

On motion of Judge Riddell ordered that Mr. E. F. Brown be appointed to conduct the singing at the Chapel exercises during the remainder of this collegiate year, and that he be allowed a compensation of \$50.00 for this service.

On motion of President Patterson ordered " that the Board of Control be and are hereby authorized to expend \$600.00 in addition to the appropriation made in June last for the completion of the Insectory Building already erected.

Mr. Flournoy moved that the Board elect an Executive Committee, whereupon the Board elected the following as members of - The Executive Committee

for the period ending June

1897

Thomas H. Hines, Chairman.
J. T. Gathright,
D. H. James,
Robert Riddell,
R. A. Spurr, -

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at 11 A. M. December 9, 1896.

The Board met at 11 A. M. Dec. 9, 1896, in the President's room.

Present: Mr. Gathright Chairman,
Boswell
Buell
Flournoy
Gooding
Green
Hobson
James
Kennedy
Patterson
Peak
Riddell
Todd,

General Buell submitted the following: viz:

To the Board of Trustees:

The committee on the report of the President of the college find in that paper ground for much congratulation in the increased number of students in attendance during the current academic year over any former period.

The President ascribes this improvement largely to the plan authorized at a former meeting of the Board, of commissioning members of the faculty to visit various parts of the State for the purpose of acquainting the public with the advantages which the colleges offer in its various relations and he recommends the repetition of this expedient on a larger scale.

Your committee concur in that recommendation, and advise that the President be authorized to detail members of the Faculty on such missions during the next vacation, and that the committee on appropriations be instructed to include in its schedule such sum as the President may deem requisite for defraying the necessary expenses of persons so employed.

Your committee find no other matter calling for special attention in the President's report.

(Signed) D. C. Buell, Chairman
J. B. Kennedy

Report received, approved and adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

To the Board of Trustees of the A. and M. College.

We the undersigned committee on Finance report that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Business Agent Prof. White and Treasurer Bullock and find same are correct and true.

The cash on hand chargeable to the Business Agent is \$7980.89 on Dec. 1, for the college account \$5322.66 for the station account.

We regret the deficiency in the college resources and urge that all efforts be made to secure recognition of this matter from Gov. Bradley and action thereon by the Legislation.

Without going into particulars, it seems to the committee that the salary list of the college is too great, and we invite attention to the very small classes in some Departments and suggest that retrenchment might be made in this respect by consolidation of some of the weaker Departments.

We recommend that the Business Agent report specifically to the Board at their next meeting in June 1897 the various items of the deficit, if any, at that time; and that his books shall show when said items of past due bills are paid in the next fiscal year of college.

We further suggest that President Patterson take under consideration the matter of consolidation of Departments alluded to above and report as to the practicability and advisability of that step at the next June meeting of the Board.

(Signed) J. C. Flournoy
D. C. Buell
Robt. Riddell

The Committee on appropriations had no report to submit.

In this connection it was suggested that some provision should be made for paying the expenses of those who go out in the interest of the College before the next meeting of the Board.

The sense of the Board was that those who go out to solicit students during the month of May will be able to bear their expenses from private funds which shall be repaid to them after the June meeting of the Board.

Judge Thos. H. Hines entered at 11:40 A. M. Capt. R. A. Spurr at 11:30 A. M.

Judge Riddell read the following which was received and adopted.

To the Board of Trustees of the A. and M. College of Kentucky.

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds and from inquiry made, we report that said Buildings, and Grounds are in good condition.

(Signed) Robt. Riddell, Chairman
D. H. James
Richard A. Spurr,

The Chairman of the Committee on the Experiment Station reported, verbally, that all accounts relative to the Experiment Station had been found to be correct and that all money expended had been expended in accordance with the orders of the Board of Trustees.

After some discussion, in which various members of the Board took part, relative to the necessity for more farming land, and to the advisability of renting the farm adjacent to the South side of the College farm, it was

Ordered on motion of Mr. Bo swell, that the matter of buying or renting a farm be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The Committee on salaries had no report to offer.

The committee on Internal Expansion had no report to submit.

The Committee on Military Instruction and College Discipline asked for more time.

The following report was submitted by Mr. Todd.

To the Board of Trustees:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Executive Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of the Executive Committee as carefully as the time at their disposal would allow.

1. We find that the accounts of receipts and expenditures seem to be correct.
2. We believe that the expenditures have been made in accordance with the orders of the Board and while some of the appropriations are nearly exhausted, none seem to be over drawn.
3. We commend the action of the Executive Committee in its effort to diminish expenditures by authorizing the President and the Business Agent to discontinue the services of some employes in the Mechanical Laboratories during vacation.
4. We commend the action of the Executive Committee in its effort to economize by failure to meet during some of the months since July.
5. We approve the action of the Executive Committee in employing the present night-Watchman and recommend if he has not already given bond as a private policeman, that he be required to do so immediately.

6. We commend the action of the Executive Committee in its refusal to grant Prof. Anderson's request for the payment of his expenses on a tour of inspection, last May, with his Senior class.
7. We find the record of frequent absences from the Chapel services on the part of certain members of the faculty during each month. In some cases explanations have been given while in other cases of frequent absence, it seems that no explanations have been offered. We have made some inquiry and we find that the members of the faculty have been admonished by the Executive Committee of the necessity for punctuality in attendance at Chapel, but it seems that no permanent improvement has resulted.

Though conscious of the deleterious effects of a violated rule we are not prepared to submit any recommendation or even to offer a suggestion. We, therefore, submit the question of attendance at Chapel to the Board of Trustees for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) Thomas Todd, Chairman
E. H. Hobson,
J. C. Flourney,

The report was received and its commendations and recommendations were approved.

On motion of Gen'l. Buell seconded by Mr. Kennedy, ordered that the Secretary communicate the 7th paragraph of the foregoing report to all members of the faculty.

Prof. White the Business Agent entered and presented an envelope containing two dollars, stating that the same had been enclosed in a letter to a Catholic Priest with the request that it be presented to the State College Authorities, also that the Priest believed it to be conscience money.

Whereupon on motion, of Mr. Kennedy, ordered that the money be turned into the College Treasury.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report of committee on Military Instruction and College Discipline.

Your Committee report that they have investigated the condition of the Military organization and the instruction given the Military Corps, the discipline of students generally, and of those resident upon the grounds, and report that they find every thing in good condition, and have no suggestions to make except that the committee is of opinion the floors of the Mess Room and of the Kitchen be repaired or made anew.

(Signed) E. H. Hobson,
Thomas H. Hines,
Thomas Todd,

The President of the College offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Internal Expansion be and is hereby instructed to visit the college at some time during the current collegiate year in order to inspect and report upon the instruction given in the several departments, the discipline maintained, the efficiency of the instruction given, and all other matters connected with the operations of the college including the Experiment Station which it concerns the Board to know, and to report the same at the next meeting of the Board.

Carried.

On motion the Board then adjourned to meet at 1 P. M. June 1st, 1897.

V. E. Muncy
Secretary,

J. T. Gathright