

The Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 1913, at 11 o'clock in the Trustees' Room in the Gymnasium Building.

Governor McCreary was present and acted as Chairman of the Meeting.

On roll call the following members were present:

Gov. McCreary, President Barker, Barksdale Hamlett, Richard N. Wathen, Hon. Tibbis Carpenter, Thomas Lewis Edelen, James K. Patterson, Hon. Claude B. Terrell, Hywel Davies, C. B. Nichols and Richard C. Stoll.

Absent: Johnson N. Camden, Louis L. Walker, Hon. James Breathitt, James W. Turner, Robert W. Brown, Hon. Wm. H. Cox and Denny P. Smith.

The minutes of the June meeting were read by the Secretary, Judge W. T. Lafferty, and on motion was duly approved.

Judge Lafferty, the Secretary, then read the report of the Executive Committee. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the minutes be adopted as read.

Gov. McCreary next called for a report of the Board of Control, which was read by Dr. Kastle, and on motion, duly approved.

Mr. Stoll suggested that the resolutions concerning the death of Mr. Cassius M. Clay be taken up at this time, and they were read by Dr. James K. Patterson as follows:

It is with sincere regret that the Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky record the severance of their official relations with Hon. Cassius M. Clay

by his voluntary resignation of the office of Trustee which he has held by appointment for nearly twelve consecutive years. His eminent ability, his fine education - broad, liberal, thorough - his high character for honor and integrity, his distinguished reputation for patriotism and practical statesmanship and his unswerving loyalty to the best interests of the Commonwealth, all combined to make him a Kentuckian and an American citizen of the highest type. During his long connection with the Board of Trustees, Mr. Clay gave dignity and prestige to its proceedings. His straightforwardness, his manliness, his well defined opinions upon organization and policy, his utter impartiality, and the energy and earnestness and intelligent breadth of grasp with which he expressed his convictions never failed to make a deep impression on his colleagues. By all he said and did the conviction was borne in upon all, - Here is a just man and a great, in whom justice and truth are the impelling and controlling elements of his being.

During the forty-eight years of its existence, the State College - now the State University of Kentucky - had no more distinguished member of its Academic Board, no more intelligent and impartial director of its organization and management, no more scholarly guide in framing and co-ordinating its policies and no more impartial and just arbiter in differences which emerged in relation to its activities and control.

The untimely death of this distinguished man adds poignancy to the regret felt because of his voluntary severance of his relations with us. Not the State University only, but his State and the Nation are distinctly poorer today because of the passing of such a man. In the language of the Latin poet whom he loved so well,

"Quis desiderio sit pudor aut modus
Tam cari capitis?"

When Milton bewailed the untimely death of Lycidas, Lycidas was young. Mr. Clay, though somewhat advanced in years, was young in spirit, full of intellectual vitality and vigor, in full accord with all his efforts to advance and elevate mankind. In him was youth ripened by experience, but youth still. With equal propriety, then, and with equal sorrow and regret we may paraphrase the language of Milton:

"Lycidas is dead, dead while in his prime.
Who would not 'mourn' for Lycidas?"

Mr. Nichols made the motion that the resolutions be adopted, inserted in the minutes of the meeting, and that a copy be printed and sent to the family and also to the papers of the city.

The following report of the Faculty was next read by President Barker, with reference to the granting of degrees:

The Faculty of the State University of Kentucky respectfully recommends to the Board of Trustees the following persons for degrees:

For Bachelor of Arts.

Gertrude Tartar
Joseph Birchel Campbell
Mary Frances Huff
Walter Franklin Wright

For Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering.

Shimegoro Kurozawa
William Cobbs Armistead

For Bachelor of Mining Engineering.

Herbert Adolph Kohnhorst.

The above persons are to be enrolled with the class of 1913, except Mr. Wright, who is to be enrolled with the class of 1914.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Ezra L Gillis,

Secretary of the Faculty.

Motion was made and unanimously carried that these degrees be granted.

President Henry S. Barker then read his semi-annual report, which is as follows:

Dec. 5, 1913.

To the Board of Trustees,
State University of Kentucky,
Lexington, Ky.

Gentlemen:

The State University began its 46th annual session on the 15th of September last. Although the farmers of Kentucky suffered during last year one of the severest drouths that has occurred here in years, and in this way, their income was most seriously curtailed, I am happy to say that we have an increase of about fifty-five students over the roster roll of last session. I am quite sure that but for the drouth, our increase would have been fully 25% over last year. The quality of the students, both mental and physical, is fully equal to that of any body of students we have ever had, and nothing of an unpleasant nature has occurred except one little clash between the students and the police during the parade in honor of a football victory. This was nothing serious, and an investigation both by the Grand Jury and the Commissioners of the city, before whom I appeared, resulted in the conviction that the police were wrong and the students were not greatly - if at all - in fault. Out of a discussion of the matter has come a closer bond between the University and the citizens of Lexington. I mention this fact merely to point out that it is sometimes the case that good comes from what appears to be evil.

The discipline of the student body is all that could be desired, and the Faculty are doing their usual high grade of teaching; so that I can truthfully say that, thus far, all is well with the University.

You have before you a complete statement of the Finances of the University, which shows how its money is being spent and that we are living within our income with an unappropriated balance of \$6,000. It is a matter of congratulation that the finances of this University have at least been reduced to a system, whereby

we positively know where every dollar of the University's money goes, and for what purpose; and that, in this way, we cannot have the slightest excuse for living beyond our means. This has been the result of several years of patient labor under the management of Judge W. T. Lafferty and Mr. Hywel Davies, and we can now say that they have brought order out of chaos.

Under the authority of the Executive Committee, there has been purchased and installed a Printing Plant, which is situated in the basement of the Education Building. We have just commenced its operation, and I feel perfectly certain in saying that it will pay for itself within twelve months. We, of course, take no outside printing but confine ourselves entirely to printing the publications of the University.

I shall not undertake in this report to give in detail the workings of the various Colleges composing the University; they are all in a prosperous condition and doing faithfully the great work for which they were established. I will, however, call attention more specifically to the development of the Agricultural College, which includes the Experiment Station. The activities of this great department cover the whole agricultural interests of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It is engaged, day by day, in enforcing the Pure Food Laws and the laws requiring proper sanitation of all the public places wherein the people's food is supplied. In this way, the public health is greatly protected.

By means of the Extension Work of this department the great agricultural secrets of Nature, discovered by learned scientists in their laboratories, are carried to the farmer in his home, thereby enabling him properly to fertilize his soil and increase its productiveness.

There has been erected at the Experiment Station one of the most complete Hog Cholera Serum Plants in this country where pure serum is sold to the farmers of Kentucky at actual cost and where a sufficient supply is kept on hand to meet the requirements of any epidemic which we may reasonably expect to occur among the swine

of Kentucky. In addition to supplying our own citizens with all the serum they need, at cost, the Station has been aiding three of our Sister states in combatting hog cholera by supplying them at a price exceeding cost production, all the serum which their necessities required. I feel confident that in the very near future, science will entirely eradicate hog cholera from this state, and in this way, save millions of dollars to the farmer. Our Plant represents an investment of some \$75,000., and the profits, thus far, justify its establishment even on ordinary business principles; that is, as a mere money-making establishment, without regard to the great good that has been done to the farmers by preserving their hogs from death.

There has also been established on the Agricultural Farm a complete Poultry Plant where it is proposed to investigate and find a cure for all diseases of fowls, and in addition, to furnish the farmers of the State, at cost, pure-bred stock and settings of eggs. In addition to this, they hope to be able to furnish invalids - such as consumptive patients - fresh eggs, thereby greatly aiding the physician in the cure of this dreadful disease.

The Director is carrying on experiments at the Farm and at the Station in the feeding of beef cattle with a view of furnishing the farmers with the very latest word on the subject of the efficient and economical feeding of said cattle, and I sincerely believe that great good will accrue to the State from these experiments.

The Extension Department is carrying into the fields of the farmer all that science teaches of agriculture, and is maintaining and operating seven Experiment Farms in various sections of the State, for the purpose of demonstrating to the citizens of these sections how best to cultivate and fertilize their land. These farms were put in operation for the first time during last year, and although they suffered from the severe drouth before alluded to, they fully demonstrated their great value to the communities in which they are maintained.

In addition to the Extension Work done at the University through its own agents and employees, the United States is now co-operating with all the agricultural for-

ces of the State in carrying the Agricultural Extension Work throughout the Commonwealth. At the head of the Board engaged in carrying forward the farm demonstration work is Dr. Bradford Knapp of the United States Bureau of Agriculture, the Commissioners of Agriculture of Kentucky, the President of the State University, the Dean of the Agricultural College of the University, and the Presidents of the Eastern and Western Normal Schools of the State. This Board, operating in unison with the forces of the State Agricultural Department (Department) and the Extension Department of the University, is seeking to put an agricultural expert in each county of the State. During the year last past, thirteen of these agents have been placed in the different counties, and in a short time, there will be placed five more. During the time this work has been carried forward, the United States has spent \$20,000. in Kentucky, and in addition, we have raised \$13,300.00 from the various counties in which the agents have been placed.

The result of the work is most gratifying. Several of these agents have been working for nearly a year, and the influence they have had in the counties in which they operate is really remarkable. At the head of these various county there is at State University Dr. Fred Mutchler whose headquarters are at the University and who supervises the work of the County Agents. The demand for County Agents is so large that the Government funds have been exhausted and there are five counties on the waiting list with their money ready to add to that of the Government, in order to pay the salary of the County Agent, whenever the Government is ready to supply the additional funds.

There is pending in Congress, as you perhaps know, what is called the Smith-Lever Bill, which, if passed - and of that I am assured - will add many thousands of dollars annually to the fund of the Agricultural Extension Work of the State. The Boys' and Girls' Clubs have done splendid work this year, considering the drouth and the hard conditions in agriculture. Two reports have been received showing a yield of over 130 bushels of corn per acre, and a number of girls show a remarkable profit from small plots of tomatoes and other garden vegetables.

In conclusion, permit me to say that the University is now fully launched on the great mission of being useful to the Commonwealth in a practical way. It is now following in the footsteps of the University of Wisconsin and the University of Illinois. Within the last decade the University of Wisconsin nearly doubled the value of farm property in that State, and the University of Illinois is doing the same thing in that Commonwealth; and in their gratitude, the people through their representatives give their Universities a much larger annual income than our whole University would sell for with our annual income added. Fifteen years ago, those Universities were as poorly supported as we are now, but fifteen years of faithful service to the great interest of the people has been rewarded by the munificent endowment which the Universities now enjoy. The fact that we are now busily engaged in teaching and extending scientific agriculture is the one reason that the United States Government is co-operating with us in such splendid fashion, and the time is not far distant when it will be spending from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars annually in the State for the benefit of agriculture and education. Agriculture is the basis of nearly all real prosperity, and until the farmer is prosperous, we cannot expect him willingly to give much for merely cultural education; but if his business is made remunerative, he will open his purse liberally for the advancement of all public education. Our course, then, in regard to the agricultural interests of the State seems justified by every principle of practice and wisdom.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Henry S. Barker,

President.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried that the President's Report be approved as read.

While waiting for a report from the Special Committees, President Barker made the motion that all the absent Trustees be excused.

The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Special Committee composed of Messrs. Davis and Carpenter and appointed for the purpose of reaching an agreement between Dr. Patterson and the Board of Trustees, made the following report:

Dec. 8, 1913.

To the Board of Trustees of
the State University.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the Annual Meeting in June to meet with Dr. James K. Patterson for the purpose of reaching an agreement in the controversy between Dr. Patterson and the Board of Trustees, regrets very much to report a complete failure to reach an agreement. Your committee asks to be relieved from further duty in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Hywel Davies.
T. Carpenter.

Dr. Patterson requested that the petitions be taken up and acted upon, whereupon, the following resolution was read by President Barker:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of State University of Lexington, Ky., that the President of the University submit to the Attorney General of the State the legality of the so-called contract between the University and Dr. James K. Patterson to pension and a free-hold interest in five acres of the campus

whereon the building called the President's House is situated; and if said contract is found, in the opinion of the Attorney General, to be invalid, then to cause such legal steps to be taken as may be necessary to recover the money heretofore paid him and to recover possession of the real estate held by him under said so-called contract.

Mr. Stoll made the motion that the committee be reappointed to see whether an adjustment could not be reached.

Mr. Davies declined to serve again, and when Mr. Hamlett suggested the name of Mr. Edelen to succeed Mr. Davies, Mr. Carpenter also asked to be excused. Whereupon a motion was made by Mr. Davies that the matter be referred to an entirely new committee.

This motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Nichols to appoint a new committee to consist of Messrs. Camden and Edelen, to report at the June meeting. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

New business next being called for, the following was read by President Barker, relative to the resignation of Mr. Hywel Davies from the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees:

Mr. H. S. Barker,
President.

My dear Mr. President:

On account of my official duties as Auditor of the State University and Purchasing Agent of the Experiment Station, I hereby tender my resignation as Trustee and Member of the Executive Committee.

Yours very respectfully,

Hywel Davies.

Motion was made by President Barker to accept the resignation of Mr. Davies.

This was seconded and unanimously carried.

President Barker then nominated Dr. A. Gatliff of Williamsburg, Ky., to succeed Mr. Davies on the Board of Trustees. There was an objection on the part of several members, and a motion was made by Mr. Hamlett that the election of a successor to Mr. Davies be postponed until the next meeting.

This motion was seconded, and carried by a majority.

Motion was made by President Barker that Mr. Camden be put on the Executive Committee in the place of Mr. Davies resigned.

This motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by President Barker that all the power of the Board of Trustees, while not in session, be delegated to the Executive Committee, to do everything that may be necessary for the maintenance and prosperity of the University.

Motion seconded and carried.

President Barker moved that a Legislative Committee be appointed to look after such legislation as the University might desire.

On this committee he nominated Messrs. Camden, Edelen and Carpenter, who were unanimously elected.

On motion by President Barker the meeting adjourned.