

A. & M. College of Kentucky, December 4, 1903.

The faculty met in regular session at 3:30 P.M. those present being Pres. Patterson, Neffs, White, Nevill, Kastle, Pryor, Anderson, Matthews, Miller, Pence, Brooks, Mackenzie, Norwood, and Haig.

Electric Lights.

President Patterson called attention to the excessively large bills for electric lights, recently presented by the Electric Light Co. and made inquiry in regard to the amount of light used by the different departments.

Report of Com. on Attendance from Mountain Counties.

The report of Prof. Norwood, chairman of Com. on attendance from the mountain counties was presented as follows: the report was upon motion adopted.

(Prof. Norwoods report inserted next page)

Candidates for Degrees in 1904.

Prof. Anderson reported the following list of prospective candidates for the degree of B. M. E. in 1904

B. M. E.

R. C. Butler, E. J. Dowling, W. A. Doyle, O. K. Dyser, W. E. Freeman, H. S. Fry, C. H. Gullion, S. T. Howard, P. O. Hunter, A. L. Jenkins, F. J. Johnson, H. W. Johnston, J. E. Matthews, C. A. Matlack, J. S. McCauley, L. E. Nollan, E. E. Ranney, C. P. St. John, C. C. Stackhouse, E. Gilliland.

B. Min. Eng.

For degree of B. Min. E. Prof. Norwood presented Robt. H. Barclay.

B. C. E.

For deg. of B. C. E. Prof. Brooks presented names as follows

H. K. Bell, W. P. Embank, A. A. Gordon, W. D. Gray, G. O. Harding, J. G. Lewis, G. W. Pickels, H. Puckett, R. R. Reese, F. L. Schmeiter, N. B. Spencer, W. H. Warder, and H. J. Wurtelle. For C. E. O. T. Dinn.

B. Agr.

For the degree of B. Agr. the name of W. M. Shobe was presented by C. W. Matthews.

Prof. Nevill offered the following list of candidates for the degree of A. B.

A. B.

James K. Dalton

W. B. Crutchfield, H. D. Hedges, B. P. House, J. I. Montgomery, A. S. Peirce, C. O. Peratt, J. F. Sandefur, E. W. Schultz, J. C. Shelby, E. C. Vaughan, Misses, - Lillian Austin, Margaret R. Hart, Helen Jargar, Helen G. Madara, Sarah C. Smedley, Nannie S. Tucker.

See p. 371 - for supplementary list. B. Ed.

It was informally agreed that the Christmas holidays should extend from Dec 23 to Jan 3 inclusive. Adjourned. C. W. Matthews Secy. Approved Jan 15 - 1904

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ATTENDANCE FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

The Committee charged with the duty of ascertaining whether, for the last year or two, there has been a diminished matriculation from those parts of Kentucky commonly known as the "mountain counties", with instructions to suggest a remedy in event the facts show that there has been such a decline, has the honor to report as follows:

1. For the purposes of this inquiry, all those counties lying within the Eastern Coalfield, together with two or three that border it, are considered as "mountain counties". A list of such counties, thirty-three in number, is appended to this report.
2. The committee, deeming it necessary in order that the question may be considered intelligently, has ventured to widen the scope of the inquiry submitted to it and has studied the attendance not only from the "mountain-counties" but from the State at large, throughout a period of 25 years, ending with the present one. Statistics relating to that period have been collated, and are herewith submitted in tabulated and in charted form.
3. The statistics show that there has been a decline in matriculation from the "mountain counties" since the session of 1900-1901.
4. But they also show that the attendance from such counties has been, in general, upward; that the present decline is not from an average but from a maximum which was reached in 1900-1901; and that the decline is the result of a fall in attendance from Pulaski county, from 33 to 9. As is shown by the charted statistics, since the adoption of the accredited school system, the attendance in the College as a whole has increased more rapidly than has that from the "mountain counties," in which there are relatively few accredited schools.
5. The Committee finds that the advantages afforded by State Colleges are inoperative in the mountains because the young men and young women there are not prepared to enter the College--this holding true in some counties even as to teachers-- and that in many instances they are not even prepared to enter the Preparatory Department. It appears that this is due to lack of adequate educational facilities in such counties. The facts show, moreover, that in the past the attendance from the mountains has been largely of teachers.
6. The Committee is of opinion, therefore, that, as a remedy for the relatively small attendance from the "mountain counties", and for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the College as a whole, the Normal Department should be strengthened; that a systematic course of visitation of accredited schools and of Teachers' Institutes should be undertaken; and that an extensive and thorough system of advertising should be devised and provided for. The Committee recommends that, as a means to that end, provision be made for the employment of a man of very high class as Traveling Secretary, whose duties shall be to travel and advertise the College from June 1st, till January 1st, visiting Institutes and accredited schools in the course of his work, and to teach in the Normal Department from January 1st till June 1st.

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Respectfully submitted,
 G. J. Norwood, Chairman.
 G. W. Mathews.
 A. M. Miller.
 J. P. Brooks.