

## Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 2 - 1837)

[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 13, 1837

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

Letters were received from Messrs. Kerr and Jacobs, requesting on the part of Mr. Kerr an increase of salary, and on the part of Mr. Jacobs an increase of salary, and also of the price of board paid by the pupils in the Asylum. Messrs. McDowell, Tod, and Hopkins were appointed a committee to confer with the applicants.

*John C. Young, Secretary*

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### February 17, 1837

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

Mr. Burchard handed in his report of his agency for the Trustees, also a report of an agency he performed in soliciting funds for the College, accompanied with a list of the subscriptions and donations received by him for the College. The Board resolved to allow Mr. Burchard for his duties as agent for the College \$650, payable on the receipt of the money deposited by him in the hands of Mr. Dymond of New York, in two equal payments, the first payment to be made on the 1st of September 1837, and the second on the 1st of September 1838.

By Mr. Burchard's report there was subscribed or donated to Centre College, in the East through his agency [amount not shown]. Of this sum Mr. Burchard collected \$2,378. Mr. Burchard paid over to the Treasurer of Centre College \$1,200 in a note on Mr. Dymond of New York, \$200 in an order on David A. Sayre of Lexington, \$900 in a note of Youce and Russel of Danville, \$20 in a note on D. M. Barnett. The balance of \$58 had been expended in traveling, etc. The report was filed among the papers of the Board, with the subscription list.

The committee appointed at the last meeting reported in part that Mr. Kerr's salary ought to be raised to \$700 per annum, that Mr. Jacobs' to \$900, the increase to take effect from 1st January 1837.

*John C. Young, Secretary*

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### March 29, 1837

Present Bell, McDowell, Hopkins, Barbour, Green, Tod.

Rev. William L. Breckinridge having been appointed by Synod at its last meeting as a Trustee, took his seat in the Board on presenting a certificate of his having duly qualified before a magistrate.

William B. Rice received the degree of A.M.

Mr. Breckinridge was appointed a committee to settle the notes of Rev. Nathan H. Hall.

Mr. Green appointed to investigate the debt of Judge Bridges and the subscription of Joel Williams.

Secretary presented the case of Rev. Dewey Whitney, and received instructions to urge him to a settlement.

The committee appointed to confer with Kerr and Jacobs further reported in favor of increasing the price of board at the Asylum to [amount not shown] per week, which the Board agreed to do. The report was filed.

*John C. Young, Secretary*

**July 8, 1837**

At a meeting of the Board held this day, James Harlan's report of his visit to Florida on the business of the Asylum was laid before the Board. The report and the accompanying papers were referred to a committee consisting of Joshua Bell, John Green, and Joseph McDowell for examination and comparison with the accounts of the Treasurer.

*John C. Young, Secretary*

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**September 27, 1837**

The Board met. Present Barbour, Rice, Hopkins, Cunningham, Bell, McDowell.

The following young gentlemen, members of the senior class, received on the recommendation of the Faculty the degree of A.B., Ezekiel Forman, James Barbour, Samuel D. Burchard, Aaron A. Hogue, James Baldwin, William Alexander, Robert McKeown, Robert T. Johnstone, Lewis Thompson, William Robards, together with James Graham, teacher of the Grammar School

*John C. Young, Secretary*

**November 15, 1837**

Present Bell, Barbour, Rice, Hopkins, McDowell, Tod.

Messrs. Hopkins and McDowell were appointed a committee to repairs and of the buildings on the College lot.

Resolved that the secretary be allowed \$50 per annum for his duties, half to be paid by the funds of the Asylum and half by those of the College.

Bell, Hopkins, and Tod were appointed a committee to settle with Mr. Henderson the note of \$1,000, given by Henderson, McDowell, Green, and others, to the Board, and they are authorized, if they deem it expedient, to vest such portion of the note as may be necessary in

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the lands purchased by Henderson and others of Dr. Blackburn.

*John C. Young, Secretary*