# **Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 6 - 1921)**

#### Danville, Kentucky, March 17, 1921

The Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met in the library building in Danville, Kentucky, and was opened with prayer by Reverend David M. Sweets, D.D. Present: A.J.A. Alexander, George W. Welsh, William L. Threlkeld, Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, John A. Cheek, William A. Ganfield, and the following Trustees were requested to be present and act with the committee; namely, John W. Yerkes and J. Rice Cowan.

The Alumni Association presented, through their Secretary, the names recommended by them for a Trustee to be selected by said association from six names to be approved by this committee. Acting on authority vested in the Executive Committee, six names were selected by the committee from the list submitted, and this list of names returned to the Alumni Association, to be by them submitted to members of the Alumni Association, and by their vote one name returned to the Board of Trustees for approval by the Board of Trustees at its meeting in June, 1921.

The Executive Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that honorary degrees be conferred at its June meeting as follows:

Doctor of Laws: Dr. Louis S. McMurtry, Louisville, Ky.

Doctor of Divinity: Leonard A. Barrett, Ann Arbor, Michigan, R.T. Gillespie, Lexington, Ky.

On motion, the question of leasing Old Centre to one or more of the Greek fraternities of the College was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

On motion, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander and Mr. John W. Yerkes were appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Faculty in regard to salary and any other questions desired to be presented by the Faculty to the Board of Trustees, with power to this committee to act. On motion, Mr. John W. Yerkes was appointed to confer with Professor John W. Redd about retiring on the Carnegie Fund.

On motion, this committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that the retiring age for professors in Centre College, on the Carnegie Fund, be fixed by the Board to conform to the rules of the Carnegie Foundation.

President Ganfield submitted to the committee the written position of the General Education Board in New York offering \$200,000 for endowment on certain conditions, which was approved by this committee, and the same recommended to the Board of Trustees for their approval at its meeting in June 1921.

On motion, the committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

## Danville, Ky., June 6, 1921

The Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met at the library building, and was opened with prayer by Dr. Hemphill. Present: Alexander, Welsh, Fox, Threlkeld, Hemphill, Cheek, Ganfield, and Cowan. A conference was held with members of all the College fraternities. After this general conference, a special meeting was held with members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. A committee, consisting of Dr. Cowan and Mr. Threlkeld, was appointed, who in connection with a committee of the Faculty, were directed to meet with the members of this fraternity, and to discuss with them the action of certain members of the fraternity at a recent College dance.

Minutes of the Executive Committee were read and approved as recorded.

On motion, the Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., June 7, 1921

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky was held in Danville, Kentucky, on June 7, 1921, in the library building of Centre College. The meeting was called to order by the president of the Board, and opened with prayer by Reverend E.L. Warren, D.D. Present: Hugh B. Fleece, Philip F. Barbour, R. Tate Irvine, John A. Cheek, E.L. Warren, Charles C. Fox, Lewis C. Humphrey, David M. Sweets, Hugh Leith, G.O. Letcher, John P. Hemphill, John Stites, J.R. Cowan, J.S. Lyons, William L. Threlkeld, and J.T. Tunis. The minutes of the annual meeting of June 1920 were read and approved as recorded. The minutes of the Executive Committee, held during the past year, were read as recorded for the information of the Board.

On motion of Hugh B. Fleece, chairman of the Board, was directed to appoint a committee to prepare a corporate history of the College. President William A. Ganfield made his report as President of the College, which was as follows:

#### **Degrees**

The recommendation of the Faculty of Centre College that the degree of Bachelor of Arts be conferred upon the following members of the senior class was approved. Names follow: Henry Lewis Cash, James Reid Sterrett, Jr., Joel Thomas Embry, Jr., Walter Brashear, Jr., John Emmet Hackley, John young Brown, Marshall Walton Brown, Niles Orr Esrey, George Forrest Hambleton, William Loren Case, John Woodford Gay, Edwin Kerr Thomas, William Julian Walden, Lee Goebel Jones.

The Faculty recommended that the degree of Bachelor of Science be conferred upon the following: Raymond Tye Faulkner, Edward Russell Dillehay, Harvet Dewey McBrayer, William Nelson James, James William Daniel, Ben Spalding Hill.

The following honorary degrees were conferred by the Board in accordance with its rules, namely:

Doctor of Divinity: Leonard Andrew Barrett, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Richard Thomas Gillespie, Lexington, Kentucky.

Doctor of Laws: William Burgess Mathews, Los Angeles, California; Louis S. McMurtry, M.D., Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of the President, and his recommendations concerning the Faculty.

- 1. That Professor James R. Ewing, Ph.D., and Instructor John Branson have resigned, and that instructors C.R. McDowell and Lewis B. Hart, Ph.D. were employed for 1920-21 only. It is recommended that the resignations of Professors Ewing and Branson be accepted. It is further recommended that the temporary employment of Lewis B. Hart as Instructor in French and English during the year 1920-21 be approved.
- 2. That Miss Sara Mahan was employed by the President to act as librarian for six months, January 15 to July 15, at \$100 per month. It is recommended that this action be approved.
- 3. That the following professors be elected for the year 1921-22 at the salary of \$2,500 each per annum, (payable monthly): C.G. Crooks, F.L. Rainey, Henry Meier, A.E. Porter, Walter Irvin, C.E. Allen, J.H. Biles, J.H. Hewlett, B.A. Wise, R.E. Clark, and W. H. Coolidge at a salary of \$3,000 per annum (payable monthly) out of the special endowment of the Chair of Chemistry. It is further recommended that the President, by and with the approval of the Executive Committee, be authorized to employ a librarian and to fill any vacancies in the Faculty.

4. President reported the resignation for retirement of Professor Samuel Robertson Cheek and recommendation that his resignation be accepted, and that Professor Cheek be certified to the Carnegie Foundation for retiring allowance, and that a committee of the Trustees be appointed to give proper expression of appreciation for the valuable service of Professor Cheek of Centre College. It was moved that a committee of two be appointed by the chairman to confer with Professor Redd in regard to his retirement and recommendation by the Board to the Carnegie Foundation for the proper retiring allowance. The Committee was on motion authorized to express the Board's affectionate and grateful recognition of the long and useful service of Professor Redd to the College, and to tender to him a \$1,000 per year for two years for such services as the President and Executive Committee may assign to him, consistent with the regulations of the Carnegie Foundation. The chairman appointed Doctor Hemphill and Doctor Leith as a committee. The Committee reported that they had a pleasant conference with Professor Redd, who said to them he would later in the meeting communicate with the Board. Later Professor Redd accepted the offer of the Board, and the Board accepted his resignation, and recommended him to the Carnegie Foundation for the proper retiring allowance.

On motion, the following resolutions affecting the retirement of professors, members of the Faculty prior to November 15, was taken: Resolved that the policy of the Board affecting members of the Faculty, who were on said Faculty prior to November 15, shall be to retire them according to and under the regulation as provided by the Carnegie Foundation.

#### **Students**

Following Dr. Ganfield's report on the prospect for students for the coming year, Mr. Lewis B. Humphrey offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved that this Board authorize Dr. Ganfield to employ two additional professors, and to accept such students as may apply for admission in September, and for the purpose of insuring the funds necessary for this work, that it be also resolved that the chairman of the Board be authorized to appoint a special or emergency committee of five to form plans for raising this sum, and that all members of this Board agree to cooperate with the special committee in this work.

Recess was taken for five minutes after which the Board heard Reverend R.T. Gillespie, D.D., chairman of the Joint Commission on Education of the two synods of Kentucky, who reported to the Board a proposition of the Joint Commissions for a joint campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to be divided between the educational institutions of the two synods. He asked the Board to make certain changes in the charter of Centre College which would strengthen the bond between the churches represented by the two synods and the College. The overture of the Joint Commissions requested a change in the charter of Centre College, which was in substance as follows:

- 1. That one-third of the trustees of said College to be elected from time to time shall be ratified by the Kentucky Synod of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and one-third of said trustees shall be ratified by the Kentucky Synod of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.
- 2. That the President of Centre College shall always be a member of some Presbyterian Church or of some one of the other Reformed churches holding the Presbyterian system of doctrine.
- 3. The members of the Faculty of Centre College shall be members of some evangelical church, a majority of same being Presbyterian.
- 4. Said College shall always require a course in the Bible.

Recess for lunch was taken, and after lunch the Board resumed its meeting.

The Secretary called to the fact that this was the year for the election of the president of the Board, the Secretary and the Treasurer, and the appointment of the standing committees. On motion, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander was

unanimously elected president of the Board of Trustees, and on motion Mr. John A. Cheek was re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

John A. Cheek, Treasurer of Centre College, made his annual report to the Board of Trustees showing a balance sheet as of May 16, 1921, the 15th being Sunday, and also a statement of the receipts and disbursements of income from June 1, 1920, to May 15, 1921, the change in dates being in accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees in fixing the end of the fiscal year as of May 15 each year. He also presented a list of the securities belonging to the College, which are deposited in the vault of the Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company of Louisville, Kentucky, together with the certificate inscribed thereon that these securities had been found deposited as stated in said list, which statement is signed by Edward L. Warren, a member of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. E.V. Kampfmeuller, who in the absence of the chairman of the Finance Committee was asked to act with Dr. Warren. Also a statement of George W. Welsh and William L. Threlkeld in regard to the loans secured by mortgage, which loans were deposited in the safety vault of the Citizens National Bank of Danville, Kentucky. On motion, the report of the Treasurer was approved.

The chairman of the Finance Committee made the following report, to-wit; which was on motion approved.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Centre College met this 7th day of June 1921, William L. Threlkeld, chairman, and Messrs. George W. Welsh, Charles C. Fox, and John A. Cheek being present. The books and accounts of the Treasurer, John A. Cheek, were submitted by him to the Committee. The Committee examined the balance sheet of the Treasurer's ledger as of May 15, 1921, and found the same to agree with the ledger.

The Committee begs further to report that both the bonds and stocks of the General Endowment Fund; the securities of the endowment of the Chemistry Department (gift of the Carnegie Foundation); the Library Fund; of the John C. and William C. Young Foundation; of the prize funds, to wit Henry Barrett Boyle Prize, Ormond Beatty Prize, and William Ernst; all of which securities are kept in the safety deposit box in the safety deposit vault of the Fidelity Trust Company of Louisville, were inspected by Mr. Edward L. Warren of the Board of Trustees of Centre College and by Mr. E.V. Kampfmeuller of the Fidelity Trust Company, and the Treasurer, Mr. John A. Cheek, and were found to be in said box in proper condition with all unmatured coupons attached to the bonds. The inspection of these securities was made by Mr. Warren and Mr. Kampfmeuller for the reason that President William A. Ganfield and Chairman William L. Threlkeld were absent, Mr. Threlkeld having been a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., at Winona Lake at the time of the annual inspection of the securities, and Dr. Ganfield being otherwise engaged. The certificate of the inspectors is attached with the certificate herewith filled.

The note of Henry J. Peet for \$11,500 secured by mortgage on Chicago property; note of J.A. Rice \$3,010 secured by a mortgage on Garrard County farm; note of J.W. Creech for \$9,000, the two notes of J.W. Creech for \$4,500 which aggregate \$9,000, secured by vendors lien on property in Richmond, Kentucky; note of M.L. Anderson for \$2,545.75 secured by vendors lien on land in Texas, were exhibited by the Treasurer to Mr. George W. Welsh and Mr. William L. Threlkeld and were found to be in proper shape. These notes are in Danville, Kentucky, in the custody of the Treasurer, being so kept as a matter of convenience and for the crediting of interest payment.

The Committee begs further to report that the sum of \$75,000, received since the annual meeting of the Board in June 1920, has been safely and profitably invested. The Committee would report that during the fiscal year ending May 15, 1921, there has been collected on account of the Centennial endowment campaign \$11,847 in cash, \$9,950 in liberty bonds, \$75 in other bonds, Haley legacy \$10,000, Carnegie gift \$75,000, aggregating in all on account of said Centennial fund a total of \$106,872. We recommend that the investment of funds received by gifts and other collections of the Centennial endowment fund, and from maturing investments, be approved. A list of the investments and gifts, and all payments upon the account of the Centennial campaign for endowment, will be submitted by the Treasurer at this meeting. Vouchers for all disbursements were submitted to the Committee and examined by them, and are reported to be in proper shape and in full amount.

The action of the Board at its meeting one year age fixing the close of the fiscal year of Centre College on the 15 day of May of each year has proved to be a great convenience to the Treasurer and his assistant in enabling them to prepare complete statements in ample time for the Finance Committee to examine and report upon the financial interests of the College in all its phases of investments, collections, and disbursements for current and ordinary expenses for the year.

Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee, by W.L. Threlkeld, Chairman

#### **Election of Trustees**

Mr. Nelson D. Rodes, secretary of the Centre College Alumni Association, under date of June 6, 1921, notified the Board as follows.

The Alumni of Centre College in their 1921 election have recommended to the Board of Trustees of the College that Philip F. Barbour, Class of 1884, be elected to membership on the Board of Trustees in 1921.

Committee number one on nominating Trustees to fill vacancies as members of the Board expiring with the close of this meeting recommended as follows: Hugh B. Fleece and R. Tate Irvine and Philip F. Barbour as representing the alumni to succeed themselves for a term of four years, and committee number two recommended Charles D. Gates, John W. Yerkes, and John A. Cheek, whose terms expire with this meeting, to be re-elected for a term of four years. On motion, the Secretary of the Board was directed to cast the ballot for the re-election of all the above named Trustees for the term of four years as recommended by the committees numbers one and two. The Secretary reported the ballot cast and the members re-elected as Trustees for the term of four years expiring 1925.

On motion, a committee consisting of Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, George W. Welsh, John A. Cheek, and William A. Ganfield were appointed a committee to confer with Misses Eugenia and Sarah L. Young in reference to certain matters pertaining to the contract between them and Mrs. Zillah Y. Jacobs creating an endowment of \$50,000 for the purpose of using the income of said endowment after the death of these two sisters in paying in part the salary of the President of Centre College.

President Dr. William A. Ganfield presented to the Board the written pledge of the General Education Board of New York to give to the College \$200,000 on certain conditions, which same was on motion approved by this Board.

The Board now proceeded to the informal discussion of the overtures of the Joint Commission of the two synods of Kentucky asking a change in the charter of Centre College, so that the same would conform to the definition of a joint Presbyterian college as formulated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

On recommendation of the President the following prizes were awarded:

Ormond Beatty Alumni Prize: Harvey Dewey McBrayer, Lawrenceburg

Henry Barret Boyle Latin Prize: William Strouther Hynes, Columbia; Edgar Newlin, Newport

Oratorical Prize: John Young Brown, Sturgis

William Ernst Prize: John Young Brown, Sturgis; William Strouther Hynes, Columbia; Paul Watson, Henderson

Robert Powell Jacobs Prize: Lee Goebel Jones, Campbellsville

Valedictory: Harvey Dewey McBrayer, Lawrenceburg.

The resignation of Professor John W. Redd was presented and accepted, and he was recommended to the Carnegie Foundation for retiring allowance as of date June 15, 1921. On motion, the sum of \$200 was appropriated to be paid by the Treasurer to Professor Redd for special services during the past year as Dean of the College.

The President was directed to express publicly at the Commencement exercises tomorrow the appreciation of the Board of Trustees of the long services of Professor Redd and Professor Cheek. The following resolution offered by Dr. Hemphill was unanimously adopted.

In accepting the resignations of Professors Samuel R. Cheek and John W. Redd, each of whom now complete forty years as a professor in the College, the Board congratulates them upon their unusually long and faithful service, and assures them of its warmest appreciation of their devotion to the College, their fidelity to duty, their personal sacrifices for the Institution, and their wholesome Christian influence over the large number of students they have instructed. As a further mark of appreciation, Professor Cheek is elected Professor Emeritus of Latin, and Professor Redd, Professor Emeritus of Greek.

On motion, the Chairman of this Board was authorized to appoint a committee to consider the whole matter of the overture of the Joint Commission of the two synods on education, and to advise with the Executive Committee of the Theological Seminary and other Institutions affected, and to work out all the details and report the same to an adjourned meeting of this Board.

It was ordered that the adjourned meeting of this Board be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in the Theological Seminary building on July 5, 1921, at nine o'clock a.m.

A motion was made and carried that Messrs. A.J.A. Alexander, M.D., Hon. Richard P. Ernst, Hon. Charles C. Fox, Rev. Charles R. Hemphill, D.D., Rev. David M. Sweets, D.D., George W. Welsh, Esq., John A. Cheek, Esq., and William L. Threlkeld be elected by the Board of Trustees as members of the Executive Committee with full powers of the Board of Trustees in the interval between meetings of the Board.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the President of the Corporation be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to accept from the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America the sum of \$10,000 for and in behalf of the Corporation;

Further resolved that the President and Secretary be, and they were hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute and deliver for and in behalf of the Corporation, a deed of gift, from the said General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, to secure the repayment of the said the sum of \$10,000, and to affix the corporate seal of the Corporation thereto.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky that we approve of the plans proposed and policies offered by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association that commends benefits to members of Centre College faculty, and agree to pay one half annual premium for any members of the faculty who select to carry such policy, and that in each case the application of the professor be approved by the Executive Committee of this Board of Trustees.

On motion, the Board then adjourned to meet in Louisville Kentucky, on July 5, 1921.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

# Danville, Kentucky, June 14, 1921

The Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met in the library building, and was opened with prayer by Dr. Ganfield. Present: Welsh, Hemphill, Fox, Cheek, Ganfield and J.R. Cowan holding the proxy of Richard P. Ernst. On motion, George W. Welsh was reelected chairman of the Executive Committee. As the by-laws provide that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee, the election of a Secretary

was unnecessary, and John A. Cheek, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, being present acted as Secretary of this Committee.

On motion, George W. Welsh as chairman of the Executive Committee, William A. Ganfield as President of the College, and John A. Cheek as Secretary, are each, or any one of them, authorized to sign any papers required by the laws of the United States Government, in the nature of reports on behalf of the College.

On motion, a copy of the report of the Committee and conference between the Synods and the College was directed to be sent to each member of the Board of Trustees.

On motion, the President, William A. Ganfield, was authorized to fill on proper blanks the application of this College to the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., for an appropriation for current expenses of the coming College year to the amount of \$5,000.

A letter from Mr. James B. Waller, dated May 23, 1921, concerning special assessment for a system of sewers in Lake View, Chicago, was read to the Board, and Mr. Waller was authorized on terms named in the letter to secure a reduction in the amount of the proposed assessment. A letter from Mr. Waller in regard to the Barry property in Chicago, which is owned jointly by the heirs of Henry J. Peet, was read to the Committee. On motion, Mr. Waller was authorized to make sale of this property for \$100,000, our half being valued at \$50,000. Sale if made is to be subject to the approval of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., which approval is required by the will of the late William C. Young, who gave this property to the College.

On motion the committee then adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

## Louisville, Ky., July 5, 1921

Pursuant to adjournment of the meeting of the Board held at Danville on June 7, 1921, the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky met in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary Building on July 5, 1921. In the absence of Dr. Alexander, president of the Board of Trustees, the Board was called to order by Mr. George W. Welsh, chairman of the Executive Committee, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Hugh Leith of Covington, Kentucky. The following members of the Board were present: Hugh B. Fleece, P.F. Barbour, C.D. Gates, John A. Cheek, E.L. Warren, Charles C. Fox, Lewis C. Humphrey, David M. Sweets, Hugh Leith, G.O. Letcher, J.P. McCartney, Emmett O'Neal, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, John Stites, J. Rice Cowan and William .L. Threlkeld. Reasons for absence were presented from R. Tate Irvine, John W. Yerkes, A.J.A. Alexander, Richard P. Ernst, J.S. Lyons, and on motion, their reasons for absence were sustained.

The report of the special committee on conference between the Board of Trustees and the Joint Commissions of the two Synods of Kentucky was presented by Reverend Hugh Leith, D.D., for the purpose of considering this report, the Board resolved itself into a committee of the whole with J. Rice Cowan as chairman.

At 10:45 p.m. the committee of the whole makes the following report to the Board of Trustees, viz.

- 1. That when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the chairman. (Carried).
- 2. That the Board approve and adopt the plan proposed by the Committee on Conference, which was appointed by the Board June 7, their report bearing date of June 10 (By motion consideration of this recommendation was postponed until the meeting provided for in recommendation number one).
- 3. That a committee be appointed to prepare and submit to the Board of Trustees amendments to the charter (Carried).

- 4. That a committee be appointed to prepare and submit to the Board of Trustees an answer to the Commissions of the Synod in reply to their overtures to the Trustees of Centre College (Carried).
- 5. That a committee be appointed to prepare regulations governing the retirement of professors who were on the Faculty prior to November, 1915 (Carried).
- 6. That a Committee of Conference be appointed to co-operate with the Commissions of the Synod in preparing for the million dollar campaign. (Laid on the table)
- 7. That the Finance Committee be directed to investigate and report to the Board on the notes and guaranty pledges presented by the Synod's Commissions.
- 8. That a Committee be appointed to visit and advise with the Carnegie Foundation regarding the contemplated plan of action.

The report of the Committee on which the foregoing action was taken was as follows.

To the Trustees of Centre College

#### Gentlemen:

You Committee on Conference submits the following suggested action to conform to the request of the Joint Commission of the Synods of the Presbyterian Churches U.S. and U.S.A. to wit:

The following resolution be adopted by the Board of Trustees of Centre College:

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky that the corporate charter of said College be so amended to provide:

- 1. That one-third of the Trustees of said College to be elected from time to time shall be ratified by the Kentucky Synod of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and one-third of said Trustees shall be ratified by the Kentucky Synod of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.
- 2. That the President of Centre College shall always be a member of some Presbyterian Church, or of some one of the other Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System of doctrine.
- 3. The members of the Faculty of Centre College shall be members of some Evangelical church, a majority of same being Presbyterian.
- 4. Said College shall always require a course in the Bible.

Be it further resolved that it shall be observed as a rule of procedure that the one-third of the members of the Board of Trustees not required to be ratified by either synod shall be nominated by that one-third of said members whose election shall have been ratified by the Kentucky Synod of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., but all members shall be elected by the Board of Trustees.

This action is suggested with the following facts as a background.

First, that action is to be taken by which one-third of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Kentucky, shall be elected by the Synod of Kentucky, U.S.A., and two-thirds by the Courts of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

Second, that \$100,000 is guaranteed by the Kentucky Synods for providing pensions for such members of the present Faculty of the College as would be affected by the withdrawal of the College from the Carnegie Foundation.

Third, that plans are on foot for a joint finance campaign in the two Kentucky Synods to raise o\$1,000,000 for educational purposes, of which amount \$300,000, including the above guaranty, is to be given to Centre College.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the resolution herein above proposed, with the firm feeling, after conference with certain of the trustees of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary and certain members of the Joint Commission, that this plan will be acceptable to all interests concerned.

Respectfully, Hugh Leith, Chairman

On motion, recommendations numbers one, two, three, four five, seven and eight were on motion adopted by the Board of Trustees by vote of sixteen affirmative votes and one negative vote.

On motion of Mr. Threlkeld, a committee consisting of Alexander, Welsh, and Ganfield were appointed with authority to appoint the several committees provided for in the report of Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Stites, the Executive Committee was requested to prepare and send to the alumni information on the progress and plans of the College as outlined in this action of the Board of Trustees.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on call of the President.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

## Danville, Kentucky, September 12, 1921

The Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met in the library building. Present: Alexander, Welsh, Sweets, Threlkeld, Hemphill, Fox, Cheek, Ganfield, and J.R. Cowan as proxy for Richard P. Ernst.

On motion by Mr. Threlkeld, seconded by Mr. Welsh, it was ordered that the sense of this Committee is that the College will not sell any portion of the west end of the old campus for commercial purposes.

President Ganfield reported that all vacancies in the Faculty have been filled. The selection of G.Y. Rusk, Ph.D., for the Chair of Bible and Philosophy made by Dr. Ganfield under authority of the Board was approved and his salary fixed at \$2,300 per annum.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported that arrangements had been made to rent the President's house from month to month for the use of the student body.

On motion, President Ganfield was authorized to apply to the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., for the sum of \$2,000 for current expenses for the year 1921-22.

On motion of Dr. Sweets, Dr. C.R. Hemphill was designated as an alternate in place of Dr. Lyons to go to New York for a conference with the Carnegie Foundation with reference to certain desired changes, with authority to the Treasurer to pay his traveling expenses.

On motion of George W. Welsh, seconded by Dr. Hemphill, the Board of Trustees of Centre College was called to meet at Danville, Kentucky, October 8, 1921, at 8:30 a.m.

On motion of Mr. Threlkeld, seconded by Dr. Hemphill, Dr. Charles G. Crooks was designated as chairman of the Faculty of Centre College, with authority in the absence of the President to call the Faculty together and to preside over its meetings.

On motion of Dr. Sweets, seconded by Mr. Welsh, Committee approved the plan outlining the duties of Professor Crooks, Professor Redd, Miss Woods, and the Treasurer until further orders of the Committee or the Board.

On motion, the Committee adjourned to meet in Danville on October 7, at 2 o'clock p.m.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

## Danville, Kentucky, October 8, 1921

The Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky met pursuant to a call of the Chairman of the Board, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, which call by him was under the authority of the Board at its meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 5, when it was ordered that a called meeting of the Board was to be had at such time as was fixed by the chairman of the Board.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Edward L. Warren, D.D. Members of the Board present were as follows: Hugh B. Fleece, Philip F. Barbour, R. Tate Irvine, John W. Yerkes, John A. Cheek, Edward L. Warren, Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, G.O. Letcher, John P. McCartney, A.J.A. Alexander, Emmett O'Neal, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, John Stites, J. Rice Cowan, William L. Threlkeld, J.T. Tunis.

The commission appointed at a meeting of the Board on July 5, 1921, with authority to appoint certain committees of the Board, reported as follows:

- 1. Committee to advize with Carnegie Foundation, Dr. William A. Ganfield and Dr. J.S. Lyons.
- 2. Committee to prepare and submit amendments to the charter, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander and Messrs. John W. Yerkes and George W. Welsh.
- 3. Committee to prepare answer to the Commissions of the Synods, Messrs. George Welsh, John W. Yerkes, and Dr. A.J.A. Alexander.
- 4. Committee to prepare regulations governing the retirement of professors, Mr. J.A. Cheek and Dr. C.R. Hemphill.

The committee on the Carnegie Foundation reported as follows.

Your committee appointed at the special meeting of the Board of Trustees in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 5 to advise with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching regarding proposed amendments to the charter and action contemplated by the Trustees affecting the relation of the College to the Foundation, beg leave to report that we went to New York City, and had appointment and conference with Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, on September 27, 1921, that we advised with him completely and definitely regarding the overtures of the Synods to the Trustees of Centre College and the proposed amendment of the charter, that we received full and complete assurance that the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching would repose confidence in the Board of Trustees regarding any contemplated action or amendment to the charter, and that we received further assurance that the Foundation would be very happy to continue the payment of retiring allowance to all former members of the Faculty and widows of the same who are now receiving such benefits, including the allowances being paid to Dr. John W. Redd and Professor Samuel R. Cheek, recently retired. We beg further to advize that we were very greatly pleased with the deep and sympathetic interest in the College manifested by Dr. Pritchett on behalf of the Carnegie Foundation.

Very respectfully submitted, William A. Ganfield, Charles R. Hemphill

The Board received with pleasure the report of this committee and on motion of Honorable John W. Yerkes, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas President Ganfield has reported the kindly and liberal action of the Carnegie Foundation in placing on its roll of pensioned retired professors both Professor Cheek and Professor Redd, late of our Faculty, be It resolved by the Board of Trustees of Centre College, Kentucky, that we now record our sincere appreciation of the broad minded, sympathetic, and generous treatment and financial aid this College has received. First, from the Carnegie Foundation, in pensioning six of our retired professors with continuance of this beneficence to three widows of these teachers; second, from the Carnegie Corporation in the endowment of our Department of Chemistry in the ample sum of \$75,000; and third, from Mr. Carnegie in his opportune and generous gift of \$30,000 for the erection of this beautiful library building in which we are now meeting.

The Finance Committee in accordance with motion passed by the Board at its meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 5, 1921, submit the following report.

The undersigned, the Finance Committee of the Centre College of Kentucky, begs to report that it has personally investigated the financial condition and solvency and responsibility of the persons whose names appear on the attached list of guarantors to the fund of \$100,000 to be raised to indemnify the Centre College of Kentucky, and to be substituted for the benefit now derived by Centre College from its establishment upon the Carnegie fund for the Advancement of Teaching.

Information received from bankers and from other persons well acquainted with the financial ability of the respective guarantors has been quite satisfactory, and the list as a whole may be regarded as safe. However, in the case of several, the responses contain some qualifications which create some doubt as to guarantors whose subscriptions aggregate approximately \$5,000. We regard the guarantee sufficient.

Respectfully submitted,

W.L. Threlkeld, Chairman, George W. Welsh, John A. Cheek, Charles C. Fox, Finance Committee

On motion, the president of the Board of Trustees, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, was authorized and directed to sign and execute a deed of gift to the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., acknowledging the payment of \$10,000 by that Board to Centre College, which sum is to be used as part of the endowment of Centre College, and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the College.

The committee to prepare and submit an amendment to the charter for the purpose of meeting the overture of the two Synods of Kentucky, reported the following amendment which was adopted, signed and executed.

Amendment to the Charter of Centre College

Hugh B. Fleece, Philip f. Barbour, R. Tate Irvine, John W. Yerkes, John A. Cheek, Edward L. Warren, Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, Gibney Oscar Letcher, John P. McCartney, A.J.A. Alexander, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, John Stites, J. Rice Cowan, William L. Threlkeld, and J.T. Tunis, who are each and all Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky, formerly Central University of Kentucky, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Kentucky under and pursuant to a certain agreement for consolidation of Centre College and Central University, which constituted a charter of incorporation and bears date July 16, 1901, and is recorded in the Boyle County Clerk's Office, and under certain amendments thereof acknowledged November 6, 1907, November 7, 1907, and December 17, 1918, and all of record in said Boyle County, Kentucky, Clerk's Office, and all having been duly filed for record in the office of the Secretary of State of Kentucky, and the above named persons being two-thirds or more of the whole number of the said Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky, and who acting in the capacity of said Trustees and pursuant to authority and powers conferred by said charter of July 16, 1901, and all amendments thereto, do hereby consent to, approve, and adopt the following amendment to the said original agreement for the consolidation of Centre College and Central University and amendments thereto, and we hereby

certify and declare that said original agreement and charter and its amendments are hereby ordered amended in the following particulars to wit, and we do adopt and approve these said following amendments:

First, Article 1 of the amendment of date November 7, 1907, to the charter and agreement for consolidation shall be and is amended to read as follows:

"No denominational or sectarian test shall be applied in the admission of students, and no religious doctrine peculiar to any set of Christians shall be inculcated by any professor in the said College. The President of Centre College shall be a member of some Presbyterian or reformed church holding the Presbyterian system of doctrine. All the members of the Faculty shall be members of some Evangelical church, a majority of whom shall be Presbyterian. A course in the Bible shall always be taught in the College."

And said Section 1 of the amendment of November 7, 1907, is repealed, and this provision is adopted in lieu of and in substitution for said section.

Second, Article 1 of the amendment adopted November6, 1907, and above referred to beginning with the words "the government of Central University of Kentucky &c." shall be amended to read as follows:

"The government of Centre College of Kentucky, and the management and control of its affairs, shall be vested in and conducted by a Board to be known as the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky, and shall consist of twenty-four members to be divided into four classes of six trustees each. One class shall be elected each year for a term of four years. The election of two members of each several class shall be ratified and confirmed by the Synod of Kentucky in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and two members of each class by the Synod of Kentucky in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and these two names be submitted annually to each Synod respectively by said Board of Trustees. All trustees shall be elected by the Board, sixteen affirmative votes being necessary for election. All persons who are elected trustees, and accept the said trust and qualify, shall continue in office until their successors are elected and duly qualify.

And this provision is adopted in lieu of said Article 1, and which is hereby repealed.

In testimony whereof, we the above named individuals and Trustees have hereunto signed our names upon this 8th day of October, 1921.

Hugh B. Fleece, Philip F. Barbour, R. Tate Irvine, John W. Yerkes, John A. Cheek, Edward L. Warren, Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, Gibney Oscar Letcher, John P. McCartney, A.J.A. Alexander, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, John Stites, J. Rice Cowan, William L. Threlkeld, J.T. Tunis.

Mr. Hugh B. Fleece, Philip F. Barbour, R. Tate Irvine, John W. Yerkes, and John A. Cheek, who were elected trustees for the term of four years expiring 1925 being present, took the oath of office in the presence of the Board before H.L. Briggs, Notary Public for Boyle County, Kentucky.

On motion, duly seconded, Chapter 15 of the constitution and by-laws of Centre College of Kentucky, being the by-law controlling the nomination and election of trustees, was repealed by the affirmative vote of eighteen trustees present and no votes in the negative. In lieu thereof, a new Chapter 15 of the constitution and by-laws of Centre College was adopted, being the by-law controlling the nomination and the election of trustees, and is as follows:

Chapter XV of the By-laws

Hugh B. Fleece, Philip F. Barbour, R. Tate Irvine, Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, Gibney Oscar Letcher, Henry Clay Read, A.J.A. Alexander, Emmett O'Neal, Charles R. Hemphill, John Stites, J.S. Lyons, and their successors in office as Trustees to the number of eight, as four of this section of Trustees are to be dropped under an amendment to the College charter this day adopted, shall constitute a nominating committee who shall each year select and nominate to the Board two members for the class of Trustees to be elected that year, and these two names shall

be submitted for ratification to the Synod of Kentucky in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and which nominating Committee, hereafter consisting of eight, shall likewise nominate to the Board three members of the Executive Committee.

C.D. Gates, John W. Yerkes, John A. Cheek, Edward L. Warren, Lewis Humphrey, Hugh Leith, John P. McCartney, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh, J. Rice Cowan, William L. Threlkeld, J.T. Tunis, and their successors in office, and four additional Trustees and their successors to be added to this nominating committee, making a committee hereafter of sixteen, and this under the amendment just above named shall constitute a nominating committee which shall each year nominate to the Board two members to the class of trustees to be elected that year, and these two names shall be submitted for ratification to the Synod of Kentucky in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and they shall also nominate to the Board two members of the class of trustees to be elected that year, the same class whose names shall not be submitted for ratification to either Synod. This same committee shall nominate to the Board six trustees for membership on the Executive Committee, and one of these six names shall be a Trustee selected from the two members of the Board representing the Alumni Association, who are nominated to the Board by this same Committee of sixteen or their predecessors of twelve.

The selection of four trustees under the present plan of alumni representation to be continued, two of them being nominated by the first nominating committee herein set out, and two by the second nominating committee as under the plan now existing alumni members are to be chosen in due rotation. Any vacancy existing at the time of any meeting of the Board will be filled by the Board from names presented by that same Committee who nominated the former incumbent.

Action of the Board of Trustees in filling vacancies in said Board and in electing trustees shall be by ballot.

The provisions of this article shall neither be altered nor modified except by the affirmative vote of sixteen of the Board of Trustees, and after a notice having been given at a previous meeting of an intention to propose a modification or alteration of said chapter, and said Chapter XV of the by-laws as it now exists is repealed and this provision substituted therefore.

The Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky having amended their charter to conform to an overture of the Synods of Kentucky, U.S. and U.S.A., and the Joint Commission of these two Synods having executed a note for \$100,000, bearing six per cent interest from date, which note is guaranteed by certain individuals, and said note signed by Benjamin J. Bush, chairman on behalf of the Commission of Schools and Colleges of the Synod of Kentucky, U.S.A., and by R.T. Gillespie, chairman of the Commission of Schools and Colleges of the Synod of Kentucky U.S., on motion, duly seconded, this note is approved and accepted, and the Treasurer of the College is directed to enter this note on his book as a part of the endowment fund of said College, and as a part of the endowment resulting from the campaign to secure the conditional amount required by the General Education Board to comply with their conditions regarding the \$200,000 to be given by said Board to Centre College for endowment.

Dr. William A. Ganfield presented his written resignation of the presidency of the College, and asked that the same be accepted at this time, and also presented a report setting forth the condition of the College at the time of his becoming its President on June 1, 1915, with a statement of the progress shown in the number of students, the Faculty, Faculty salaries, publicity and College expansion, athletics, finances and endowment, showing a most satisfactory progress made in all departments. Dr. Ganfield requested that his resignation take effect on November 1, or if a later date named, that he be granted a leave of absence without pay.

On motion, his resignation was accepted to take effect on December 1, 1921, with full salary to be paid to that date, however granting his request for leave of absence beginning with November 1.

On motion, the following minute was adopted concerning the resignation of Dr. Ganfield:

In response to the communication of Dr. W.A. Ganfield tendering his resignation of the office of President of the College, the Board would earnestly request Dr. Ganfield to withdraw his resignation. In the event he cannot do this, the Board accepts his resignation with profound regret, the resignation to take effect December 1, 1921, with full salary and with such periods of absence as may be acceptable to him. The Board appoints a committee consisting of Dr. Alexander, Mr. Yerkes, and Dr. Hemphill to formulate a suitable expression of the feelings of the Board and its appreciation of Dr. Ganfield's most useful and successful service to the College.

On motion, Dr. C.G. Crooks was continued as chairman of the Faculty until the office of President is filled.

On motion of W. L. Threlkeld, duly seconded, the Board authorized assurances to be given to a prospective founder of six scholarships of \$5,000 each for the benefit of students preparing for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, that Centre College afford a four year course in Latin and Greek of which students preparing for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church may avail themselves, and the College would welcome with profound gratitude the establishment of the said six scholarships.

On motion, the president of the Board authorized to appoint a committee of five to whom is entrusted the duty of nominating to the Board a successor to Dr. Ganfield as President of the College. Messrs. Humphrey, Gates, Reed and Ernst were excused from further attendance of this meeting of the Board.

On motion, the President was authorized to apply to the Committee of Schools and Colleges of the Synod of Kentucky, U.S. for \$2,000 Dollars for current expenses for the year 1921-22.

On motion, the resignation of Dr. J.S. Lyons, John Stites, Hugh B. Fleece, and Hugh Leith were accepted, and the Board proceeded to the election of Trustees to fill vacancies and to re-arrange the classes of the Board as follows:

Nelson D. Rodes was elected and assigned to the class expiring 1922; Robert T. Caldwell was elected and assigned to the class expiring 1925; William Ward Duffield was elected and assigned to the class expiring 1922; Reverend Samuel Callen, D.D. was elected and assigned to the class expiring 1924. After these elections, the Board of Trustees was composed of the following members whose terms expire in classes as follows:

# Class expiring 1922

Rev. E.L. Warren, D.D. Lousiville; William Ward Duffield, Harlan; Hon. Lewis C. Humphrey, Louisville; Rev. David M. Sweets, D.D., Louisville; Nelson D. Rodes, Danville; Gibney Oscar Letcher, Henderson.

# Class expiring 1923

Hon. John P. McCartney, Flemingsburg; Henry Clay Read, Esq., Ft. Smith Ark.; A.J.A. Alexander, M.D., Spring Station; Hon. Emmett O'Neal, Louisville; Hon. Richard P. Ernst, Covington; George W. Welsh, Esq., Danville.

#### Class expiring 1924

Rev. Charles R. Hemphill, D.D., Louisville; Hon. Charles C. Fox, Danville; Rev. Samuel Callen, D.D., Louisville; W.L. Threlkeld, Esq., Lexington; J. Rice Cowan, M.D., Danville; Hon. J.T. Tunis, Lexington.

#### Class expiring 1925

Hon. John W. Yerkes, Danville; Hon. Robert T. Caldwell, Ashland; Phillip F. Barbour, M.D., Louisville; R. Tate Irvine, LL. D., Big Stone Gap, VA; Charles D. Gates, Esq., Louisville; J.A. Cheek, Esq., Danville.

The charter having been amended requiring the sending of eight names to the Synod of Kentucky, U.S. for ratification, on motion the following names were sent to that Synod, viz. Rev. David M. Sweets, D.D., Gibney Oscar Letcher, A.J.A. Alexander, Emmett O'Neal, Charles R. Hemphill, Charles C. Fox, Phillip F. Barbour, R. Tate Irvine.

On motion the following eight names were sent to the Synod of Kentucky, U.S.A. for ratification, viz. Edward L. Warren, Nelson D. Rodes, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh, Samuel Callen, W. L. Threlkeld, Charles D. Gates, and J.A. Cheek.

On motion, nominating committee number one is composed as follows: Rev. David M. Sweets, D.D., Gibney Oscar Letcher, A.J.A. Alexander, Emmett O'Neal, Charles R. Hemphill, Charles C. Fox, Phillip F. Barbour, R. Tate Irvine.

Nominating committee number 2 was on motion fixed as follows: Edward L. Warren, Nelson D. Rodes, William Ward Duffield, Lewis C. Humphrey, John P. McCartney, Henry Clay Read, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh, Samuel Callen, W.L. Threlkeld, J. Rice Cowan, J.T. Tunis, John W. Yerkes, Robert T. Caldwell, Charles D. Gates, and J.A. Cheek.

Committee number one nominated the following members of the Executive Committee: Alexander, Hemphill, Fox. Committee number 2 nominated the following members of the Executive Committee: Welsh, Cheek, Ernst, Cowan, Yerkes, Threlkeld.

On motion, the nominations of the two committees were approved and the nominees confirmed as members of the Executive Committee.

The committee appointed to report to the Board rules and regulations governing the retirement of the present members of the Faculty of Centre College, namely Professor Crooks, Professor Rainey, Professor Meier, whose retirement on the Carnegie Foundation will be affected by the amendment of the charter this day adopted, reported as follows:

We recommend that the rules and regulations of the Carnegie Foundation which apply to the retirement of professors at the date at which any of the above named professors shall retire, shall be the rule and regulations governing such retirement.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

J.A. Cheek, Secretary

# Danville, Ky. October 14, 1921

The Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met at the Farmers National Bank of Danville, Ky. Present: Welsh, Fox, Yerkes, Cowan and Cheek. On motion, G.W. Welsh was elected chairman of the Committee.

On motion, it was decide to elect a Committee of Administration to act in place of the President as in their judgement may be for the welfare of the College and the promotion of discipline and efficiency in the operations of the College.

On motion, the Committee of Administration was elected consisting of John W. Yerkes, chairman, G.W. Welsh, and J.R. Cowan.

On motion, John W. Yerkes was elected a member of the Committee of Buildings and Grounds and also a member of the Finance Committee.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas Centre College of Kentucky has deposited two boxes in the safety vault of the Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company of Louisville, Kentucky, certain coupon bonds and other securities,

And whereas one of the boxes has a condition requiring the presence of W.A. Ganfield, President of Centre College to accompany the Treasurer, Mr. J.A. Cheek, when said box is withdrawn and entered by him,

And whereas W.A. Ganfield has resigned his position as President, and whereas it is desirable that Mr. J.A. Cheek, Treasurer, be allowed to enter said box for the purpose of detaching coupons which may have matured or which are maturing within the current College year,

Resolved that said Trust Company be requested and authorized to allow the Treasurer of Centre College, Mr. J.A. Cheek, to enter said box and in the presence of the auditor of said company or some other officer designated by the president of said company, to detach all coupons which have matured, or about maturing, for the purpose of collecting the same and to withdraw any bonds which are maturing or which have been called for payment.

On motion, the Committee adjourned.

J.A. Cheek, Secretary

## Danville, Kentucky November 17, 1921

The Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met at the library building. Present: Welsh, Yerkes, Threlkeld, Fox, Cheek, and Ganfield. Opened with prayer by Dr. Ganfield.

Motion to authorize Dr. Ganfield to employ George Watson to keep the library open on evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for a limited time, and to report results to this Committee.

On motion, \$100 was appropriated as an emergency fund for this year only to help pay the expenses of oratorical and literary contests.

On motion, Dr. Alexander, Fox, and Cheek were appointed a committee to consider names for honorary degrees to be reported back to this Committee at its meeting in March 1922. A letter concerning Dr. E.E. Hume, a graduate of Centre College, and a letter requesting the conferring of honorary degree on him was referred to this committee.

On motion, Dr. Crooks and Dr. Rainey were appointed a committee to represent Centre College at the Southern Association of Colleges to be held at Birmingham, Alabama. The Treasurer was authorized to pay their expenses.

On motion, the Athletic Committee of the Faculty were advised against intercollegiate baseball except as the same may be played within the state of Kentucky with nearby colleges.

On motion, the committee who has charge of looking for a new President, were requested to furnish any expense bills to the Treasurer who is instructed to pay the same with the OK of the Chairman.

On motion, it was agreed to loan to the Commission of the Synod of Kentucky, U.S.A. the sum of \$200 for the purpose of paying the expenses of the Committee.

On motion, Mr. J.A. Cheek was instructed, when in Louisville, to interview Mr. Arthur Loomis, an architect, and secure information and suggestions about alterations in the President's house.

The Committee adjourned.

J.A. Cheek, Secretary