

# *IN MEMORIUM AND DEDICATION*

Last year, on April twenty-eighth, Carlisle Military School lost our President; Col. James Franklin Risher.

The late Col. Risher was born in Hampton County on November 26, 1889. Coming from French and English ancestry, he was born and raised by Julius Rhett Risher and Susie M. Youmans Risher. He attended public schools of South Carolina; was awarded the B.S. degree from The Citadel in 1911; and the honorary LL.D. degree from Atlanta School of Law in 1955.

In 1915, he was married to Ida Ella McTeer of Walterboro, who died in 1919. His second marriage was in 1926, to Emma Jane Varn of Ehrhardt. His children by this marriage are William Rhett, Mary, Lanning Parsons, and Eugene Varn.

In 1924, he became affiliated with Carlisle Military School, serving in the capacity of Headmaster until 1958 when he was appointed to the position of President of our Institution as well as that of Camden Military Academy. He has served as a member of the board of trustees of Columbia College; member of the Board of Visitors of the Citadel; and member of the board of Education of Colleton and Bamberg Counties. Fraternally he was Grand Master of Masons from 1948 to 1950; District Governor of Lions International; and belonged also to the Nights of Pythies. From 1913 to 1914 he served on active duty as a Second Lieutenant with Company K, Third South Carolina Infantry; and in 1918 was speaker in the Liberty Bond Campaigns.

The Rebel Staff presents its late but official and duly owed sorrow and sympathy to "the Col.'s" family, especially Col. William R. Risher, our Headmaster, and Mrs. Emma Risher who both play such a strong part in our lives at Carlisle.