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Ordered that the Secretary be authorized to notify Mr. Hamilton of this action.

On motion of Mr. Flourney ordered that the chairman appoint a committee of three to draw appropriate resolutions, bearing upon the long and faithful services of Dr. Patterson, to be presented to the Board at 9 o'clock tomorrow (June 1, 1899)

Chair appointed Mr. Flourney, Gooding, and Todd.

Adjourned to meet 9 A. M. June 1.

The Board of Trustees met at 9:30 A. M. June 1, in the Presidents room.

Present:	Judge Holt, Chairman
	Boswell,
	Flourney
	Fraze
	Gooding
	Hobson
	Kennedy
	Marcum
	Patterson - Mathews?
	Peak
	Stoll,
	Todd

On motion of Mr. Stoll ordered that the degree of Learned Doctor of Laws be conferred on Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture.

President Patterson read a communication from Prof. Anderson relative to the positions of trust and profit held by the graduates from the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering.

The communication was received and filed and the Secretary authorized to publish extracts from it in the city papers.

The following was offered by Mr. Flournoy:

It is with feelings of great pride and exultation that the Board of Trustees read the report of the President of the Institution. And it is eminently fitting that as Trustees for the people of this State we express to President Patterson the thanks of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for his services that are not only unparalleled in length of time, but unsurpassed elsewhere in these United States for distinguished ability.

Not all the battles of men have been fought on tented fields, nor all their victories won by marching legions. In the annals of our State marked as they are by the stories of struggle and heroism, we believe no page can shine brighter than that on which is recorded the life work of President James K. Patterson. If courage in struggle with adverse circumstances can command admiration, the highest need of praise must be his. If absolute devotion to duty and unyielding pertinacity of purpose coupled with deep and strenuous faith in the loftiest ideals of human endeavor, count for aught, we can confidently say to the world, that as the head of this great trust, we have a man and a leader of men.

It is, therefore, our duty to congratulate Kentucky on the possession of such a son and servant, and to express to him our united hearty and earnest hope, that he may long be spared to carry on the work he has done so well.

It is, moreover, our pleasure to record the unvarying courtesy and **kindness** that has always marked our personal and official dealings with him, and to say that he enjoys to the fullest extent our confidence, respect and esteem.

(Signed) J. C. Flournoy,  
A. P. Gooding  
Thomas Todd

On motion the resolution was unanimously approved, and ordered to be entered upon the records of the Board, and published in the daily papers.

On motion of Gen. Hobson ordered that the annual report of the President to the Board of Trustees be published for distribution to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

It is understood that the report may be revised by the President, that at least one thousand copies shall be printed, at a reasonable cost (say ten dollars)

During the morning session of the Board Hon. James Wilson Secretary of Agriculture in the cabinet of Mr. McKinley was introduced to the body and remained during the remainder of the sitting. Courteous greetings were exchanged and the Secretary expressed his gratification in seeing evidences of so much good work done by the college.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on December 12th, 1899.

V. E. Muncy,  
Secretary

NOTE - On December 12th, 1899, Messrs. Hart Boswell, D. F. Frazee, J. T. Gathright, A. P. Gooding, E. H. Hobson, J. K. Patterson, and W. F. Peak met in the President's room but there being no quorum present, they adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. Dec. 13, 1899.