

A.O.M. College of Ky. Nov. 15-1904.

The faculty met in adjourned session at 3 P.M.

Prof. James White reported an interview with Mrs. Wallis of Patterson Hall, who stated that about 8 P.M. on Halloween night a large body of students with noisy demonstrations appeared at Patterson Hall. Some of them brought to the veranda a large mowing machine. Some came to the door requesting admittance which was denied them.

Some time after a number of boys (about ten) gained access to the second story of the veranda by climbing the supporting columns, but made no attempt to gain admission to the building.

They sat about upon the railing of veranda, in conversation with a number of young women including Miss Hodges.

Finally, after conference by telephone with the lady managers, and upon the request of Miss Hodges who agreed to be present and assume responsibility for the observation of the proprieties of the occasion, Mrs. Wallis gave her consent for the admission of the young men who were then upon the second story of the veranda, the large body of demonstrative students having by that time left the grounds.

The young men then went inside, spent an hour in the gymnasium hall in dancing, when they passed downstairs and left in an orderly manner. <sup>about ten o'clock</sup> Mrs. Wallis observed nothing in their behavior deserving criticism except possibly the manner of gaining access to the second story.

Later in the evening a number of the young women had a party in one of the rooms.

Mrs. Wallis did not ~~see~~ herself see the lawn mower brought up or taken down the steps.

Mesrs. Eubank, Viley, Barclay, M<sup>rs</sup>. Dowell, Phorn, Scholtz, and Edmunds were in succession brought before the faculty and substantially presented the same testimony as follows:—

that in pursuance of a rumor circulated among them that there was a prospect of a visit and a dance at Patterson Hall that night they went there about eight o'clock, climbed to the second floor of the veranda, remained there about half an hour in conversation with a number of young ladies present with them; after which with consent of Mrs. Wallis they were admitted to the building where they enjoyed a dance for about an hour in the gymnasium hall; after ~~which~~ <sup>this</sup> they went downstairs and left the building and grounds in an orderly manner:

that none of them took any part in the injury done to the steps; that on the contrary this injury was done by the police officer alone, who in spite of the repeated warnings of several of their number that if he pushed the mower down, he would break the steps, did, by himself and without assistance from any college boys, deliberately push the machine off and down the steps.

Finding of Faculty  
in investigation  
of Halloween  
occurrences at  
Patterson Hall.

After the hearing of this testimony, it was ordered upon motion of Prof. Anderson, seconded by Prof. Nisler that the following be adopted as the report of the faculty.

" The Faculty of the State College of Kentucky, acting under the order of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, pertaining to the occurrences on Halloween at Patterson Hall, begs to report as follows:-

1st. It has investigated the allegations that young men entered the rooms of girls at Patterson Hall on Halloween night, and that the girls extended an invitation to the boys to enter their rooms on that occasion, and is absolutely convinced that there is no truth whatever in the reports.

2d. That a lawn mower was carried without injury to the front steps, on to the front veranda of Patterson Hall by a large crowd of college boys, and that this mower was pushed down the front steps by the private police officer employed by the college, and in so doing, it is supposed, the front steps were chipped. "

Concerning the disturbances in and about the college buildings, Messrs. Brewer and Proctor testified that they were in the main building upon the night in question but did not participate in any act resulting in injury to college property. They also both testified to hearing pistol shots fired within the building.

Mr. Lee Anderson offered the following testimony, either in the form of a direct statement or in answer to questions asked.

He was on guard in the main building on Halloween night having been engaged a few days before by Prof. W. R. Patterson.

Prof. Patterson did not suggest any violence. He (Anderson) had been employed upon several previous occasions to guard college buildings, and on such occasions had been accustomed to go armed.

He was armed that night with a revolver loaded with three cartridges.

He came into the building about six o'clock accompanied by a former student of the college named Mann. Mann had a revolver which was not loaded at the time, but he afterwards went out and secured some cartridges for it.

Upon entering the building he found Prof. Pence about to leave his rooms and the latter (he testified) insisted that he should especially guard his (Pence's) department through the night.

He therefore confined his attention largely to the lower floor and particularly Prof. Pence's rooms.

Later in the evening there were loud demonstrations upon the outside of the building and several attempts were made by bands of students to gain entrance to the building, in which attempts they were afterwards successful.

At one time a body of students was trying to force open the doors at the south end of the building when upon his (Anderson's) instructions Mr. Mann fired three shots at the iron port

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supporting stairway, with the idea of intimidating the students and causing them to desert.

These shots were answered by derisive shouts upon the outside showing the crowd thought that blank cartridges were being fired to scare them.

An hour or so later, when the crowds had dispersed, Mann fired ~~two~~ balls at the door itself, with the intention of demonstrating to the boys that the shots fired <sup>previously</sup> were the "real thing".

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He (Anderson) did not at any time fire any shots. All were fired by his assistant Mann. He had however, at one time threatened the crowd outside and said that he would kill the first man who came in. He said that the boys had threatened to mob him; and in response to inquiry stated that he would have killed them if his own life had been in danger. He also said that he would have felt justified in shooting to protect property.

Among those upon the outside he recognized B. E. Brewer, Kirby, Sanders, Wickersham, Stone, and Bodkin.

Prof. Pence testified that he left his apartment at 6 P. M. that night. Anderson came in at the time and stated that he was to guard the building during the night. Anderson having been for some time the janitor of his rooms, he was led to ask him if he would be in the building, to have a special oversight for his (Pence's) rooms. Anderson said Mann was one whom he had gotten to keep him.

Upon Anderson's request Prof. Pence remained at his rooms a little longer to enable Anderson to go out to get a lunch, thinking that otherwise the keyhole of the door would be plastered up so that he could not return. During Anderson's absence some boys tried to enter his room but failed. They however priggled up the lock so that upon Anderson's return he had to admit them from the inside.

Upon motion of Dr. Pryor the following report was adopted.

"In accordance with instructions received from the Executive committee Nov. 10th, 1904, the faculty of the State College proceeded to investigate the alleged outrages perpetrated on the part of students on Halloween night. The faculty cited and examined many persons, but were unable to fix responsibility or guilt upon anyone. The injury done to college property on the grounds of the college proper, was small. The intention seemed to be grotesque boisterous fun, coupled with more or less annoyance, but this may easily pass into violence and injury to persons and property.

The faculty however deprecate the manifest disposition among the college students to exceed the bounds of propriety in Halloween and kindred sports. They believe that the only effective remedy for this is to be found in an effort to raise the moral standard of the matriculates of the college. They therefore urge upon the Board of Trustees to take into serious consideration how this most desirable end may be attained."

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Min approved - Dec. 2 -

C. W. Matthews. Secy.

James K. Patterson