

## **Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes - 1913**

### **Danville, Ky., May 1, 1913**

Executive Committee of Central University met at Farmers National Bank. Present: George W. Welsh, Charles C. Fox, Lindsay H. Blanton, Frederick W. Hinitt, and John A. Cheek.

On motion, a contract of sale of the Hospital College property on Chestnut Street in Louisville to the Salvation Army Incorporated of New York, N.Y., for the sum of \$10,000 represented by the unsecured note of said corporation payable with 6% interest from date was approved, and George W. Welsh, chairman of this committee, was authorized to sign the contract on behalf of Central University and John A. Cheek, Secretary, to attest same, and on motion Gelon H. Rout, president of the Board of Trustees, was authorized to sign the deed on behalf of the corporation and John A. Cheek, Secretary, to affix the corporate seal to same.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

### **Danville, Ky., May 27, 1913**

Executive Committee of Central University met at Farmers National Bank. Present: Welsh, Fox, Quisenberry, Hinitt and Cheek.

It appearing that \$10,000 of the first mortgage bonds executed by Central University while located (at) Richmond, Ky., and while bonds were to have been paid off by the members of the faculty of the Hospital College under a contract with Central University, and Dr. H. H. Grant having produced his ledger showing the payment of said bonds as required by contract, and having made affidavit to same which was filed with the Louisville Trust Co., trustee of said mortgage bonds, and it appearing that said bonds were delivered to the Fidelity Trust Co., but said Trust Company had no record of such delivery, and it being necessary to have said mortgage released before the sale to the Salvation Army could be closed, it was ordered that an indemnifying bond be given to the Louisville Trust Co. against the production of said \$10,000 first mortgage bonds for payment in future, and George W. Welsh, chairman of the Executive Committee, was authorized to sign said indemnifying bond on behalf of Central University.

On motion, Charles C. Fox was requested to go to Texas and investigate the suit against squatters on Texas land.

### **Danville, Ky., June 10, 1913**

The Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky met in Breckinridge Hall at 10 o'clock a.m. Present: Welsh, Irwin, Sweets, Alexander, Humphrey, Barbour, Hinitt, Stites, Glass, Quisenberry, Warren, Hemphill, Hunter, Read, Threlkeld, and Cheek.

Dr. Hemphill called to chair, and meeting was opened with prayer. Minutes of Trustees and Executive Committee read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to record in the minutes of this meeting the deed of gift of Mr. Louis H. Severance:

This indenture, made in duplicate, this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and twelve, between Louis H. Severance of the City of New York, in the County of New York, in the State of New York,

of the first part, and the Central University of Kentucky, of Danville, Kentucky, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kentucky, of the second part. Witnesseth:

That the party of the second part has been organized for the purpose of encouraging and promoting the founding, erecting, establishing, and maintaining of a university in the State of Kentucky for the education and instruction of youth in the liberal arts and sciences; and for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar of lawful money of the United States paid by the party of the second part at or before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for divers other good causes and considerations him thereunto moving, he, the party of the first part, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release and confirm unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, the sum of \$3,500 for the Library Endowment Fund of said Central University of Kentucky.

To have and to hold the said \$3,500 hereinbefore mentioned and intended to be hereby granted and released unto the said party of the second part and its successors forever. Provided, nevertheless, and this present grant and release is upon the express conditions,

That the said Central University of Kentucky, party of the second part,

Shall maintain a college of higher education;

Shall be actually approved as to the quality of its work by the Synod or Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in which said college is situated;

Shall at no time use the principal of the endowment funds of the College for any other purpose than that of investment, and shall not pledge or hypothecate same for any purpose whatever;

Shall cause the Bible to be systematically taught to every regularly enrolled student attending such institution as a part of the regular curriculum required for graduation; one hundred and forty four (144) hours being the minimum time for required Bible study in the College course, or thirty-six (36) hours at least in each year thereof, the faculty of the party of the second part to be at liberty, however, to arrange the said thirty-six hours according to their best judgment;

Shall at all times after the execution of this deed of gift engage and retain upon its teaching staff, only professors for whose positive Christian influence the President of the party of the second part can vouch;

Shall report its work annually to the College Board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the Board's official forms supplied to the college for that purpose;

and that upon failure to comply with any or all of the foregoing conditions, this present grant and release shall cease, determine and be utterly void and of none effect to all intents and purposes as if the same had never been made, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and the said \$3,500 shall forthwith revert and become payable to and be paid by the party of the second part to The College Board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, known as the College Board, whereupon the said \$3500 shall become and be a part of a fund to be known as the "Louis H. Severance Permanent Endowment Fund" of the said The College Board, the interest only of which is to be used by the said The College Board, and to be by it expended in granting only endowment aid to colleges and educational institutions which to it shall seem worthy to receive such aid.

In witness whereof, the party hereto of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal this 26th day of April 1912, and the party of the second party hath caused these presents to be executed by its President, and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto by its Secretary this 11th day of June, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and twelve.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

In the presence of

H.C. Seaxbury  
Attest: John A. Cheek  
Secretary

Louis H. Severance  
Central University of Kentucky  
by Gelon H. Rout, President

President Frederick W. Hinitt made his annual report, pending its completion the Board took recess until 2:30 o'clock p.m. The Board resumed business at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

The members of the two committees to nominate Trustees for existing vacancies, being committees appointed under Chapter XV of the Bylaws, reported as follows: O. M. Billitigs in the place of William C. Condit in the class expiring 1914; Hon. Robert P. Ernst in place of John A. Simpson in class expiring 1915; Rev. John Barbour and Mr. George W. Welsh to succeed themselves; W. Francis Irwin, Mr. William L. Threlkeld, and Rev. Edward L. Warren of the class which expired 1912 to succeed themselves in the class expiring 1916; and Edward W. C. Humphrey, Robert T. Quisenberry and John A. Cheek of the class expiring 1913 to succeed themselves in the class expiring 1917. In the class which expires in 1913 Rev. Harvey Glass to succeed himself, Mr. H. B. Fleece to succeed Rev. Lindsay H. Blanton, Rev. Rutherford E. Douglass to succeed Rev. Gelon H. Rout, D.D. In class which expired in 1912 Rev. Charles R. Hemphill and John Stites to succeed themselves, and Rev. J. S. Lyons, D.D. to succeed Rev. Charles T. Thomson, D.D. In the class expiring 1915 A. J. A. Alexander, Henry C. Read, and Rev. John G. Hunter to succeed themselves. In the class expiring 1914 Rev. David M. Sweets and Charles C. Fox to succeed themselves, and Mr. Henry Barrett to succeed Mr. James R. Barrett, his father. On motion, the clerk was instructed to cast the ballot which was done and reported by him and each of the foregoing were declared elected Trustees of Central University of Ky. for terms indicated.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for each of the following officers who were declared elected, viz. Dr. A. J. A. Alexander, president of the Board and John A. Cheek, Secretary and Treasurer for the term of two years.

On motion, the president appointed the following nominating committee, viz. John Stites and John A. Cheek to nominate committees of the Board for two years as provided in the Bylaws. After retiring the committee made the following recommendation which was adopted:

Executive Committee

George W. Welsh, David M. Sweets, Charles R. Hemphill, William L. Threlkeld, A. J. A. Alexander, Charles C. Fox, Robert T. Quisenberry, and John A. Cheek.

Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Charles R. Hemphill, Dr. John Barbour, Dr. E. L. Warren, and Henry C. Read.

Finance Committee

Edward W. C. Humphrey, Charles C. Fox, Robert T. Quisenberry, George W. Welsh, John Stites, and John A. Cheek.

Morals & Discipline

W. Francis Irwin, O. M. Billings, and R. E. Douglass

Buildings and Grounds

Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles C. Fox, George W. Welsh, and H. B. Fleece.

Board resumed consideration of President's report and adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the action of Executive Committee in the suspension of the Law Department be approved.
2. That the arrangements for the Academy for the coming year be referred to the Executive Committee.
3. That the following Budget for year 1913-14 be approved

Income for 1913-14 estimated

Interest and dividends	\$20,000
Workman Fund	330
Interest on subscription notes	150
Tuition and fees in Centre College	4,500
Breck Hall rents	1,000
Diploma fees	150
Rents from real estate	3,700
Subscriptions to be secured by President Hinitt	<u>2,500</u>
Estimated Receipts	\$33,030

Expenditures proposed for 1913-14

Salaries President, professors, secretary, and treasurer	\$20,200
Janitors	1,100
Fellows and assistants	600
Director, athletics	1,000
Librarian	<u>450</u>
	\$23,350
Department of Physics	\$200
Department of Chemistry	250
Department of Biology	150
Department of Psychology	100
Library	<u>100</u>
	800
Cento and Y.M.C.A. handbook	75
Catalogue and printing	500
Postage freight and express	125
Advertising	225
Telephone and telegraph	75
General Repairs	1,500
Light, water, fuel, and taxes	1,500
Traveling expenses, President	500
Traveling expenses, Field Work	400
Salaries, Field Work	425
President's office	75
Fire Insurance	500
Commencement, Board of Trustees, and sundry	<u>350</u>
Estimated Expenditures	\$30,400

Mr. Robert T. Quisenberry voted no on adoption of budget.

4. That Dr. Claussen and Dr. Flippin be continued in their respective departments for this year, and that Dr. Flippin's salary be fixed at \$1,600 for the year.

5. That employment of assistance for field work and canvass for the summer be left to the discretion of the President.

6. That the proposal of Mr. Samuel Lyons to give \$3,000 to the Gym Building fund, in lieu of the obligation of H. and L. Lyons for \$5,000 to be used in changing the old Library Building into a Biological department on certain conditions be accepted, and the Treasurer was authorized to surrender the H. and L. Lyons contract on the execution of the new obligation by Sam Lyons.

Answering the Alumni Association's request that they be allowed representation on the Board of Trustees, the following action was taken:

The Board of Trustees has given consideration to the suggestion of alumni election on nomination of Trustees, and feels that the question is one involving legal and other questions that should be carefully considered and therefore refers to whole matter to a special committee consisting of Dr. Hemphill, Sweets, and Humphrey, to report to next meeting of the Board.

On recommendation of Faculty the following degrees were conferred:

Bachelor of Arts

Lucius Lehman Clark	Columbia, Tennessee
S. Frank Cox	Trenton, Ky.
Cromwell A. Dyer	Corsicana, Texas
Arthur Rogers Ginn	Ashland, Ky.
William B. Guerrant	Danville, Ky.
George D. Hopper	Stanford, Ky.
Harry N. Raworth	Vicksburg, Mississippi
George Welsh Rue	Danville, Ky.
Robert Stewart Tate	Danville, Ky.

Bachelor of Science

Philip Pidgeon	Memphis, Tennessee
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Master of Arts

Gifford D. Collins	Sheffield, Alabama
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Course Honors

C. Lee Clark	Louisville, Ky.
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Doctor of Divinity

Rev. Horace C. Wilson	Lansing, Michigan
Rev. J. L. Clark, President, Ky. Wesleyan College	

Doctor of Laws

President W. J. Martin	Davidson College
President John C. Acheson	Kentucky. College for Women

Plan of conferring degrees was referred to the Executive committee.

Board took recess until 8 p.m. Board met at 8 p.m.

On motion, Thomas T. Prichard was allowed to complete his work, and if completed his diploma will be granted next year.

On motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to meet with the committee of the Synod of Ky., U.S. when they visit Danville.

Board adjourned.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*