

Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 2 - 1836)

[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. In 1826 the federal government granted the Trustees one township of land in Florida. It then became the Trustees responsibility to survey and sell the land to provide funds to help support the institution.]

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February 1, 1836

The Board met. Present Barbour, Green, Tod, Bell, McDowell, Rice, Hopkins.

Mr. William Dod was elected Professor of Mathematics pro tem at a salary of \$750 per annum, payable quarterly, salary to commence from the 1st of May next. \$50 was voted to Mr. Dod for his traveling expenses to this place.

The resignation of his agency by Mr. Barnes was presented and accepted, and the Treasurer and Secretary were appointed a committee to settle his accounts.

John C. Young, Secretary

May 5, 1836

The Board met. Present McDowell, Barbour, Rice, Barnes, Hopkins, Tod, Green.

The Treasurer was directed to draw from the executor of the estate of Mr. Wardlaw the \$1,000 held by him subject to the order of the Board.

Messrs. Bayless, William Bullitt, and William L. Breckinridge were ap-

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pointed a committee to examine and ascertain whether a permanent investment of the College funds could be advantageously made in Louisville lots, and to this committee the Secretary be directed to transmit a proportion laid before the Board by him in reference to the purchase of a lot or lots from Mr. Averill.

Resolved that the Treasurer and Secretary report to the Board the amount of available funds belonging to the College.

Resolved that the President of the College be directed to forward to Mr. Harlan a petition to Congress for a township of land.

Mr. Young presented a note received by him from Robert J. Breckinridge giving to the Board full title to a bond of \$1,000 held on Miles and Price, and secured by a lien on a Louisville lot.

Messrs. Green and Barbour were appointed a committee of repairs.

In consequence of the increased cost of boarding, resolved that there be allowed to John A. Jacobs, Superintendent of the Asylum, as a compensation for the boarding of the state pupils, \$100 per annum for the time they may be actually present, to commence from and after the 1st of January last, and like compensation for the other pupils after the close of the present session. The pay of the state pupils to be in such funds as the state pays to the Board.

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September 29, 1836

The Board met. Present Green, Barbour, Rice, Tod, Bell, Bayless.

The degree of A.B. was conferred on the recommendation of the Faculty upon each of the following young gentlemen who have closed their senior year, viz., Thomas Tod, John Clark Bayless, and Daniel Boon Railey.

An order was prepared that hereafter the salary of the Treasurer be \$100 per annum, one half to be paid out of the funds of the College, the other half out of those of the Asylum. The Treasurer was also required to give bond in the penalty of \$5,000 for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. Mr. Young (the Secretary) was authorized to give to Mr. Samuel Laird of Fayette County, Kentucky, on behalf of the Board, such an instrument of writing as would pledge the Board to appropriate his donation of \$1,000 to such purpose only as he should direct. Mr. Young presented a report showing the results of an agency in which he had been engaged for raising \$20,000 to increase the permanent funds of the College. It was directed to be entered on record.

Mr. Young presented an exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of the College for the coming year, and a recommendation that a professor of chemistry be appointed, that the salary as of Messrs. Graham, Dod, and Green should be raised. This exhibit was ordered to be recorded.

Mr. Ormond Beatty

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was appointed Professor of Chemistry with a salary for the first year of \$500. Mr. Graham's salary was raised to \$500, and Messrs. Dod's and Green's to \$900 each.

Messrs. Bell, Cunningham, and Green were appointed in conjunction with the Secretary to inspect the Treasurer's account, as well as to arrange and report on the funds of the Board.

John C. Young, Secretary

November 26, 1836

The Board met. Present Bell, Green, Alexander, Tod, Barbour, Rice.

A resolution was passed to pay to Mr. Jacobs the board of William Hoagland for 6 months, commencing from the 6th of October last.

Messrs. Barbour and Tod were appointed a committee of supervision for the Asylum, with power to receive and dismiss pupils, advise with the instructors, and authorize expenditures.

The Secretary was empowered to procure the assistance of Mr. John J. Jacobs in corresponding with Mr. Allin, the agent of the Asylum in Florida, and in procuring and laying before the Board full information as to the state of the funds and lands belonging to the Asylum in Florida.

John C. Young, Secretary