

## Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 2 - 1833)

[Note: the "Asylum" or "Institution" for the Deaf and Dumb would later become the Kentucky School for the Deaf. Centre's Trustees administered the school until 1870]

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### May 25, 1833

Board met. Present Messrs. Burch, Barbour, Cunningham, Hopkins, Rice, Cowan.

Took up the report of Faculty recommending the dismissal from College of Messrs. John H. Wilson and Alex H. Brown; upon the request of Messrs. Brown and Wilson, they were heard at length before the Board (The President and Professor of Languages being also present and heard). Whereupon after due consideration, the Board resolved that the decision of the Faculty be confirmed.

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Ordered that the Secretary notify the Faculty of this decision and that the Treasurer refund the balance of tuition fees in proportion to the time.

Adjourned

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### Danville August 8, 1833

The Board of Trustees of Centre College convened at the house of Mrs. Cocke. Present Rev. James K. Burch, Chairman, James Barbour, Charles M. Cunningham, James S. Hopkins, Phineas G. Rice, John Green.

Mr. David G. Cowan, a member of this Board and Secretary hereof, having departed this life since the last meeting of the Board, John Green was appointed Secretary pro tem to the Board, and the Rev. John C. Young was appointed a Trustee of this Board in the place of Mr. Cowan; whereupon Mr. Young had the oath of office administered to him, and took his seat as a Trustee. The seat of the Honorable George Robertson being vacated by his failure to take the oath required by law, he was re-appointed, and being present he had the oath of office administered to him, and thereupon took his seat as a Trustee.

The Board took under consideration the appointment of a superintendent and matron of the Asylum of the Deaf and Dumb, rendered necessary by the death [of cholera] of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, the late superintendent and matron of the institution. Whereupon Doctor Luke Munsell and his wife were appointed superintendent and matron of the Institution.

The Board took into consideration the salary of Mr. William Kerr, teacher in the Asylum, and it was ordered that his salary be raised to and fixed at \$500 per annum from the first of September next. It was further ordered that Messrs. Burch and Green be a committee to settle with Mr. Kerr, and also with the administrator of Mr. John Kerr, with authority to draw on the Treasury for what may be due to either of them.

Resolved that the Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy be required to perform the duties of his department for only two months in each session; and that \$200 be allowed as his compensation, of which sum \$150 is allowed for salary, and \$50 for repairs of apparatus and contingent expenses.

Mr. Young was appointed a member of the committee

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of finance in place of David G. Cowan, deceased.

James Harlan is appointed Secretary of this Board in place of David G. Cowan, deceased.

The Board then adjourned.

*John Green, Secretary pro tem*

### **In September 1833**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees appears to be no record by the Secretary.

John Lyle, John Houston, John Stonestreet, Louis Mason, George Fishback, John Price, W. McElroy, Francis Taylor, William Preston received the degree of A.B.

### **Danville December 3, 1833**

The Board met. Present Green, Barbour, Rice, Hopkins. John Tod and James G. Birney, having been appointed by the Synod at its late meeting and duly qualified, took their seats.

Resolved that Messrs. Comming and Bullock be appointed teachers in the Preparatory at a salary of \$125 per annum, for each.

*John C. Young, Secretary*