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Curator Gratz
ask to be ex-
cused from vot-
ing not granted

Previous question as amended was then adopted.

Curator Gratz asked to be excused from voting.

Curator Ricketts moved

That said request be granted but the motion was not carried.

Curator Campbell moved /208/

Ten minute
rule

That no Curator shall be allowed to speak more than ten (10) minutes at a time and only once on the same subject until all t that desire to speak shall have done so unless by the consent of all the members present.

Curator Withers moved

Committee
to notify
Professors

That a Committee of three (3) be appointed to notify Brethren Milligan, McGarvey & Pickett of the action of this Board - and the Chair appointed Curator Withers, J. A. Williams & J. G. Allen.

Curator Campbell moved

That a Committee of five be taken on the subject - adopted and the following Curators were appointed to compose said Committee E. Campbell, C. T. Worthington, R. R. Sloan, R. C. Ricketts, W. L. Williams.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

Jos. S. Woolfolk

Secretary.

Morrison College, Nov. 23, 1871

Meeting of
Nov. 23, 1871

Board of Curators met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock A. M. the following members were present -
R. M. Bishop, J. B. Bowman, J. G. Allen, Benj. Gratz, Andrew Steele, Joseph Wasson, D. S. Goodloe, G. W. Elley, J. S. Woolfolk, A. H. Bowman, C. T. Worthington, Joseph Smith, W. L. Williams, A. G. Herndon, R. C. Ricketts, Z. . Smith, J. P. Tarbitt, R. R. Sloan, John Shackelford, W. T. Withers, B. B. Groom, Enos, Campbell, James L. Caldwell, L. B. Wilkes, Z. M. Sherley, John Aug. Williams, S. M. Wing, Horace Miller, H. C. Graves, Wm. E. Rogers, Landon A. Thomas.

The minutes of the previous meeting being read and corrected were approved.

The Chairman of the Comy. of five who had under consideration the difficulties in the Bible College asked for further time to complete their report.

Curator Joseph Smith offered the following Resolutions for the consideration of the Board of Curators.

Resolved that the Regent be urgently requested at the earliest practicable period to obtain at least one hundred thousand dollars as a special endowment of the Bible College.

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2. That when this is obtained - each Professor in said College shall be paid a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars.

3. That after said endowment is obtained and said salary increased to that amount named: No Professor of said College shall have any official connection with any Christian Congregation nor receive any Compensation as a Minister of the Gospel during the sessions of the College. /210/

Religious position of all the teachers.

Curator John Aug. Williams offered the following.

Proposed Amendment rejected.

Resolved that the Regent of the University be requested to inform this Board in writing as early as may be considered what is at present the Denominational or professed religious position of the several Professors, Instructors & Tutors in the University in the order of the Faculties to which they belong - Adopted.

Curator Withers moved to amend to by specifying distinctly if they are connected with any congregation at the present time - Amendment rejected.

Inquiring as to infidelity

Curator John Aug. Williams offered the following as a substitute

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire & report whether any of the Professors in the University are open and avowed Infidels or Skeptics and whether any of them are justly chargeable with a want of respect - for the word of God - It was adopted and Curators J. A. Williams, R. R. Sloan & B. B. Groom are appointed said comtee.

Regent Bowman makes certain changes & asks for an investigation

Regent Bowman rose to a Question of privilege and stated that slanderous and unjust reports effecting his character as a Gentleman & as a Regent and as Treasurer of Ky. University had been in circulation and charged Curator W. T. Withers, L. B. Wilkes and Professor McGarvey with being connected with these reports/211/ and asked for a committee to investigate these charges to be prepared in writing.

Committee of Investigation appointed

Curator J. A. Williams offered the following Resolved that a committee of five be appointed to receive in writing and investigate thoroughly, certain charges this day verbally preferred by Regent Bowman against Curators L. B. Wilkes, W. T. Withers & Prof. McGarvey. Said motion was unanimously adopted.

And the following Curators were appointed to compose said Comtee. J. G. Allen, Z. M. Sherley, H. Miller, R. J. White, Andrew Steele.

Curator Jno. Aug. Williams offers resolution.

Curator John Aug. Williams offered certain resolutions which were made and left on the table for the consideration of the Curators and they read as follows.

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The motions opposite are laid on the table to be called up during this session.

Whereas the ownership and Control of Ky. University has been vested by law in a Board of Curators of not less than thirty members, two thirds of whom at least must be members of the Christian Church in Kentucky, whereas in said Board there must be a representation of our Number from each County in the State that has subscribed Fifteen Thousand Dollars to the Endowment Fund.

Therefore Resolved that this Board thus legally constituted and qualified do recognise the University as being under the auspices & fostering care of the Christian Brotherhood and they will endeavor faithfully as Trustees to control the same and every Department there of, in the interests of the Beneficiaries for whose advantage the Trust has been created always keeping in view the ends for which the University has been established and which are set forth in the Charter, and faithfully applying every donation made for any specific purpose according to the instructions of the Donor or Benefactor.

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Curator
Withers
offers a
substitute/

Curator W. T. Withers offered the following as a substitute-
Be it resolved by the Curators of Ky. University -

1. That all the Colleges of Ky. University except the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Ky. are under the patronage, ownership and control of the Christian Church of Kentucky for the ownership and control of said University."

2. That the funds and property transferred by Transylvania University to Kentucky University are as much under the control of the Curators of Ky. University as any other funds or property of the Institution subject only to the provisions of the act of the Legislature of Kentucky approved Feby. 28th 1865.

3. That it is the intention and desire of the Board of Curators to conform in all things to the act establishing the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky the act consolidating Transylvania & Ky. University and sacredly to respect and carry out their provisions

4. That while all the Colleges of the University except the /213/ Agricultural and Mechanical College are under the patronage of the Christian Church and the Church through the Board of Curators who represent various Chairs of these Colleges with men who have her confidence yet it is distinctly announced that Theology is not taught in any of the Colleges of the Bible and they are open to men and youth of all Parties, religious and political- the object being to cheapen education and offer facilities for all both rich and poor to avail themselves of its benefits.

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Report from
Committee
of five.

The Comt^{ee} of Five being ready to report Their Chairman E. Campbell said that Professors Milligan, McGarvey and Pickett wished to read their responses after which the Comt^{ee} had certain resolutions to present to the Board.

Prest. Milligan proceeded to read his response marked A. and which is filed with papers of importance connected with Ky. University.

Professor McGarvey also read his response marked B. Which is also filed.

Professor Pickett also delivered part orally and part in writing his reply to these responses, the latter of which together with his original Protest is filed, marked C.

After the reading of all of which Prest. Milligan stated that he had no rejoinder to make but was ready to answer /214/ any questions that might be propounded to him by any member of the Board Professor McGarvey states that he wished to make an additional statement in regard to some points missed by Professor Pickett which would accompany the resolutions of the Committee-

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

Afternoon
Session

The Board met 2 P. M. the Roll being called the Curators were found present those had been in attendance at the previous sessions-

The secretary not being ready with the minutes of the morning session they were not read - n

Report of
Comt. of
five.

The Committee of five composing the investigating Comt^{ee} of which Curator Campbell was Chairman resumed the making of their report.

Regent Bowman offered the following Resolved that the resolutions be taken up singly and acted upon which motion was adopted.

Your Curator to whom was committed the Protest of Prof. J. D. Pickett with instructions to collect all the facts within their power on the subject beg leave respectfully to Report.

That Prest. Milligan, Prof. McGarvey and Prof. Pickett met with us & furnished us the facts within their knowledge each making such explanations as were needed to throw additional light on the same. Prest. Milligan furnished a written statement here-with handed you & Prof. McGarvey will furnish the Board with similar on both of which we recommend to the consideration of the whole Body - From all these we glean and summarize the following facts substantiated by the concurrent statements of all parties.

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1. That for the first two months of the current session President Milligan, did, in the exercises of the Bible College, call upon Prof. Pickett in connection with others to lead in prayer in the opening services. Prof. Picketts turn was Friday so regularly that it assumed the appearance of custom, but all parties agree in stating that no fixed or permanent arrangement existed either as to the practice or the day.

2. That Thursday the 2d of November 1871, Prest. Milligan called upon Prof. Pickett and informed him that he could no longer conscientiously call upon him to appear in morning worship until his church difficulties were all properly settled. In this interview strictly private Prest. Milligan requested Prof. Pickett to decline officiating in the Chapel - thus to avoid great publicity in the matter & to release him (Prest Milligan) from the embarrassment he felt in view of the respect cherished for him as a man and Professor.

3. On Friday morning the 3d, Professor Pickett presented for perusal to Prest. Milligan the Protest which is now before this board of Curators after which Prest. M. having now the scriptures himself called upon one of the students to lead in prayer - Prest. Milligan alleges as the reason for his course in this matter that the Main Street Church had excludet Prof. Pickett for disorderly conduct & schismatic course.

4. Prest. Milligan takes upon himself the entire responsibility in this action having the approbation however of Prof. McGarvey whom he consulted after his private interview with Prof. Pickett.

Prof. McGarvey added to this statement that he fully endorsed the action of Prest. Milligan, having weeks before suggested that in the event of Prof. Pickett exclusion a serious question would arise and assume this form.

5th It is further gathered from these statements that Prest. Milligan so soon as intimated to him that the Students of the Bible College intended to publish a statement sought to check & suppress the same and though no formal Faculty action was taken, a Public admonition was given Prof. denies having anything to do with the public action of his protest or any other document.

It seems too that the students in their use of art 15th Page 71 published a garbled extract from the laws of the College and perverted the same to their own use Prof. Pickett on his part claims as set forth on his protest that the other members of the Faculty of the Bible College have no right to exercise such jurisdiction on him their Peer - that he is degraded

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by this action in the presence of his own students while in the College of Arts - Prest. White not merely gives to him his wonted privileges but has disciplined the Pupils of that school who insulted his authority.

Your Curator in view of these facts respectfully recommend the following Resolutions.

1. That as Curators we can take no cognizance of Church troubles or decisions as such
2. That by _____ of Custom which has the force of Common Law it belongs to the President of the College as his undoubted right to conduct the Devotional exercises of the Chapel services himself or invite others to do so, as he may choose
3. That Prest. Milligan having the right to invite has for consequence, the right to withdraw the invitation but should not have given Prof. Fickett's church standing as the reason for that withdrawal because it complicates us and the Faculties under us with a subject over which we and they have no control

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Upon motion
this resolution
was re-
considered

/217/ Curator Elley tendered the resignation of Curator Henry Bell which upon motion of Curator Joseph Smith accepted Curator Gratz being the only one voting nay - Motion afterwards reconsidered.

Com. on re-
conciliation

Curator John Aug. Williams offered the following
Resolved - That a Committee of three be appointed to devise & propose some scheme or measure looking to the reconciliation of all the members of this Board and members of the Faculties of the institution one with the other - Adopted unanimously J. G. Allen, Z. F. Smith- R. M. Bishop.

Com. of In-
vestigation
of Regent
Bowmans
charges to
meet tomorrow
morning

Curator Ricketts offered the following
Resolved - that the Committee of investigation of which Curator J. G. Allen is Chairman shall report to-morrow morning immediately after the opening of the session - adopted.

Report of
Com. on
finances read
& adopted

Curator Allen asked for the reading of the report of the Committee (appointed at the last meeting of the Board) to examine into the finances and investments of the funds of the University. The published report was then made and upon motion of Curator Allen unanimously adopted.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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4th That Prof. Picketts for prudential reasons should have voluntarily declined to fill a place which the President could not longer conscientiously tender him.

5. That in view of the common and equal rights belonging to every member of the same Faculty in any college Prof. Pickett, so long as he occupies the place to which the Curators have called him, is, without respect to other outside matters over which the Board have no control, entitled to all the rights which any other member of the Faculty enjoys, the prerogative of the President as such only excepted -

6. That we respectfully call attention of the Faculty to the action of the Students of the Bible College as respects their newspaper publication hereby recommending that they be called upon to make acknowledgement, that they did wrong in making that publication and that said acknowledgement be published for them by President Milligan

Signed Enos Campbell
C. T. Worthington
R. C. Ricketts
W. L. Williams
R. R. Sloan.

Meeting
of Nov.
24, 1871

/219/ Morrison College, November 24th, 1871

Board met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock.

Roll being called the following Curators were found present.
R. M. Bishop, J. B. Bowman, John G. Allen, Benj. Gratz, Andrew Steele, Joseph Wasson, D. S. Goodloe, G. W. Elley, J. S. Woolfolk, A. H. Bowman, C. T. Worthington, Joseph Smith, J. P. Tarbitt, R. R. Sloan, W. T. Withers, Enos Campbell, L. B. Wilkes, Z. M. Sherley, S. M. Wing, Horace Miller, William Rogers.

Com. of five
asked to be
released
not granted

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday which were approved by the Board.

The Committee of Five not being ready to report asked through their Chairman to be released from farther duty and that the subject referred to them be referred to the Comtee of three who were appointed on yesterday for the purpose of trying to reconcile the difficulties now existing between the Brethren & Faculties connected with Ky. University - not granted -

Substitute of
Curators
Withers taken
up for con-
sideration

Curator Worthington moved that the Comtee of five be discharged - withdrawn

Moved and adopted that the substitute of Curator Withers to J. A. Williams resolution on the subject of declaring the purpose and design of the various Colleges of Ky. University be taken up conscientiously paragraph by paragraph.