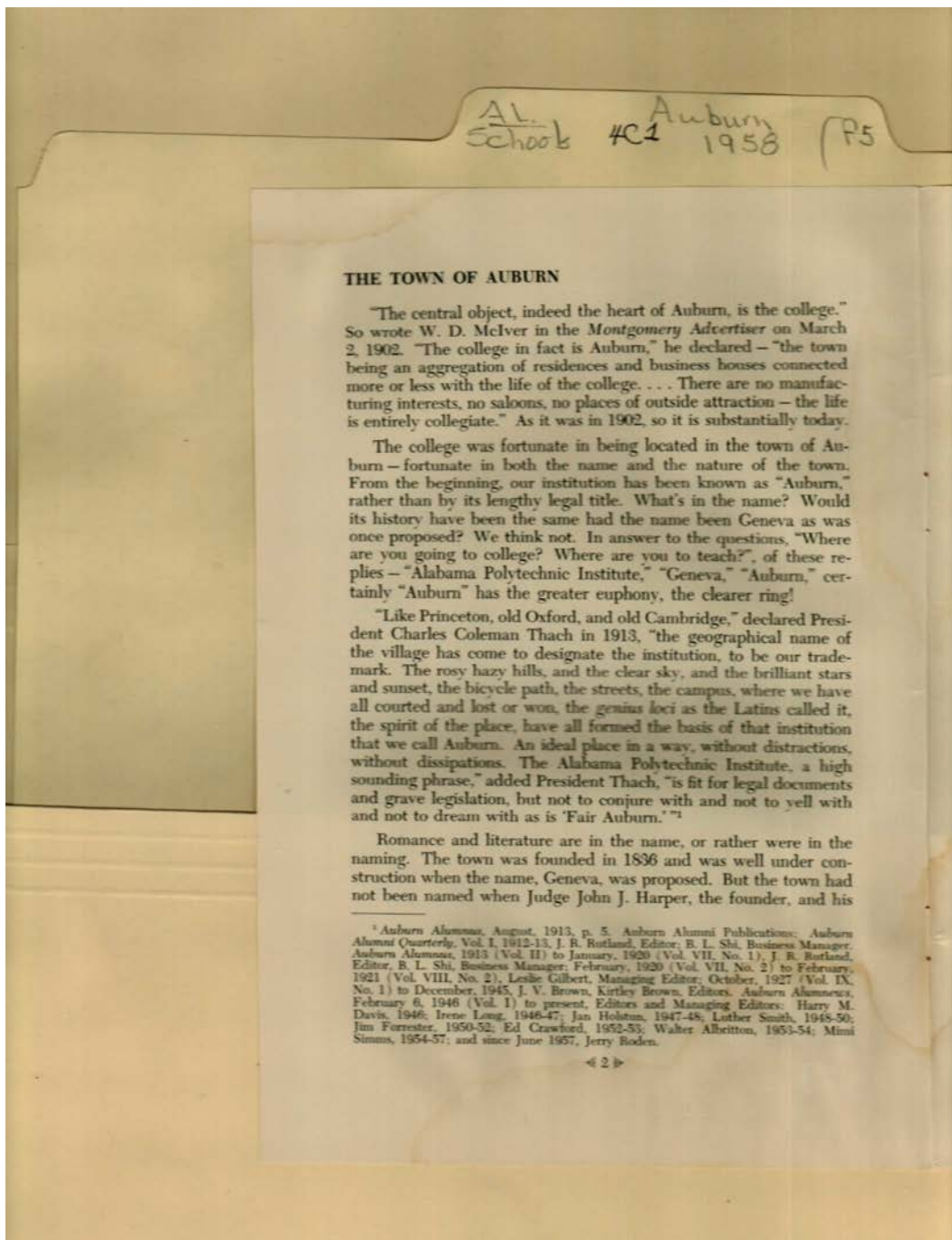
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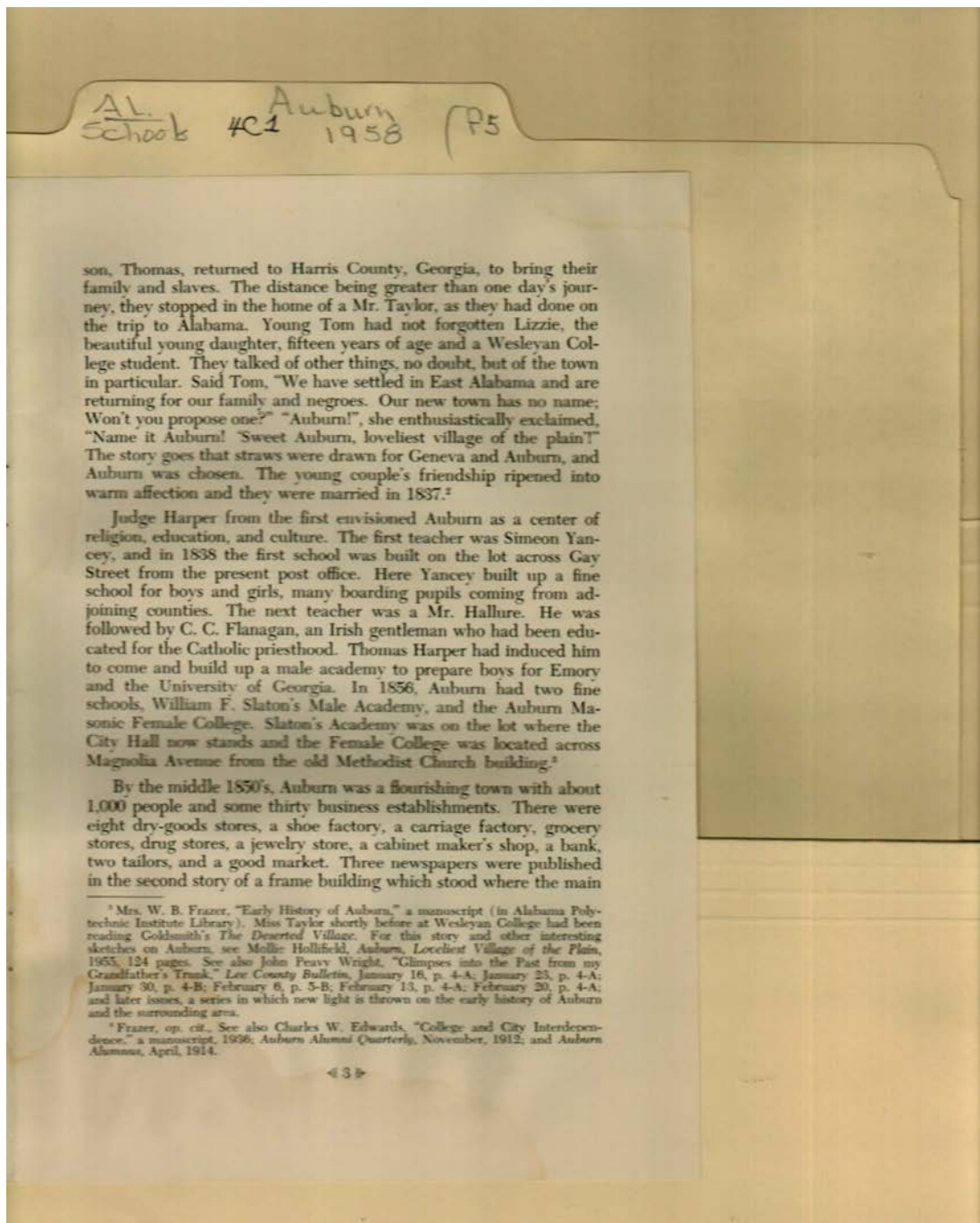
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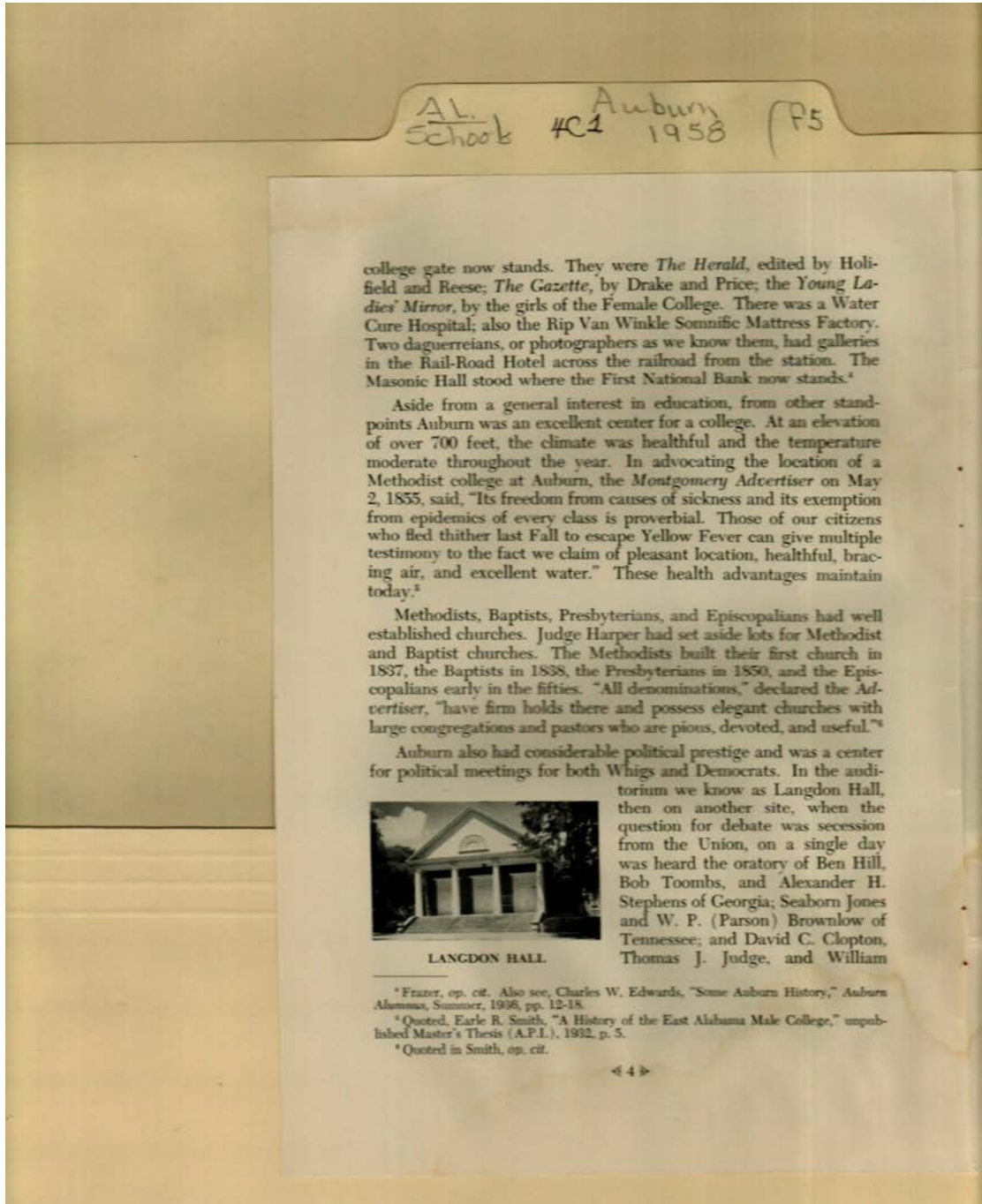
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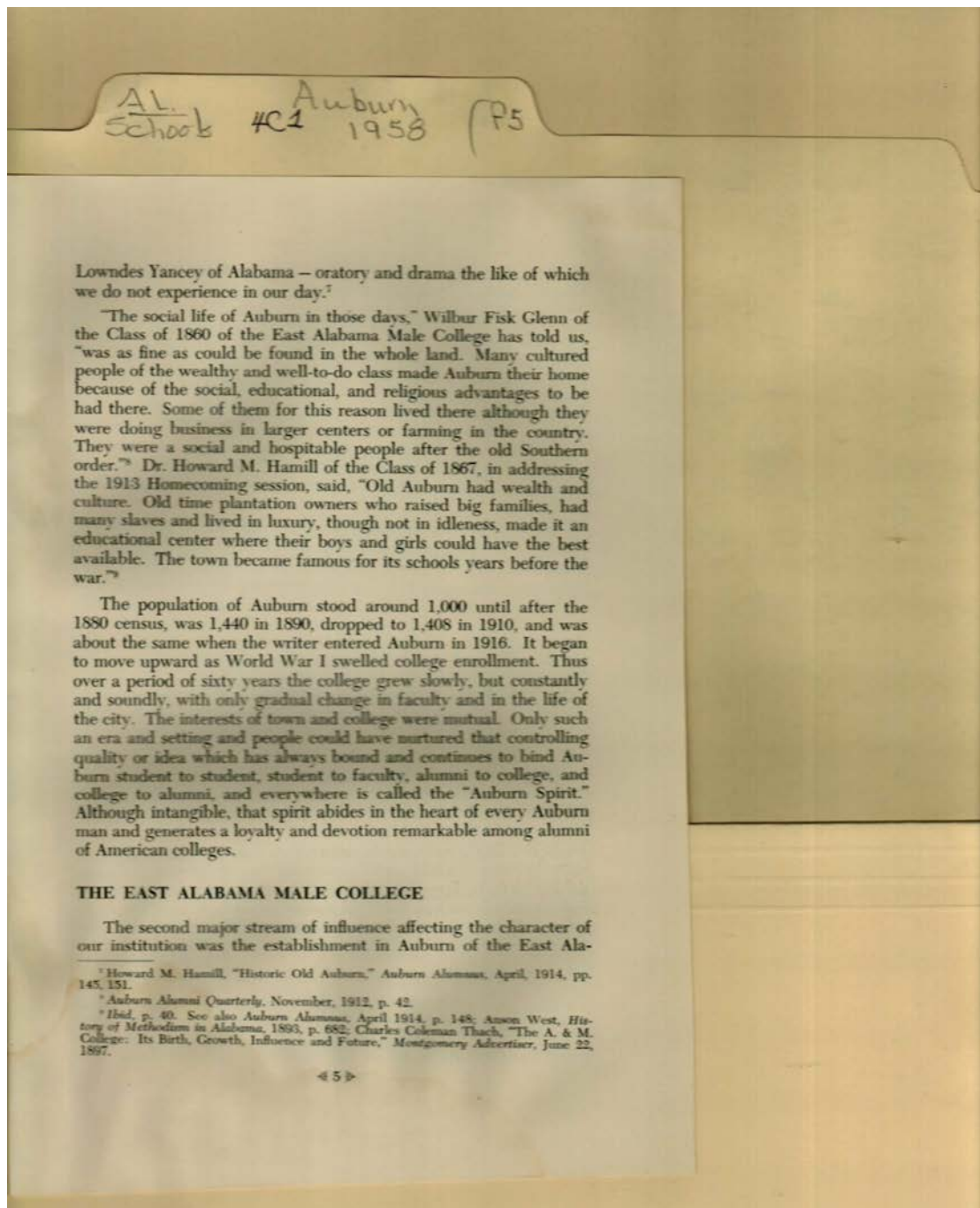
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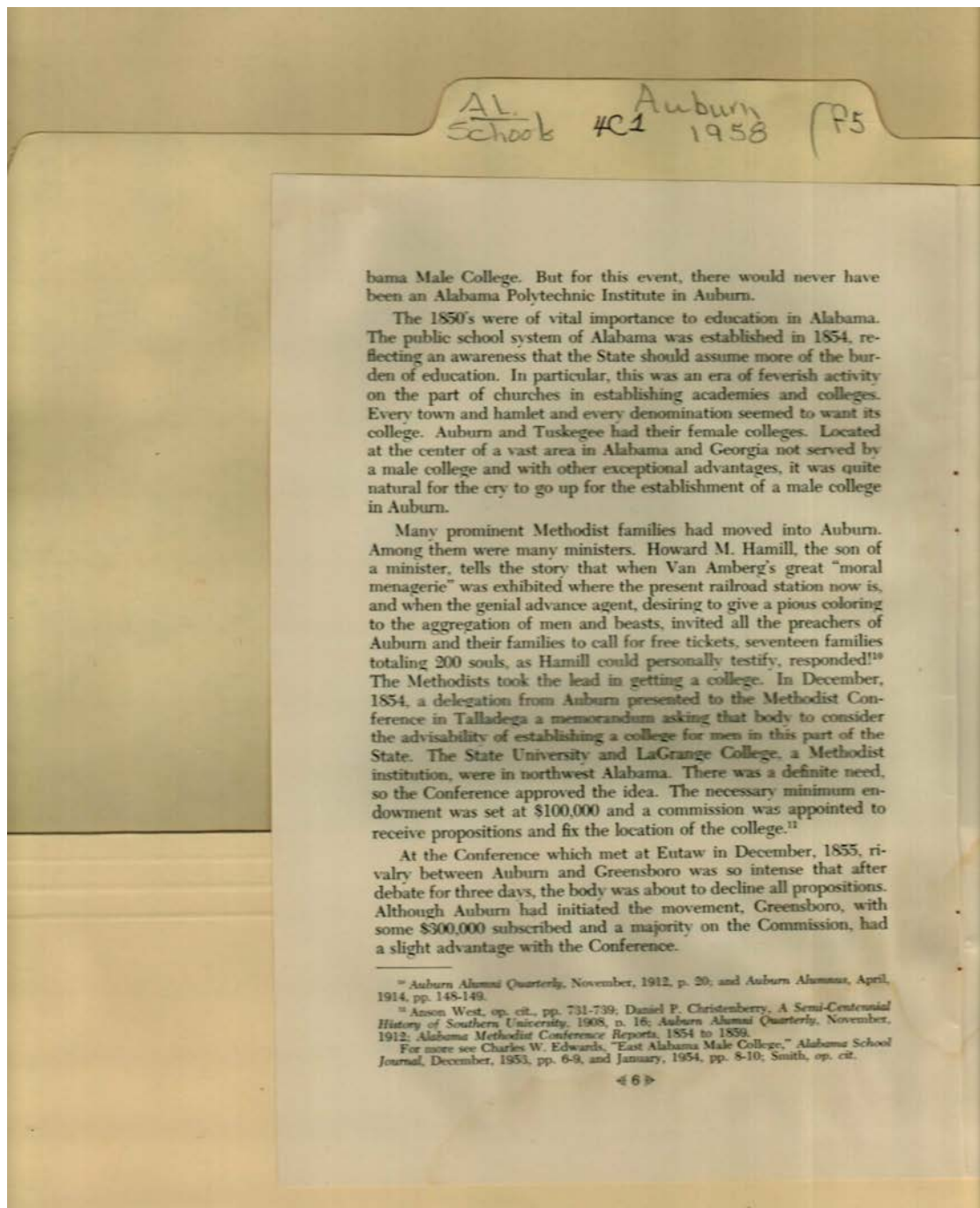
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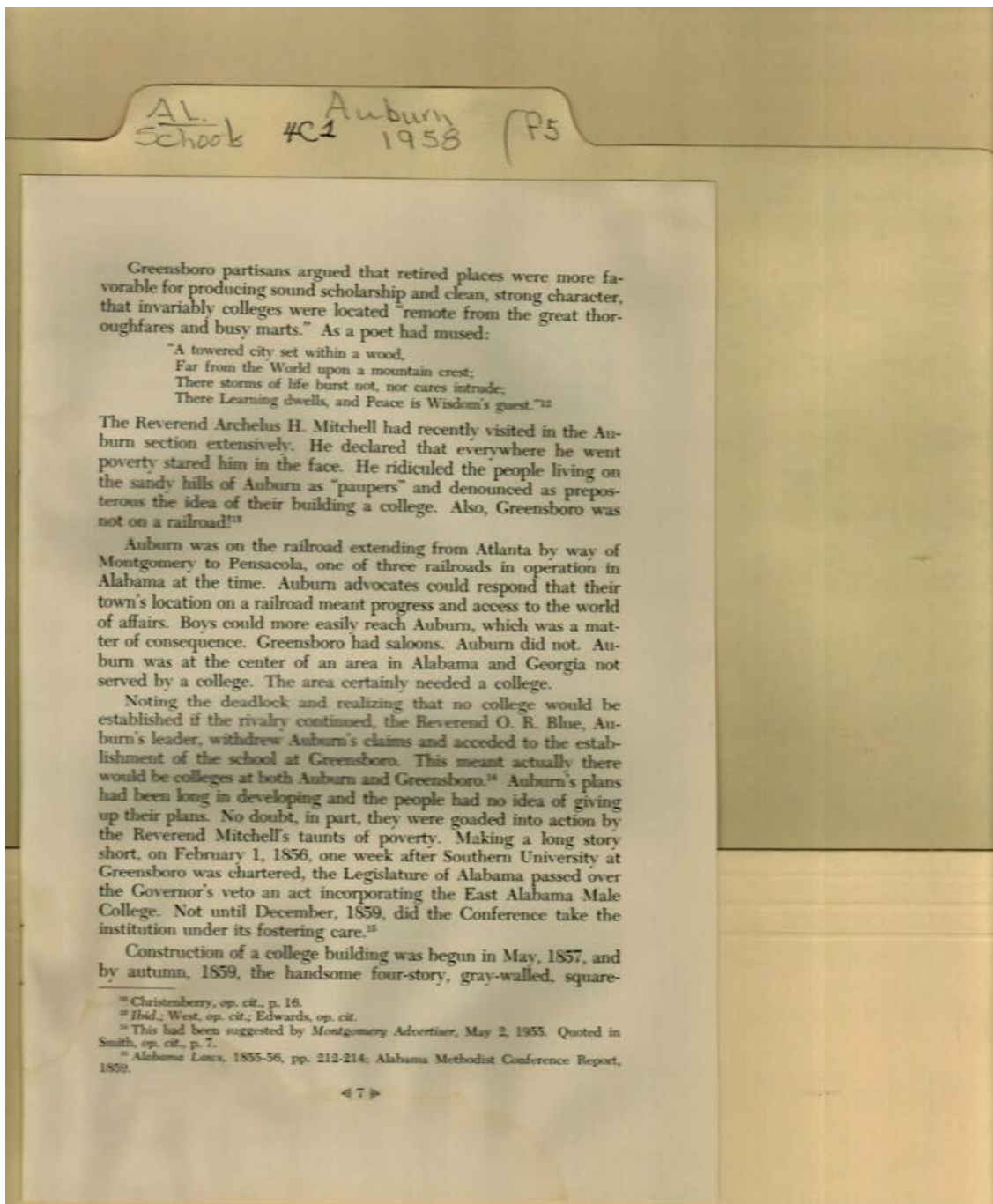
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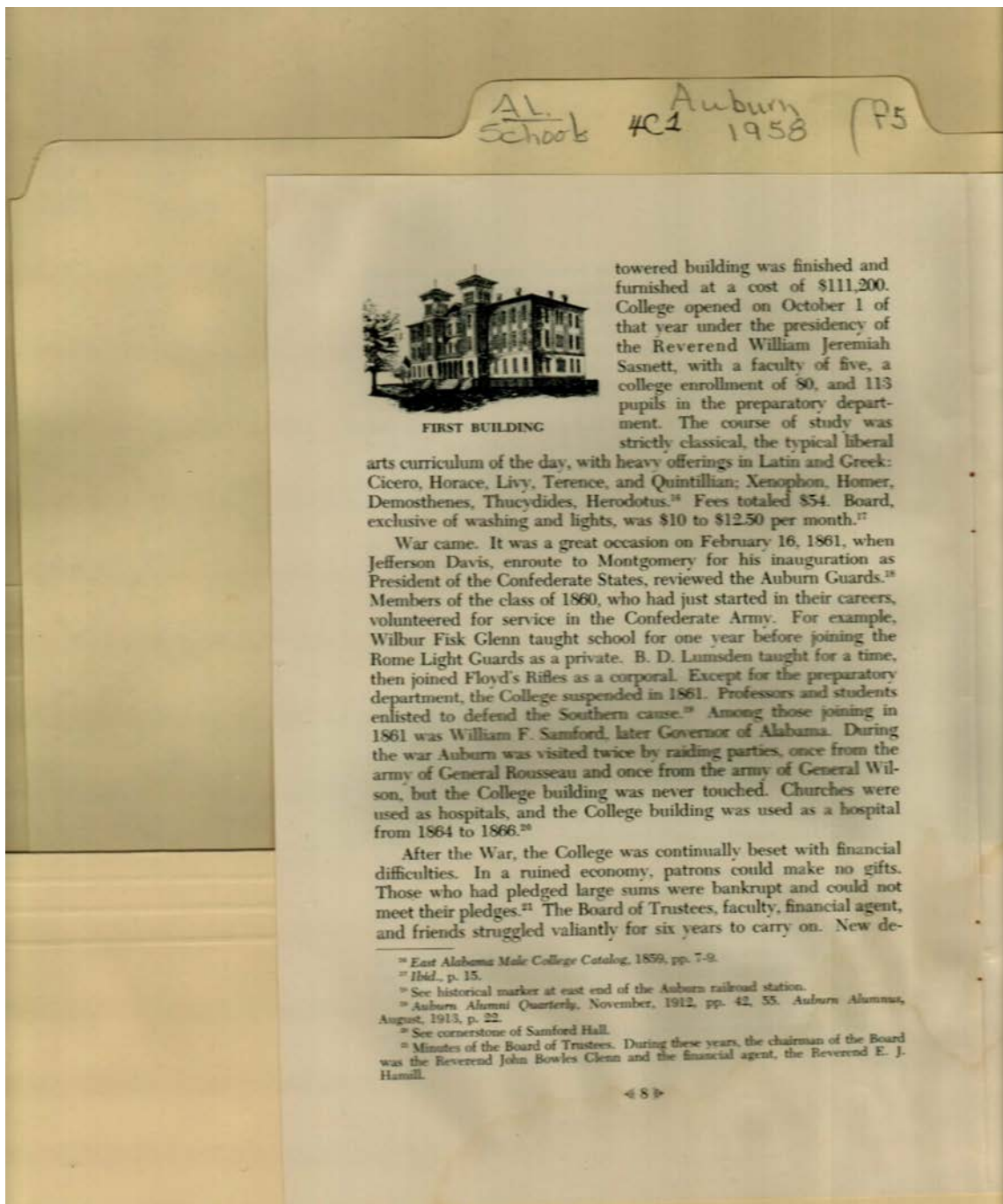
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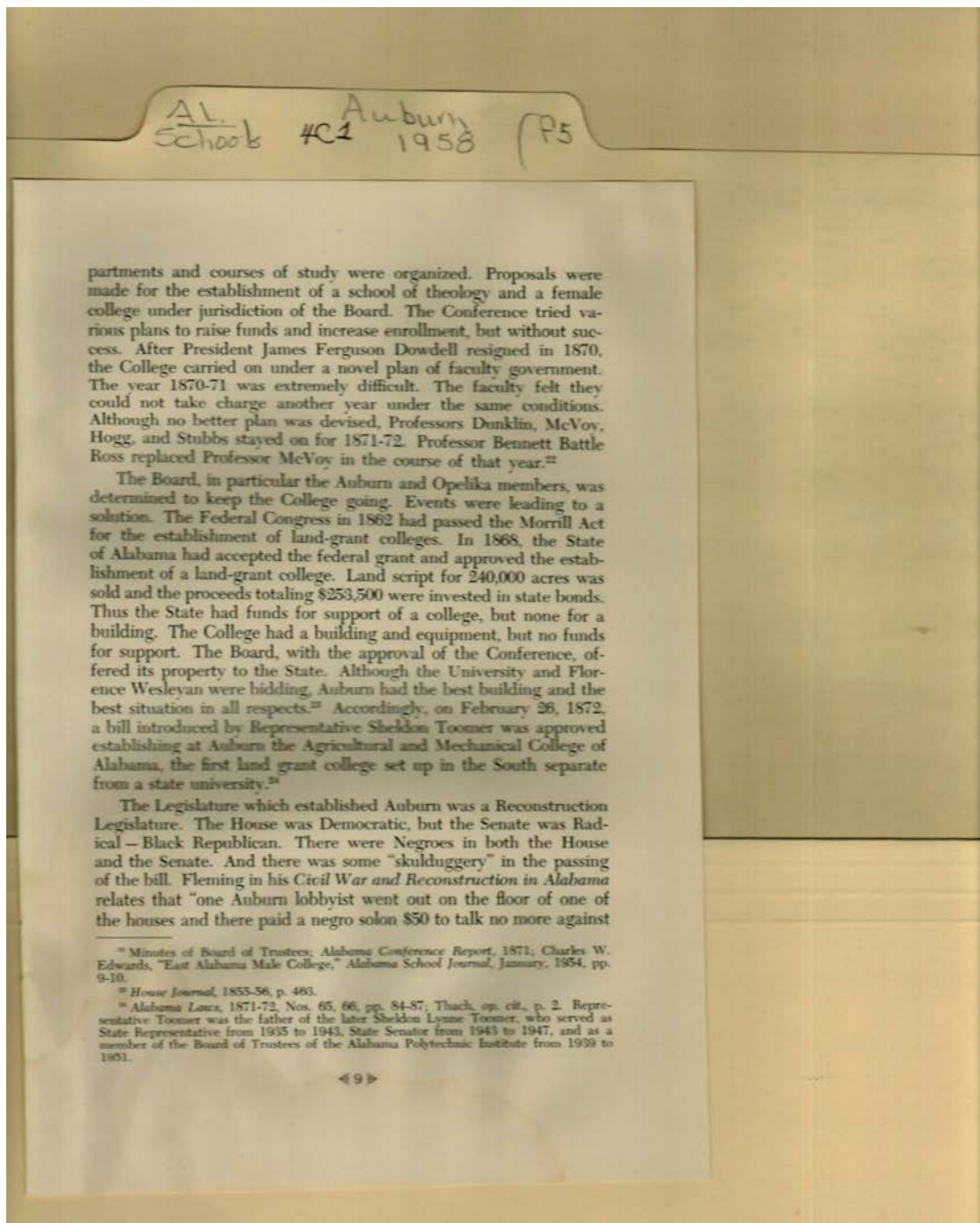
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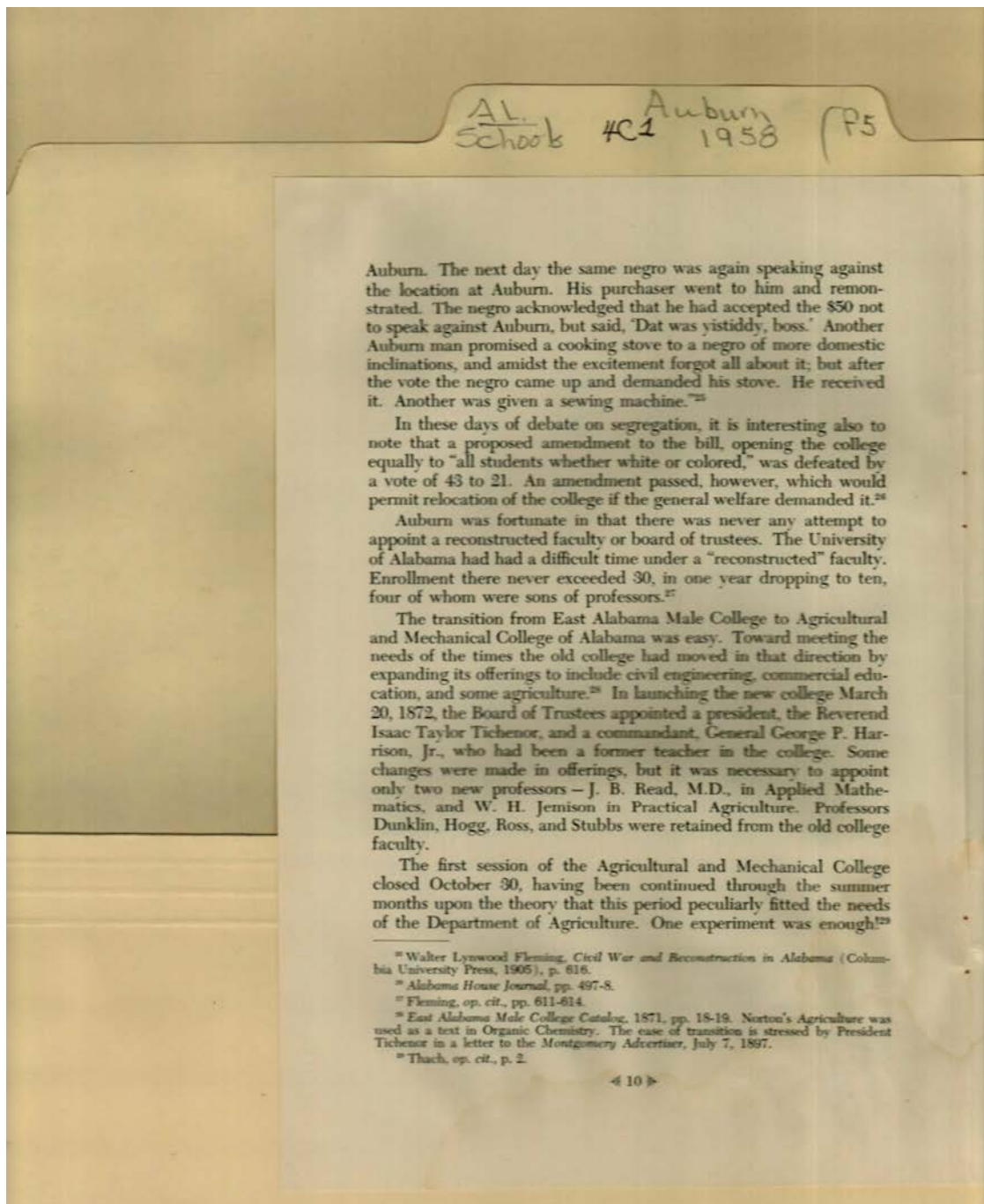
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Mechanical College
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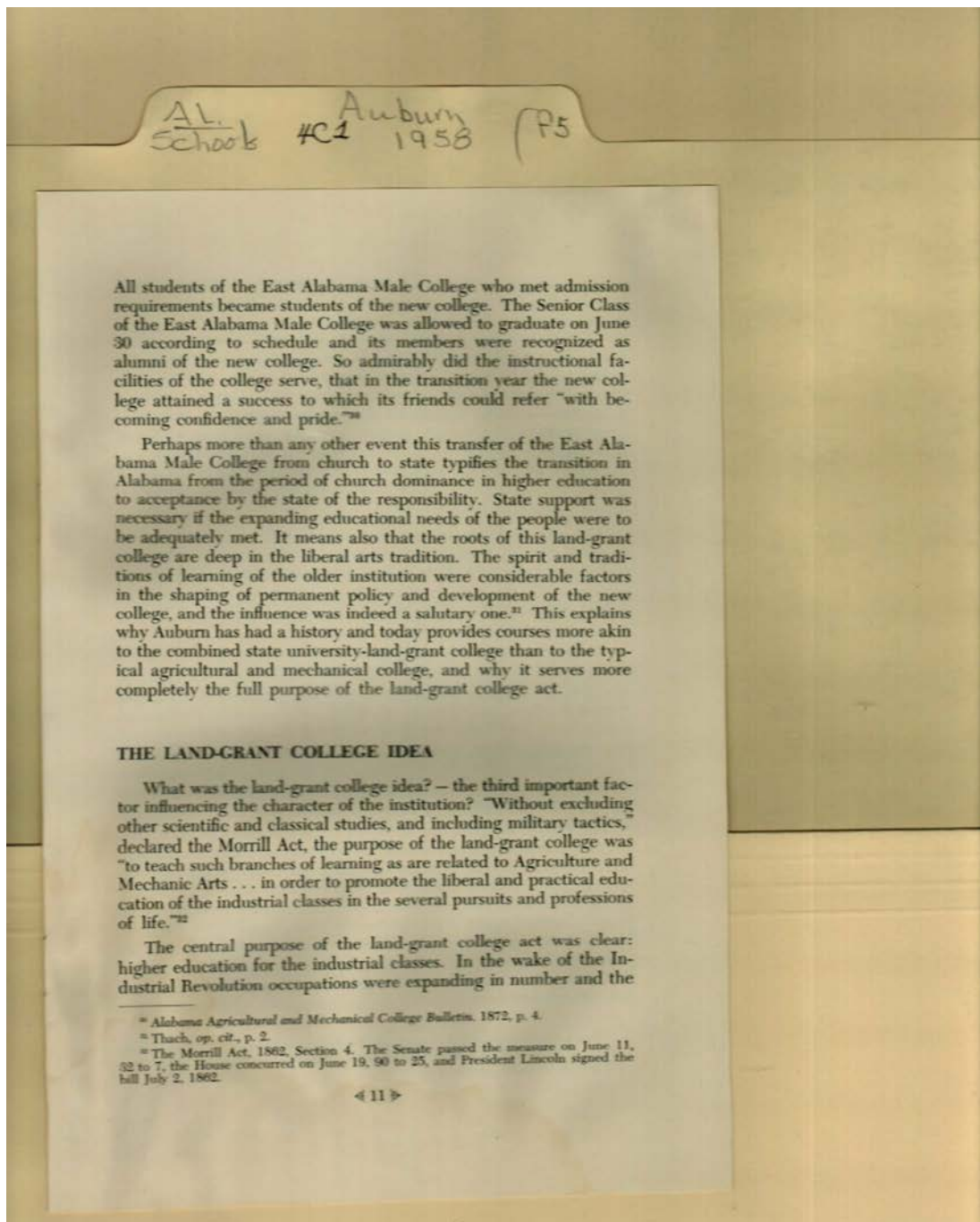
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All students of the East Alabama Male College who met admission requirements became students of the new college. The Senior Class of the East Alabama Male College was allowed to graduate on June 30 according to schedule and its members were recognized as alumni of the new college. So admirably did the instructional facilities of the college serve, that in the transition year the new college attained a success to which its friends could refer "with becoming confidence and pride."²¹

Perhaps more than any other event this transfer of the East Alabama Male College from church to state typifies the transition in Alabama from the period of church dominance in higher education to acceptance by the state of the responsibility. State support was necessary if the expanding educational needs of the people were to be adequately met. It means also that the roots of this land-grant college are deep in the liberal arts tradition. The spirit and traditions of learning of the older institution were considerable factors in the shaping of permanent policy and development of the new college, and the influence was indeed a salutary one.²² This explains why Auburn has had a history and today provides courses more akin to the combined state university-land-grant college than to the typical agricultural and mechanical college, and why it serves more completely the full purpose of the land-grant college act.

THE LAND-GRANT COLLEGE IDEA

What was the land-grant college idea? — the third important factor influencing the character of the institution? "Without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics," declared the Morrill Act, the purpose of the land-grant college was "to teach such branches of learning as are related to Agriculture and Mechanic Arts . . . in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life."²³

The central purpose of the land-grant college act was clear: higher education for the industrial classes. In the wake of the Industrial Revolution occupations were expanding in number and the

²¹ Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College Bulletin, 1872, p. 4.

²² Thach, *op. cit.*, p. 2.

²³ The Morrill Act, 1862, Section 4. The Senate passed the measure on June 11, 32 to 7, the House concurred on June 19, 90 to 25, and President Lincoln signed the bill July 2, 1862.

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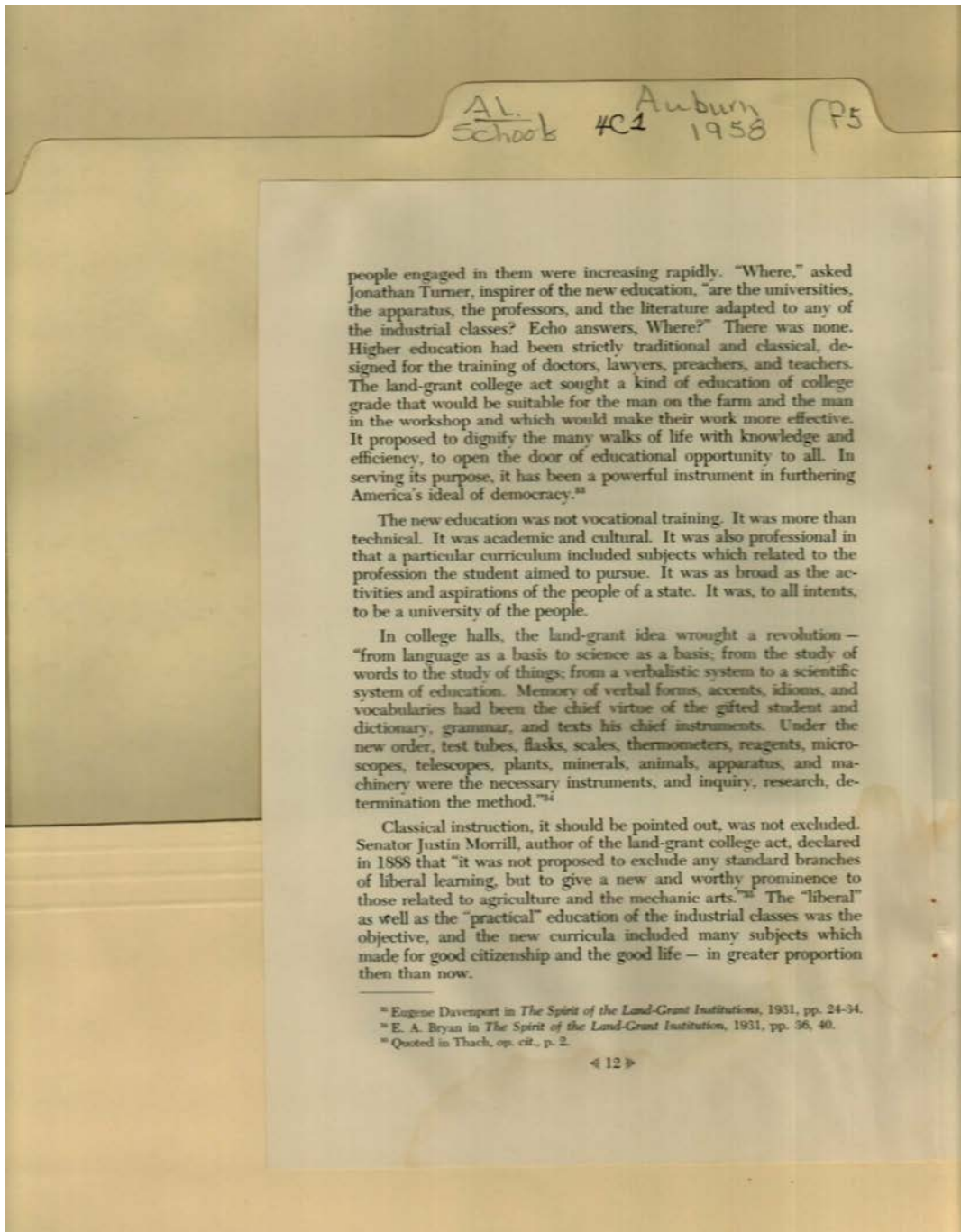
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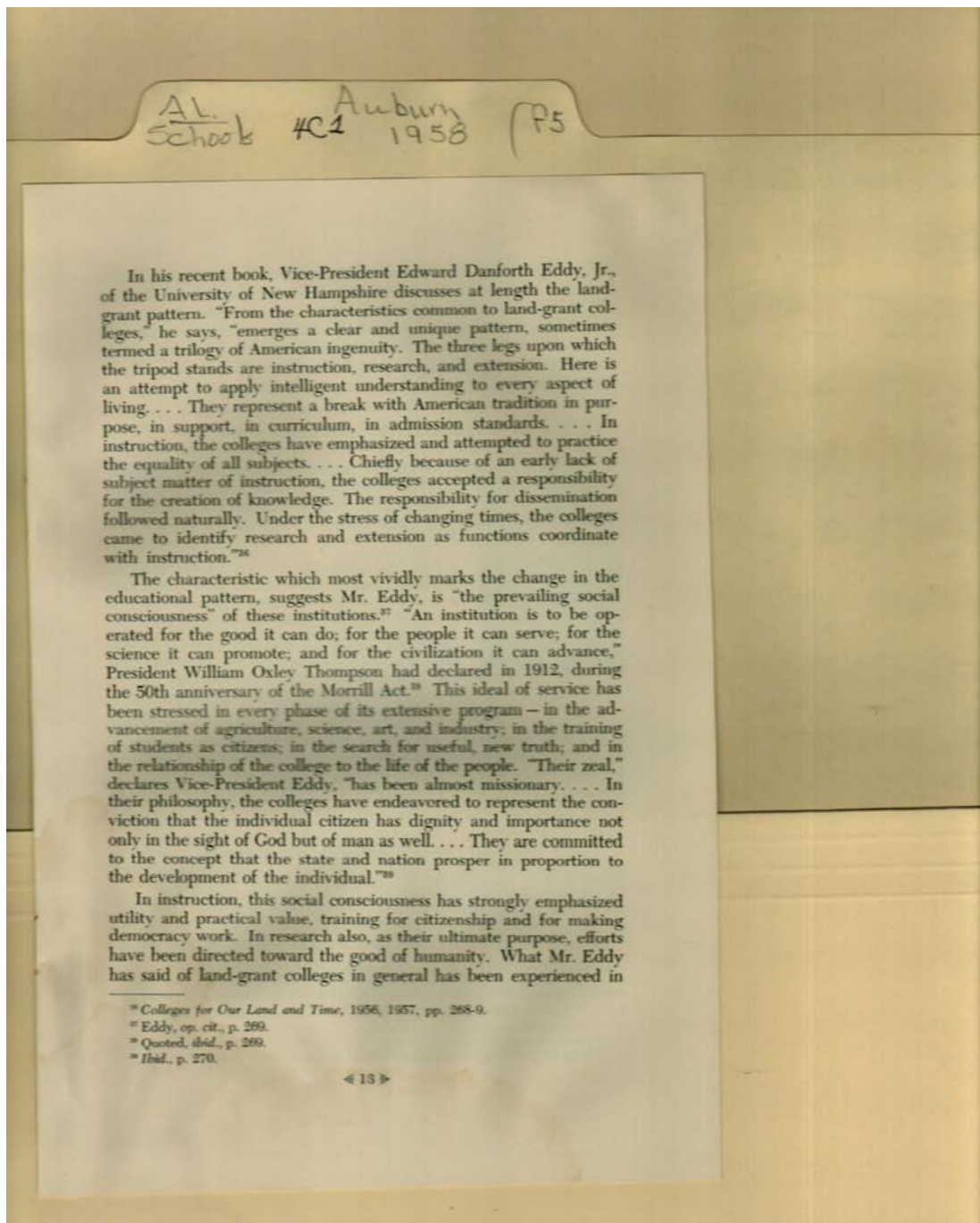
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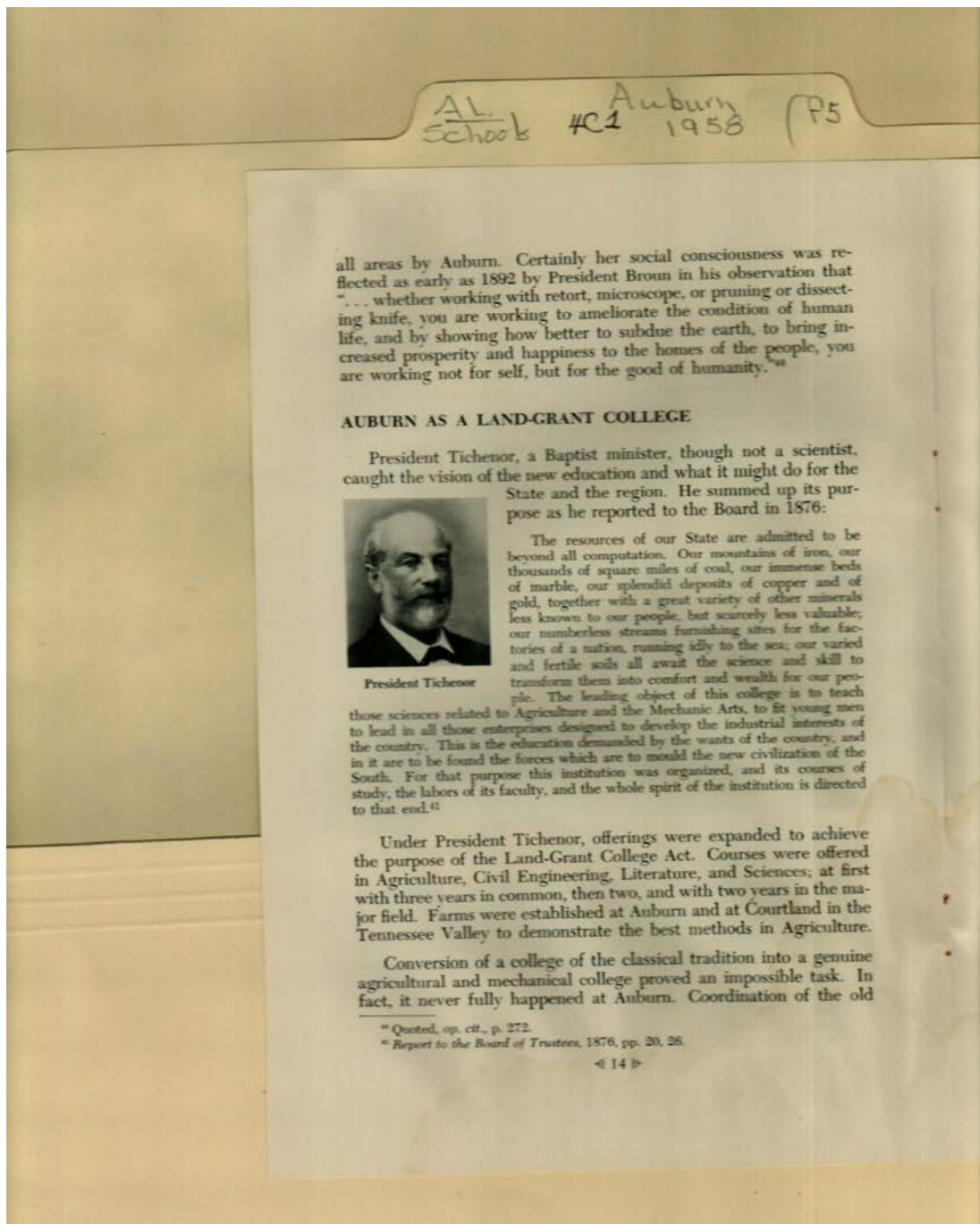
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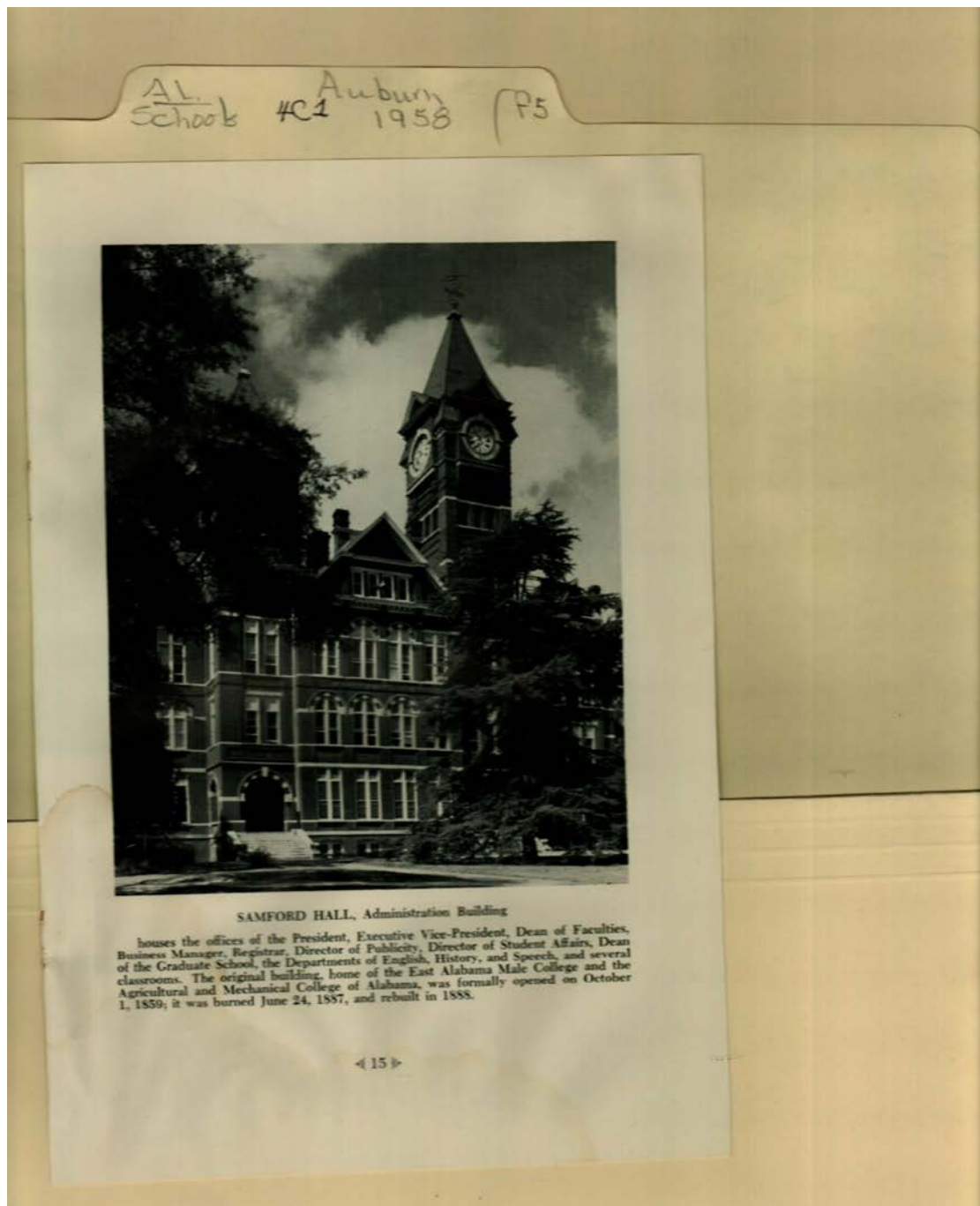
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Cary Hall Miller Hall Field House Thach Hall Tichenor Hall Russ Chemical Laboratory Union Building Sanford Hall
Library
Women's Dormitories

Not shown in picture: President's Home, Comer Hall, Duncan Hall, and other agriculture buildings

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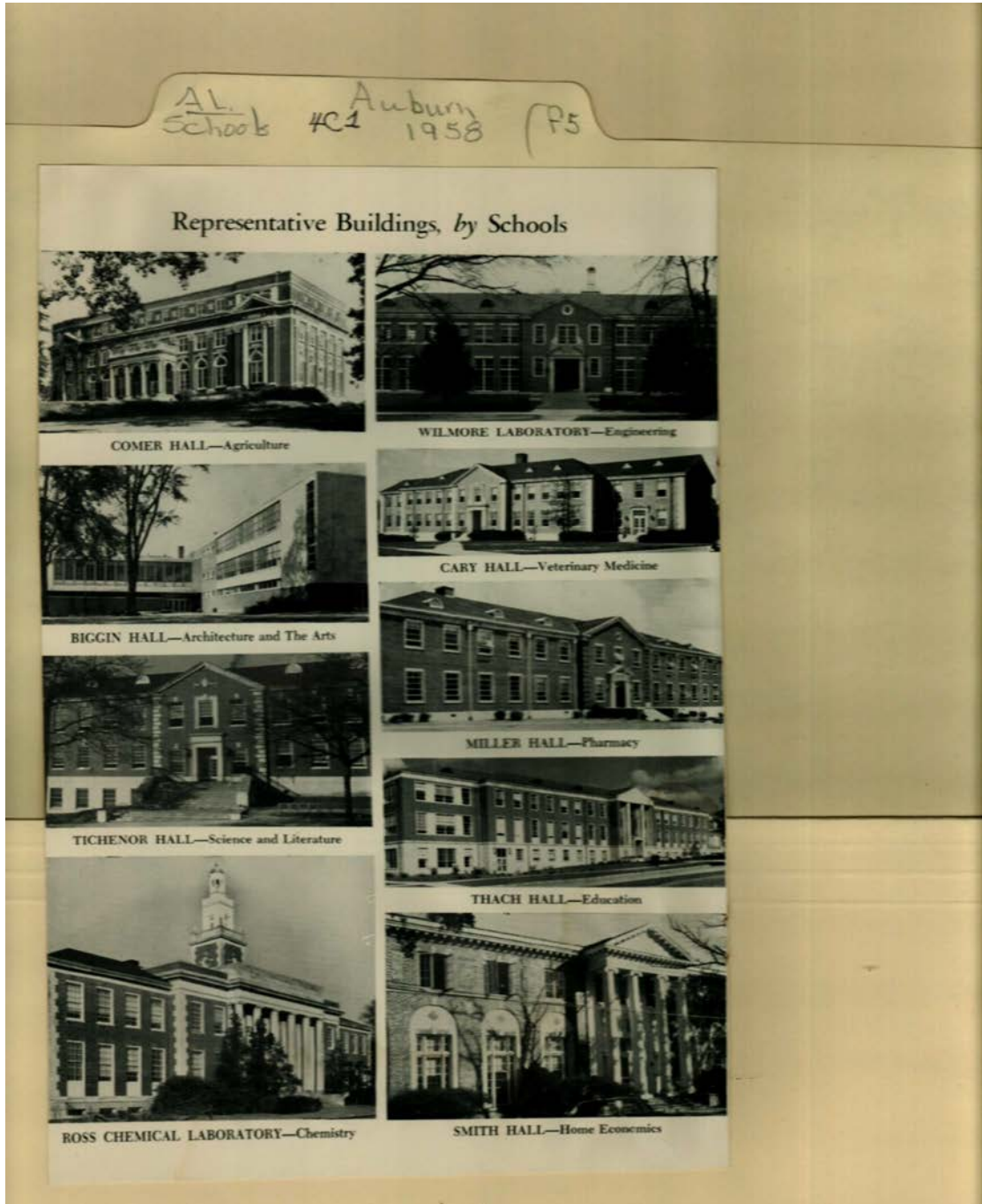
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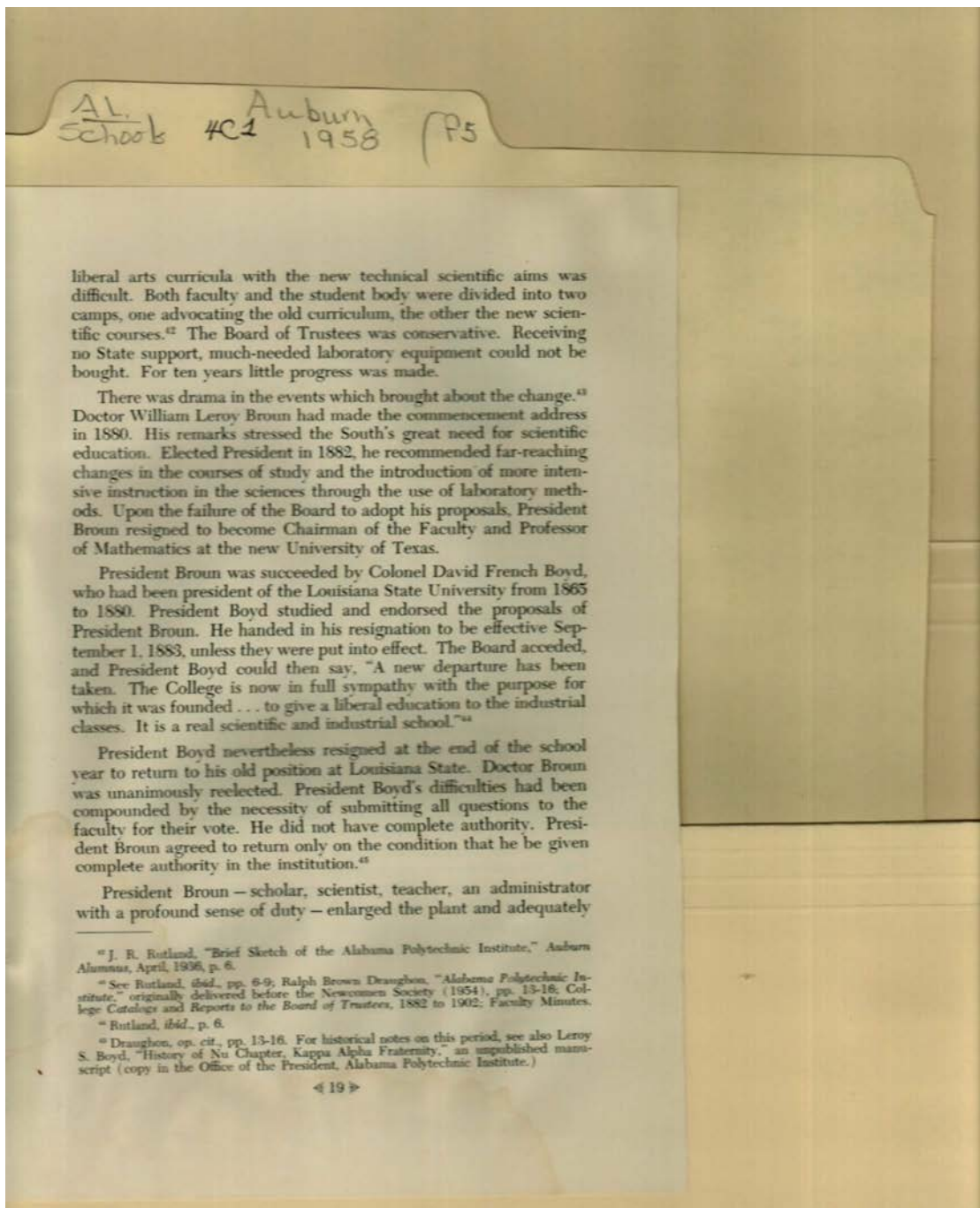
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liberal arts curricula with the new technical scientific aims was difficult. Both faculty and the student body were divided into two camps, one advocating the old curriculum, the other the new scientific courses.⁴² The Board of Trustees was conservative. Receiving no State support, much-needed laboratory equipment could not be bought. For ten years little progress was made.

There was drama in the events which brought about the change.⁴³ Doctor William Leroy Broun had made the commencement address in 1880. His remarks stressed the South's great need for scientific education. Elected President in 1882, he recommended far-reaching changes in the courses of study and the introduction of more intensive instruction in the sciences through the use of laboratory methods. Upon the failure of the Board to adopt his proposals, President Broun resigned to become Chairman of the Faculty and Professor of Mathematics at the new University of Texas.

President Broun was succeeded by Colonel David French Boyd, who had been president of the Louisiana State University from 1865 to 1880. President Boyd studied and endorsed the proposals of President Broun. He handed in his resignation to be effective September 1, 1883, unless they were put into effect. The Board acceded, and President Boyd could then say, "A new departure has been taken. The College is now in full sympathy with the purpose for which it was founded . . . to give a liberal education to the industrial classes. It is a real scientific and industrial school."⁴⁴

President Boyd nevertheless resigned at the end of the school year to return to his old position at Louisiana State. Doctor Broun was unanimously reelected. President Boyd's difficulties had been compounded by the necessity of submitting all questions to the faculty for their vote. He did not have complete authority. President Broun agreed to return only on the condition that he be given complete authority in the institution.⁴⁵

President Broun — scholar, scientist, teacher, an administrator with a profound sense of duty — enlarged the plant and adequately

⁴² J. R. Rutland, "Brief Sketch of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute," *Auburn Alumnus*, April, 1936, p. 6.

⁴³ See Rutland, *ibid.*, pp. 6-9; Ralph Brown Draughon, "Alabama Polytechnic Institute," originally delivered before the Newcomen Society (1954), pp. 13-18; *College Catalogs and Reports to the Board of Trustees, 1882 to 1902*; Faculty Minutes.

⁴⁴ Rutland, *ibid.*, p. 6.

⁴⁵ Draughon, *op. cit.*, pp. 13-16. For historical notes on this period, see also Leroy S. Boyd, "History of Nu Chapter, Kappa Alpha Fraternity," an unpublished manuscript (copy in the Office of the President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.)

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Broun, William
Leroy, Dr.

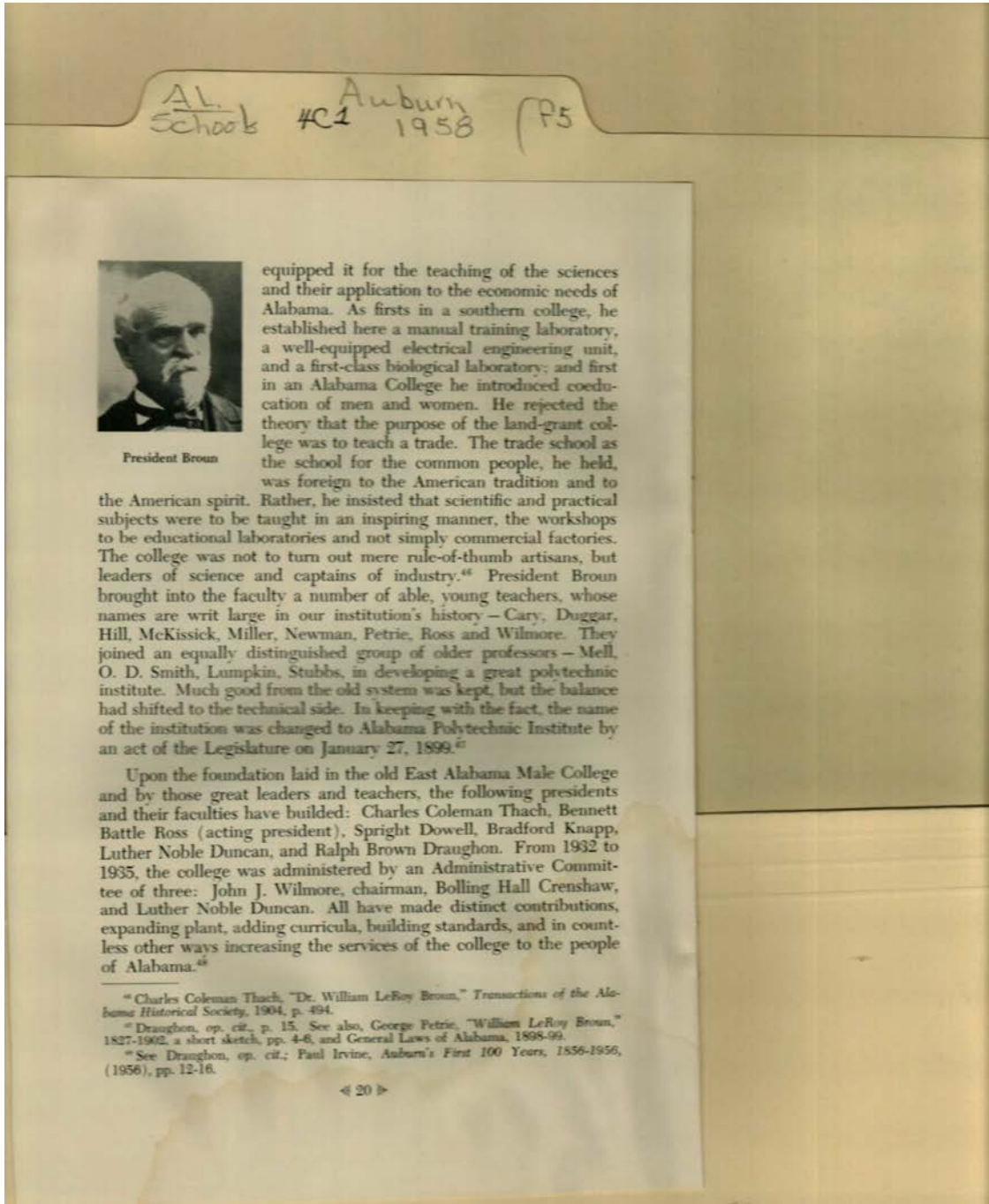
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Brown
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President Broun

equipped it for the teaching of the sciences and their application to the economic needs of Alabama. As firsts in a southern college, he established here a manual training laboratory, a well-equipped electrical engineering unit, and a first-class biological laboratory; and first in an Alabama College he introduced coeducation of men and women. He rejected the theory that the purpose of the land-grant college was to teach a trade. The trade school as the school for the common people, he held, was foreign to the American tradition and to the American spirit. Rather, he insisted that scientific and practical subjects were to be taught in an inspiring manner, the workshops to be educational laboratories and not simply commercial factories. The college was not to turn out mere rule-of-thumb artisans, but leaders of science and captains of industry.⁶⁶ President Broun brought into the faculty a number of able, young teachers, whose names are writ large in our institution's history — Cary, Duggar, Hill, McKissick, Miller, Newman, Petrie, Ross and Wilmore. They joined an equally distinguished group of older professors — Mell, O. D. Smith, Lumpkin, Stubbs, in developing a great polytechnic institute. Much good from the old system was kept, but the balance had shifted to the technical side. In keeping with the fact, the name of the institution was changed to Alabama Polytechnic Institute by an act of the Legislature on January 27, 1899.⁶⁷

Upon the foundation laid in the old East Alabama Male College and by those great leaders and teachers, the following presidents and their faculties have builded: Charles Coleman Thach, Bennett Battle Ross (acting president), Spright Dowell, Bradford Knapp, Luther Noble Duncan, and Ralph Brown Draughon. From 1932 to 1935, the college was administered by an Administrative Committee of three: John J. Wilmore, chairman, Bolling Hall Crenshaw, and Luther Noble Duncan. All have made distinct contributions, expanding plant, adding curricula, building standards, and in countless other ways increasing the services of the college to the people of Alabama.⁶⁸

⁶⁶ Charles Coleman Thach, "Dr. William LeRoy Broun," *Transactions of the Alabama Historical Society*, 1904, p. 494.

⁶⁷ Draughon, *op. cit.*, p. 15. See also, George Petrie, "William LeRoy Broun," 1827-1902, a short sketch, pp. 4-6, and General Laws of Alabama, 1898-99.

⁶⁸ See Draughon, *op. cit.*; Paul Irvine, *Auburn's First 100 Years, 1856-1956*, (1956), pp. 12-16.

Names:

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Draughon, Ralph
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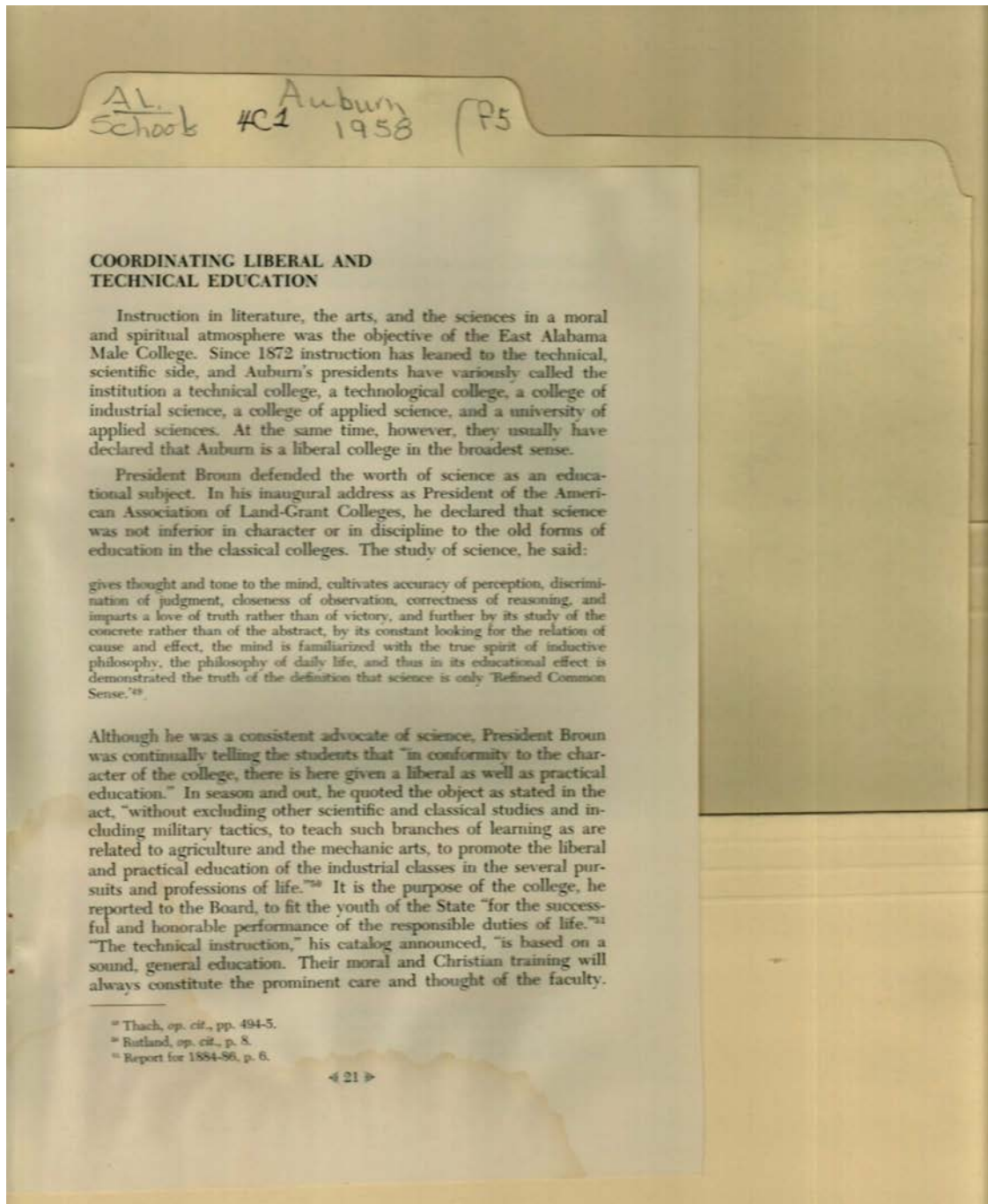
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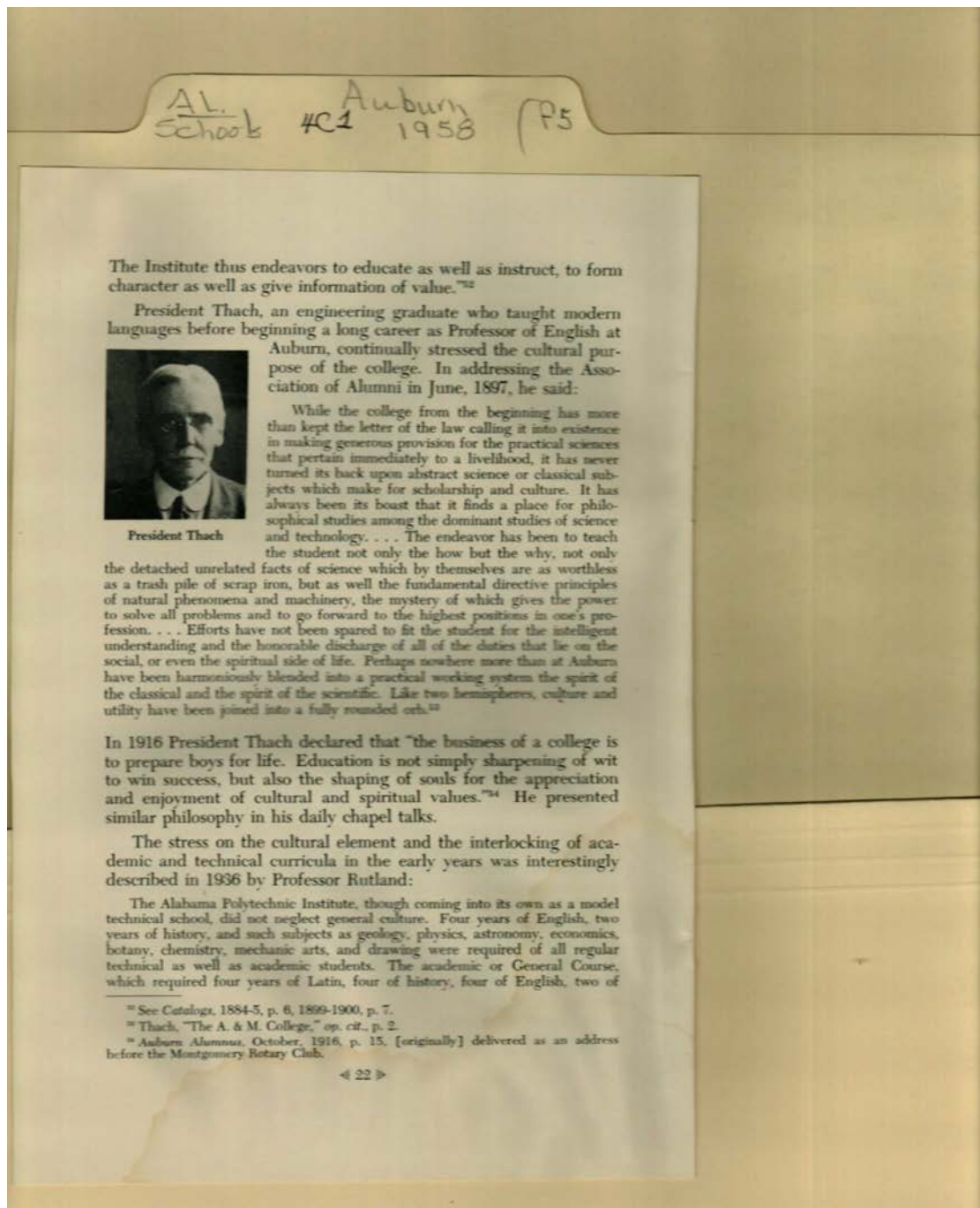
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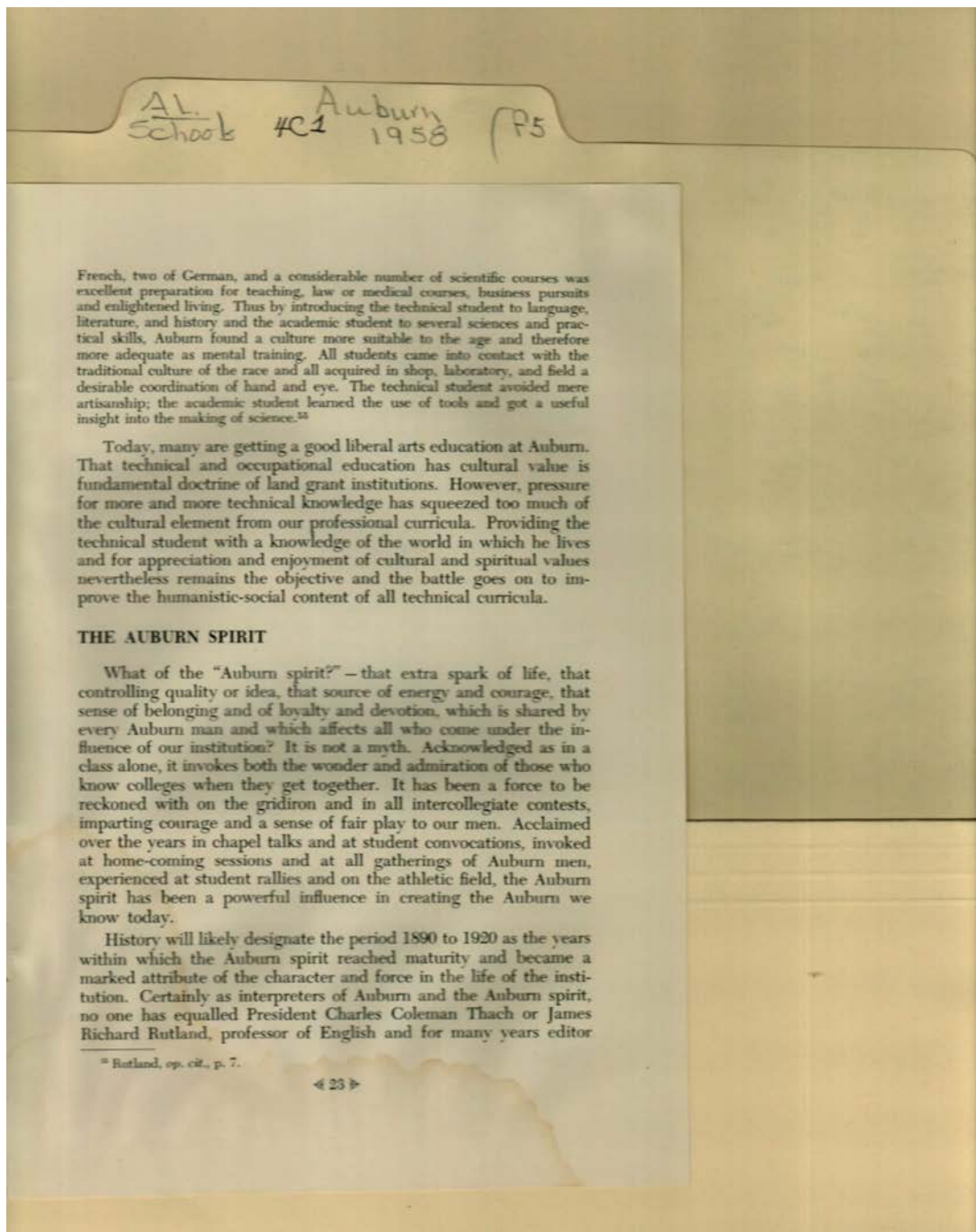
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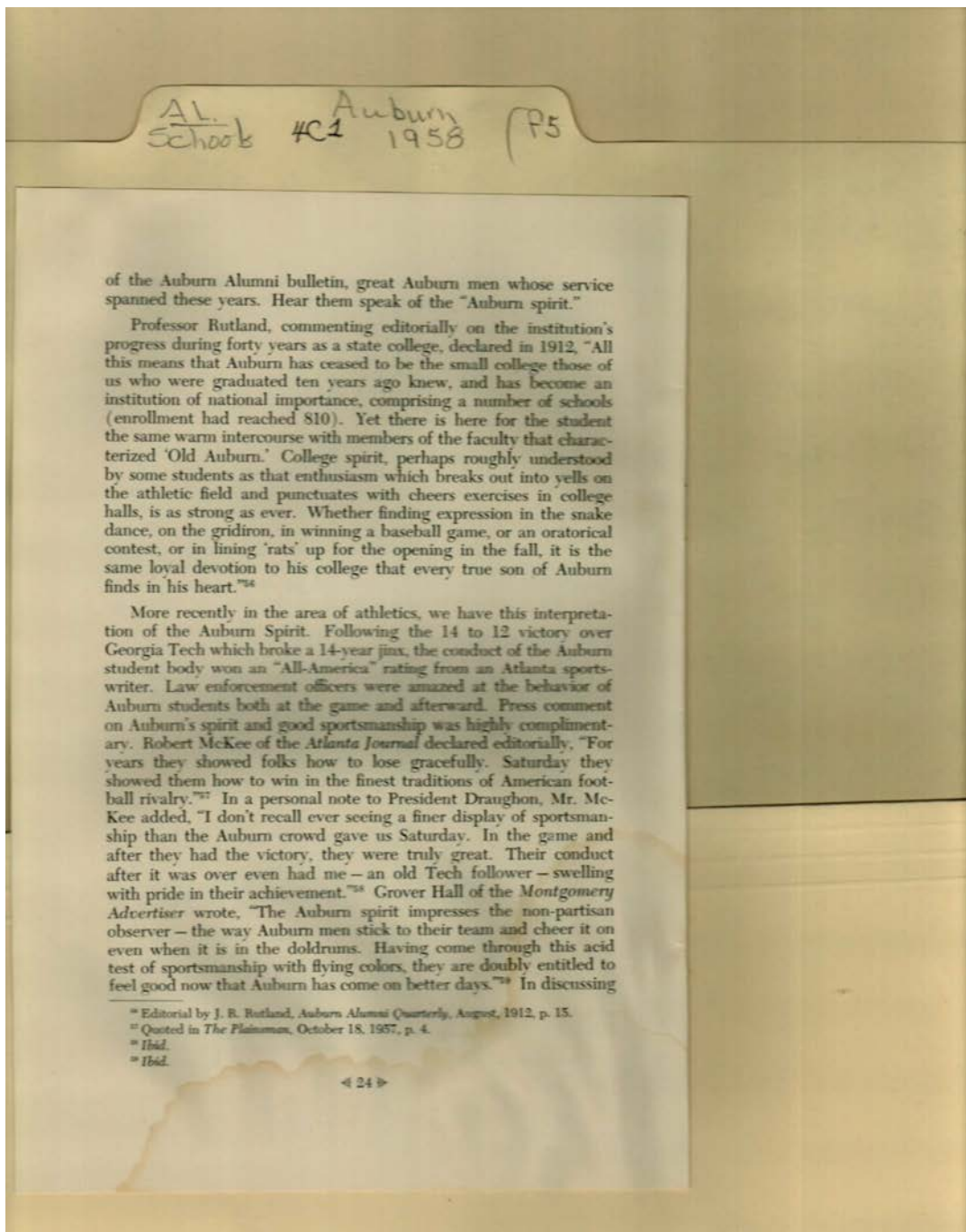
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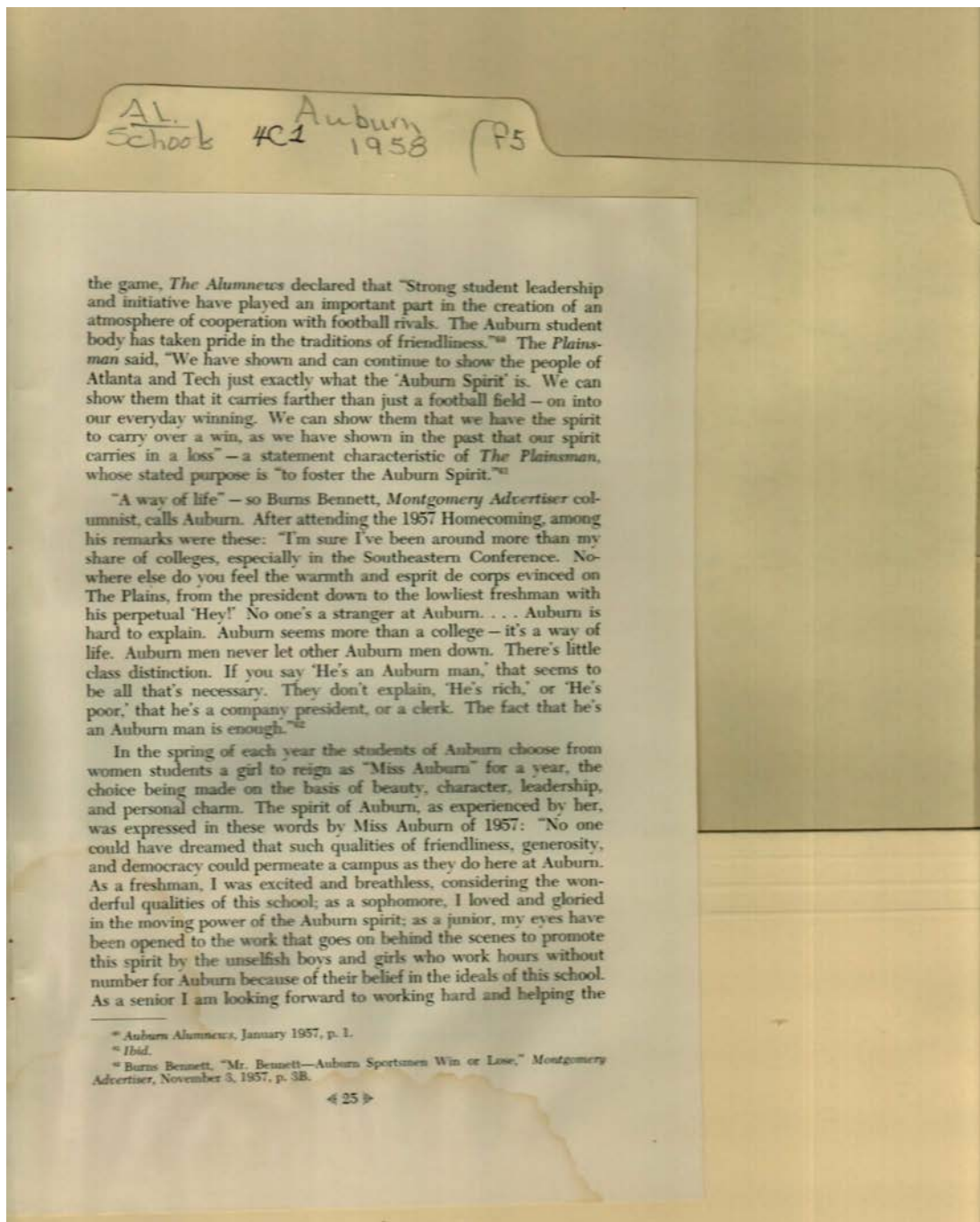
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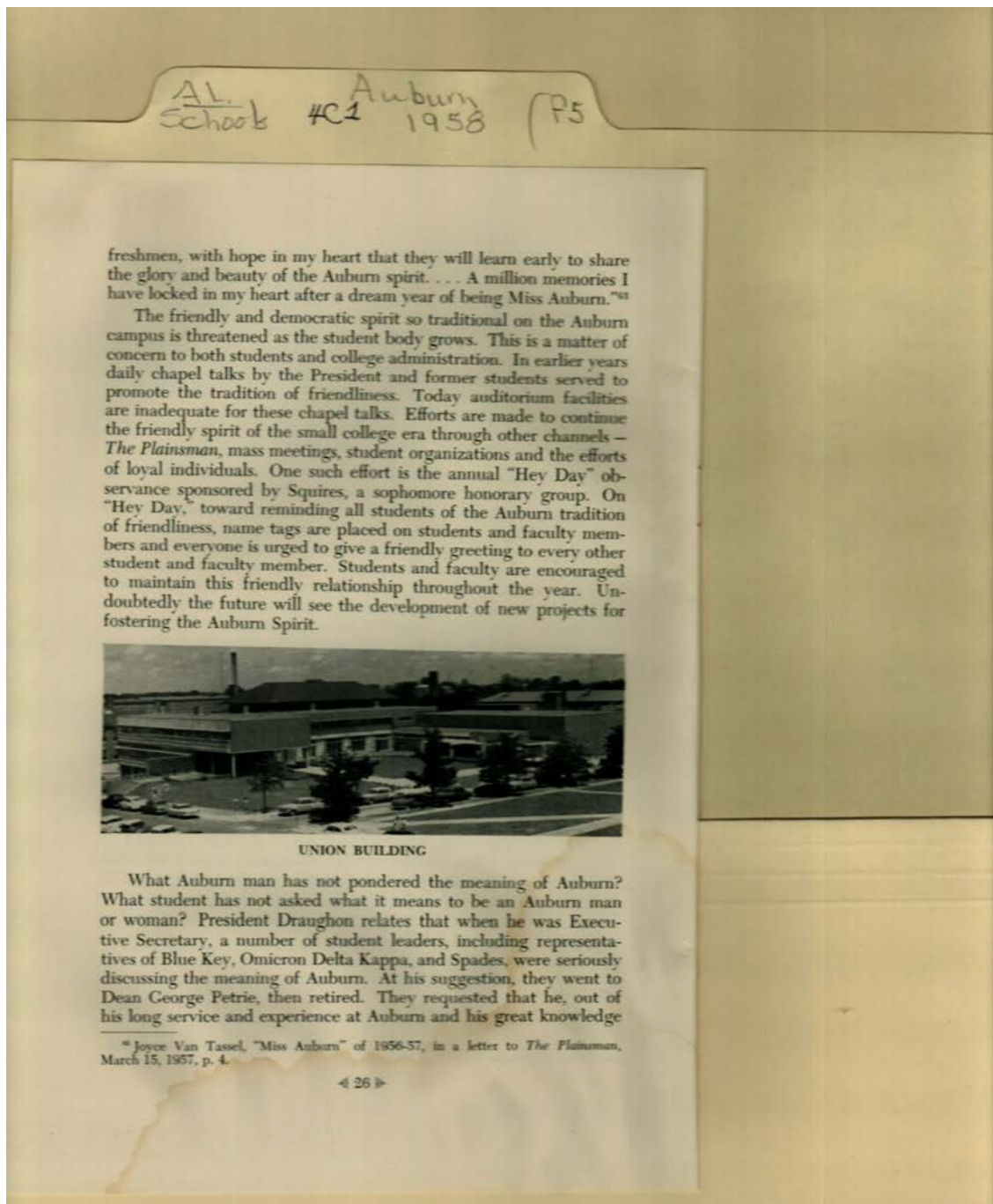
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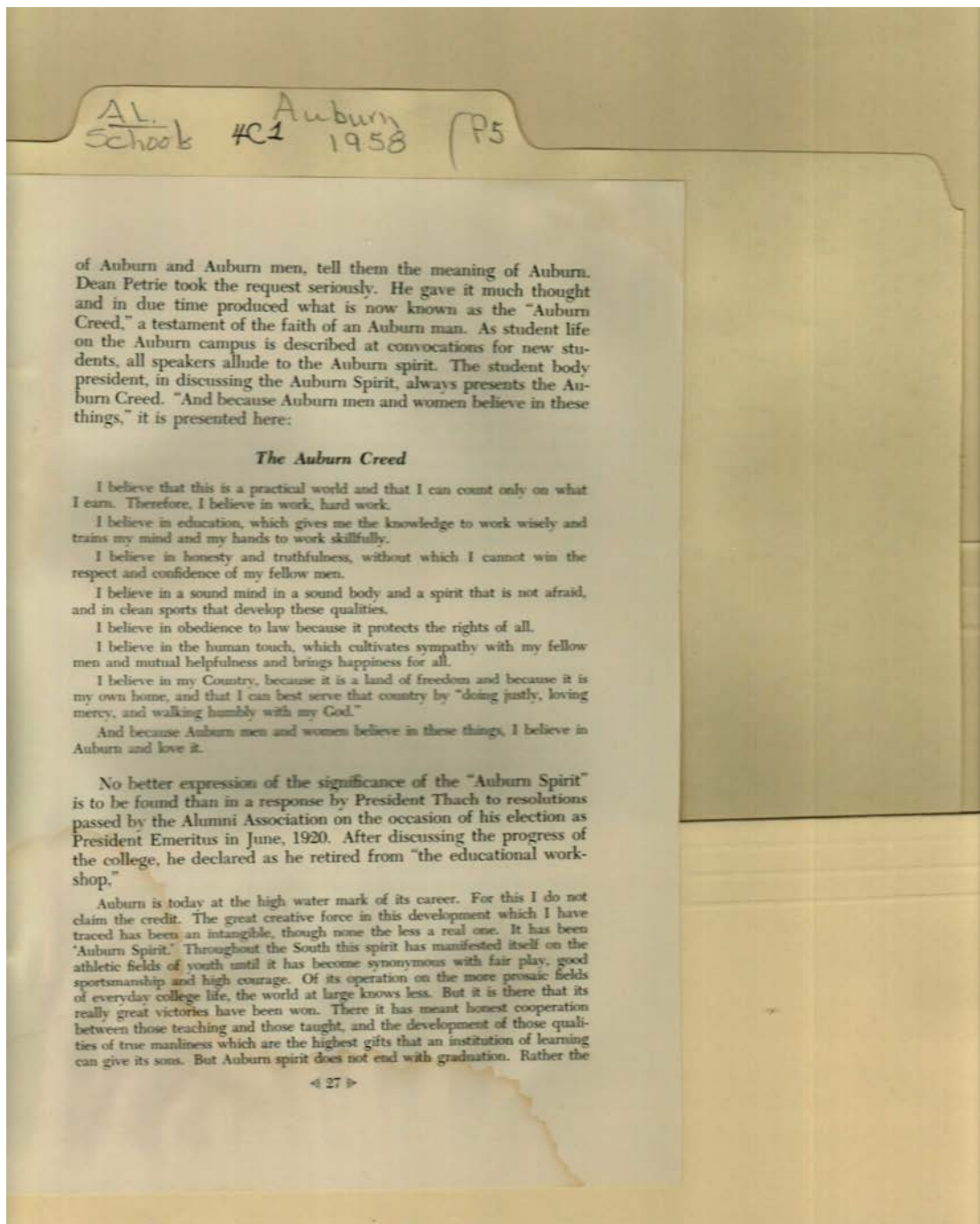
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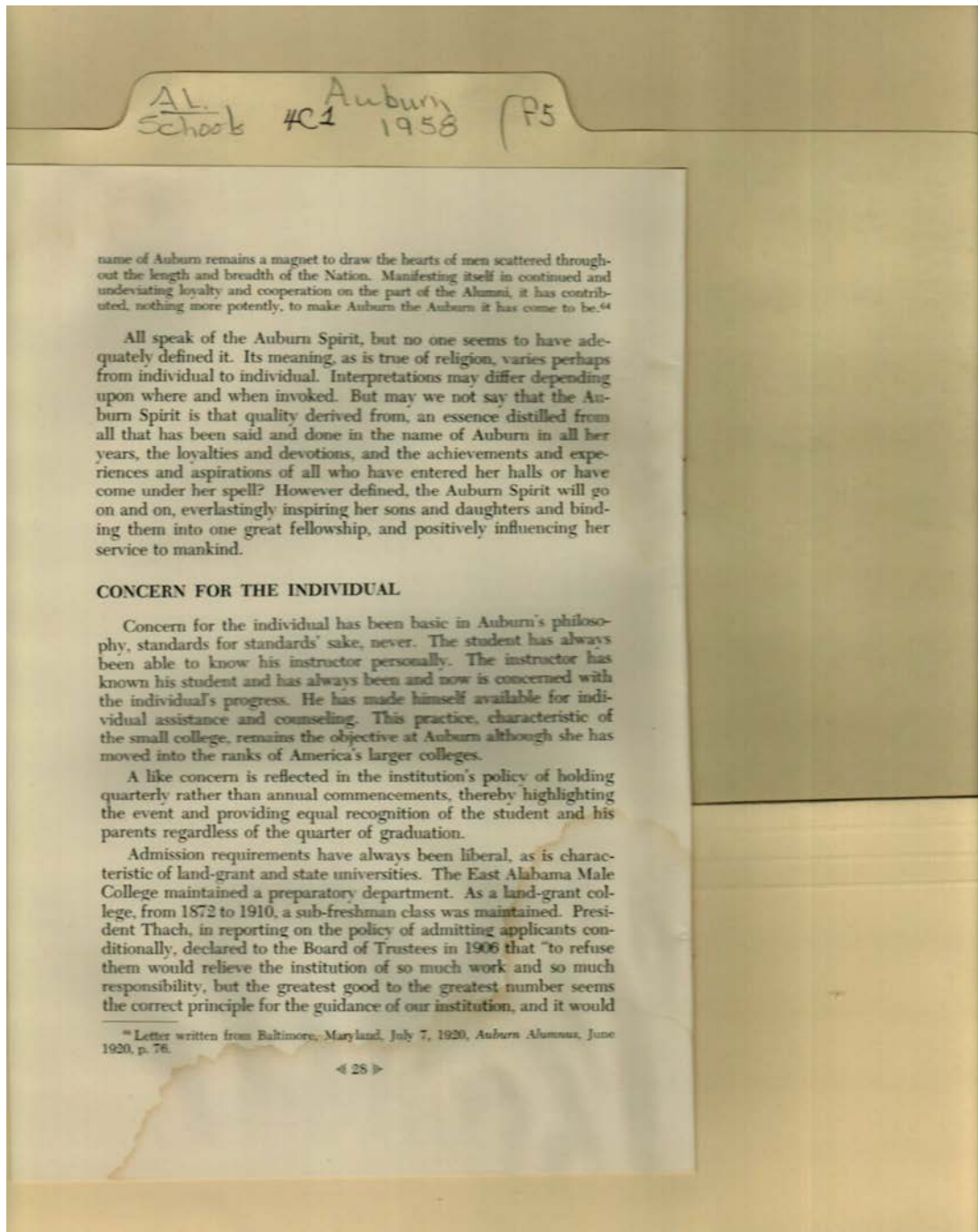
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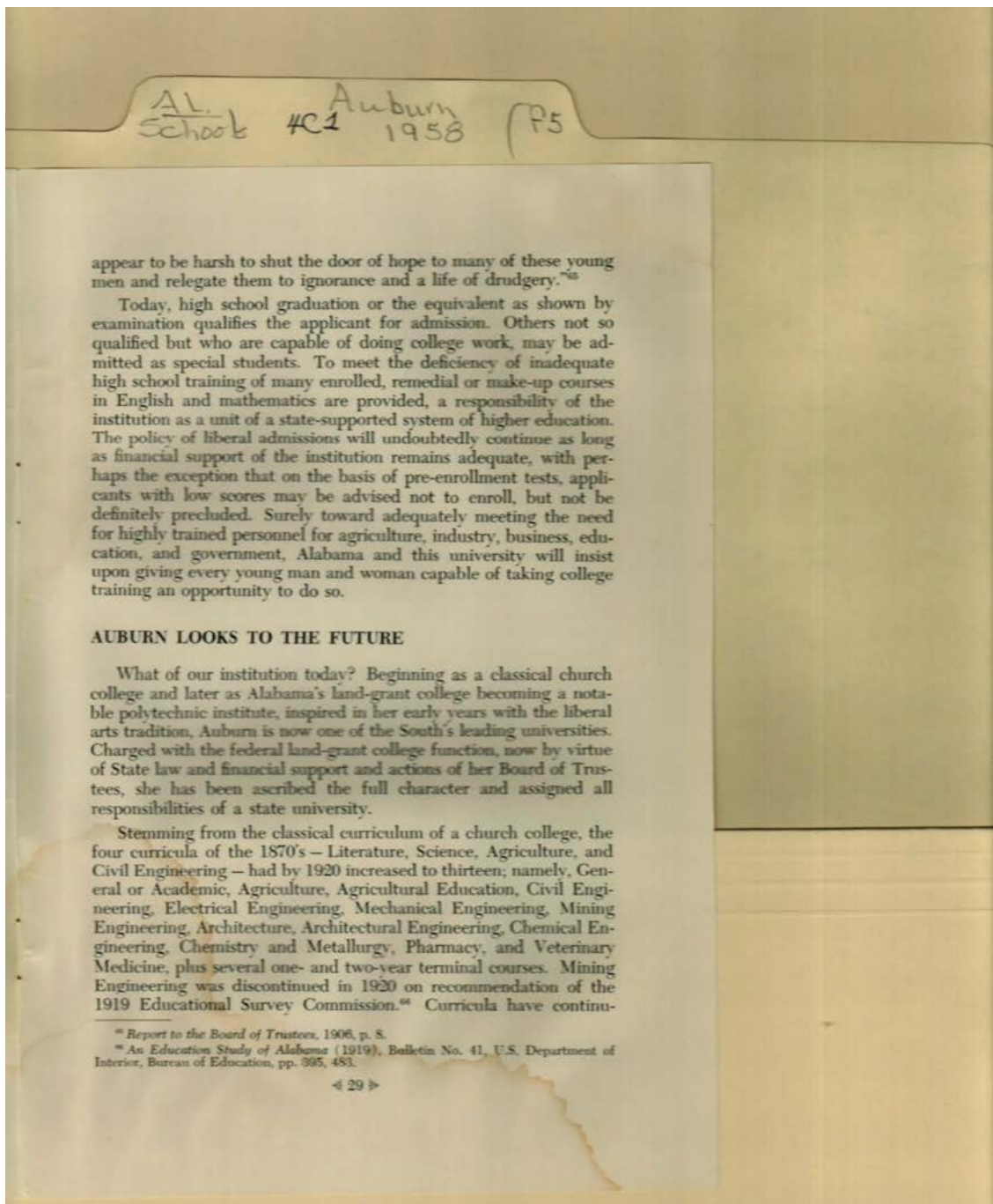
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appear to be harsh to shut the door of hope to many of these young men and relegate them to ignorance and a life of drudgery.⁶³

Today, high school graduation or the equivalent as shown by examination qualifies the applicant for admission. Others not so qualified but who are capable of doing college work, may be admitted as special students. To meet the deficiency of inadequate high school training of many enrolled, remedial or make-up courses in English and mathematics are provided, a responsibility of the institution as a unit of a state-supported system of higher education. The policy of liberal admissions will undoubtedly continue as long as financial support of the institution remains adequate, with perhaps the exception that on the basis of pre-enrollment tests, applicants with low scores may be advised not to enroll, but not be definitely precluded. Surely toward adequately meeting the need for highly trained personnel for agriculture, industry, business, education, and government, Alabama and this university will insist upon giving every young man and woman capable of taking college training an opportunity to do so.

AUBURN LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

What of our institution today? Beginning as a classical church college and later as Alabama's land-grant college becoming a notable polytechnic institute, inspired in her early years with the liberal arts tradition, Auburn is now one of the South's leading universities. Charged with the federal land-grant college function, now by virtue of State law and financial support and actions of her Board of Trustees, she has been ascribed the full character and assigned all responsibilities of a state university.

Stemming from the classical curriculum of a church college, the four curricula of the 1870's - Literature, Science, Agriculture, and Civil Engineering - had by 1920 increased to thirteen; namely, General or Academic, Agriculture, Agricultural Education, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mining Engineering, Architecture, Architectural Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry and Metallurgy, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine, plus several one- and two-year terminal courses. Mining Engineering was discontinued in 1920 on recommendation of the 1919 Educational Survey Commission.⁶⁴ Curricula have continu-

⁶³ Report to the Board of Trustees, 1906, p. 8.

⁶⁴ An Education Study of Alabama (1919), Bulletin No. 41, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Education, pp. 395, 483.

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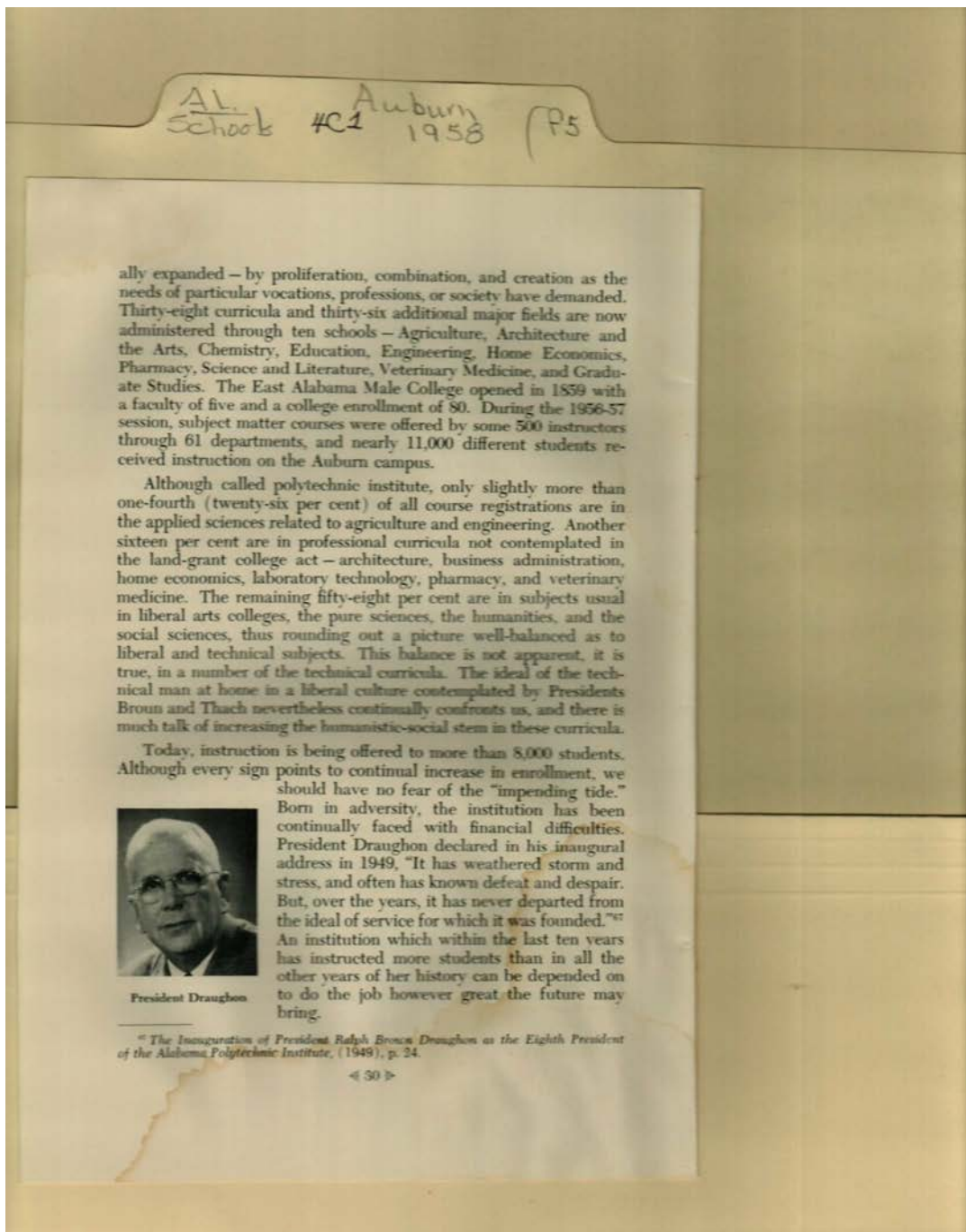
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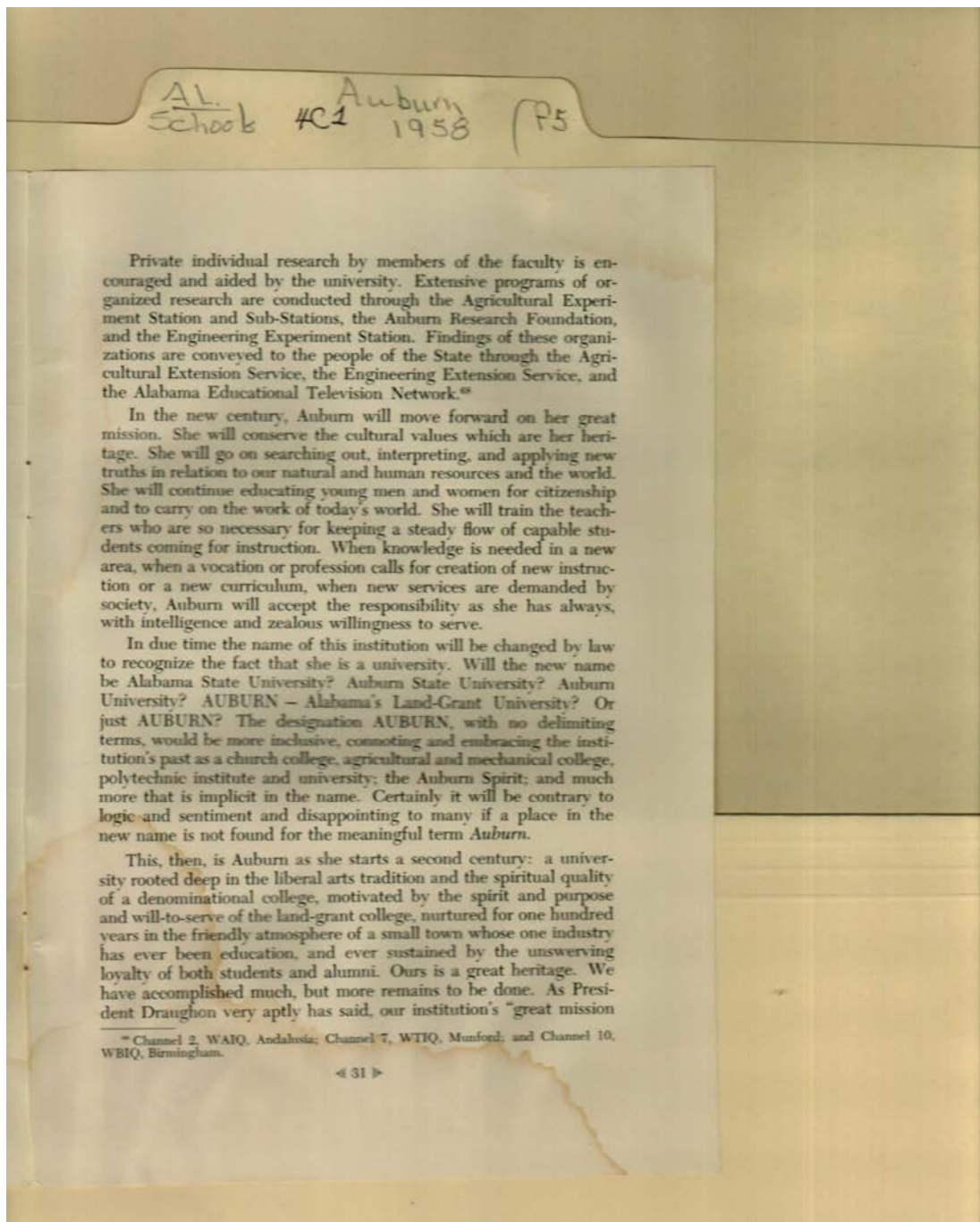
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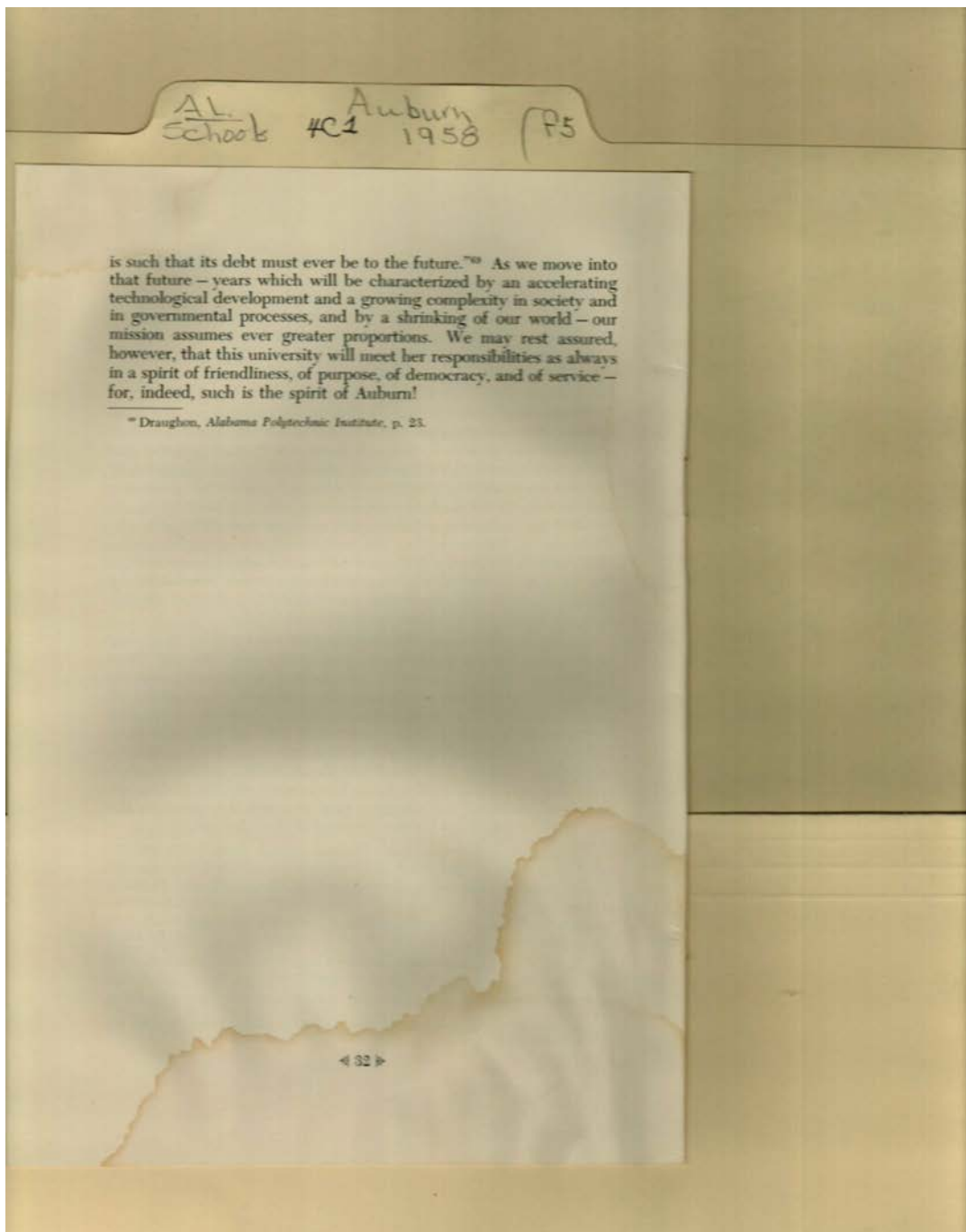
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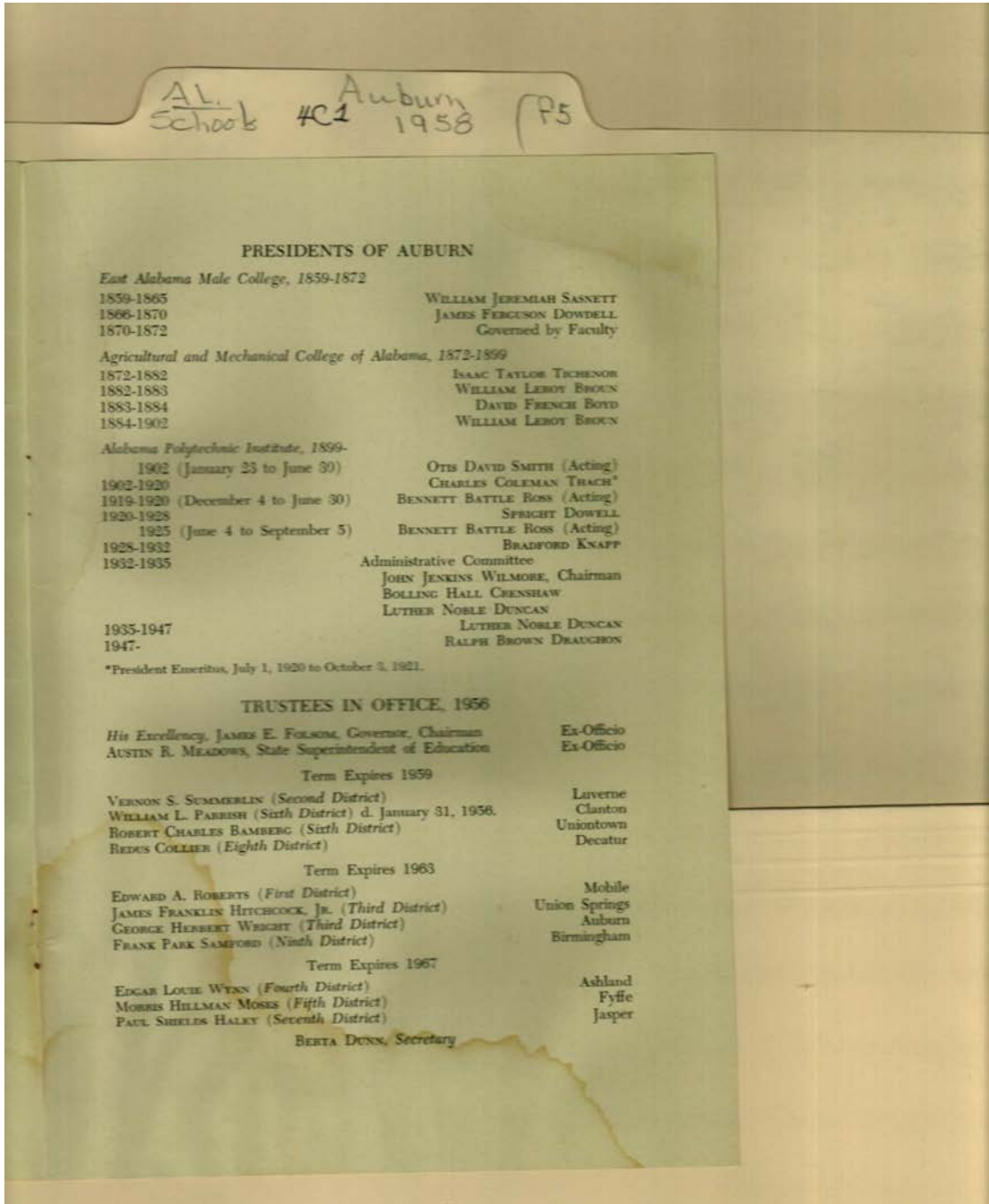
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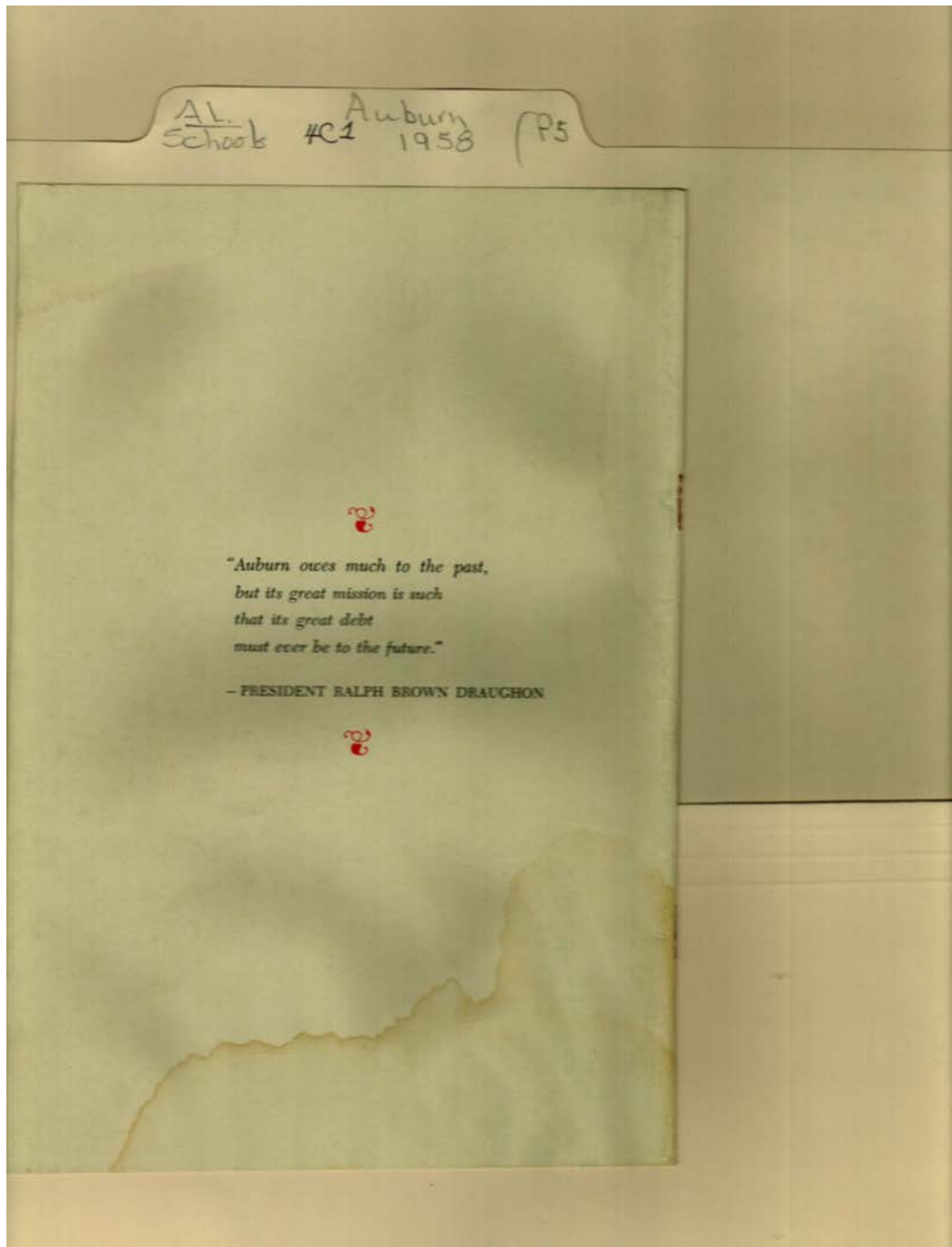
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