

## Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 2 - 1838)

[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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### July 26, 1838

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

The Board resolved to raise Prof. Thomas C. Nichols' [professor of Latin and Greek] salary to \$900 per annum, the resolution to take effect from the beginning of the present session.

Messrs. Hopkins and Jacobs were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's account with the Asylum, and to report to the Board.

*John C. Young, Secretary*

### September 28, 1838

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

The degree of A. B. was on recommendation of the Faculty conferred on the following young gentlemen of the present Senior class, viz., Andrew Allison, Thomas H. Cleland, William J. Morton, David M. Irwin, James L. Irwin, Robert A. Johnstone, John L. Williamson, Thomas D. Lee, Samuel H. Stevenson, Ambrose Barbour, John C. Breckinridge, Eugene Underwood, Samuel R. Bullock, and John C. Richardson, and on Cary A. Wylie of a former Senior class.

The Board directed the Secretary to give L. D. Burchard an order on the Treasurer for \$600 as part of the salary allowed him by the Board.

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The Clerk of the Synod reported the following persons as elected Trustees, viz., Daniel B. Price for the term of two years, and George T. Wood, William L. Breckinridge, John Tod, and Charles Cunningham for the term of three years.

Also visitors to the Trustees examinations: Messrs. Humphrey, N. L. Rice, C. L. Todd, Mark Hardin, Davidson, J. Bullock, J. L. Berryman, J. Stonestreet, Grundy, Hendricks, R. Thornton, Brown, Robertson, D. Reynolds, Barnett, McAfee, Letty, J. Marshall, William Morrison.

### November 6, 1838

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

Daniel Price appeared and exhibited his certificate of qualification as a Trustee.

The committee appointed to settle with Henderson reported that they had purchased the property formerly owned by Dr. Blackburn at the price of \$1,200.

The Secretary was directed, unless N. H. Hall should pay to the Treasurer the money received by him from William L. Breckinridge for Centre College with the interest before the next meeting of his Presbytery, to lay a statement of the facts of the case before the Presbytery and request them to take some action upon it.

McDowell, Bell, and Barbour were appointed a financial committee, with directions to have the notes in the Treasurer's hands renewed by the 1st of January and made negotiable at the Bank in Danville, at such times as they may deem proper, with addition-

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al security in all cases where they may deem it desirable. The committee of finance are directed to report the state of the funds at the meeting of the Board in March.

The salary of each of the following officers was fixed during the vacancy of the Professorship of Belles Lettres and Rhetoric and Professor of Economics at the rates respectively of \$600 per annum to Mr. James Graham, Principal of the Grammar School; \$150 per annum to Mr. Johnstone, assistant; \$700 to Mr. Ormond Beatty, Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy; and \$1,550 to the President. [John C. Young]

Mr. John Montgomery was appointed agent with a salary of \$600 per annum to collect the subscriptions due to the College, and to raise funds for building wings to the College [Old Centre] and procuring the endowment of an additional professorship.

Messrs. Cunningham and Bell were appointed a committee, in conformity with a request of the Synod, to apply to the [Kentucky General Assembly] Legislature for such a change in the charter as would enable the Synod to appoint 19 Trustees, of whom seven might constitute a quorum.

The Board resolved that it was expedient to separate the treasurerships of the College and the Asylum, and thereupon which the present Treasurer was continued as Treasurer of the Asylum, David A. Russell was appointed Treasurer for the College. The former Treasurer was directed to hand over to his successor in office the funds, etc. of the College which

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were in his hand.

Mr. Kerr's [instructor, Kentucky School for the Deaf] salary was raised to \$800 per annum.

Mr. Young was commissioned to purchase for the College that portion of ground lying between the College property and street in the rear, now owned by R. Russell.

*John C. Young, Secretary*