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THE FIGHT ON FERRIN

Vote 8 to 8 on Resolution to Force Retirement of Pacific University Head.

After a heated discussion lasting all yesterday afternoon, the board of trustees of Pacific University divided evenly on the proposal to ask the resignation of Dr. W. N. Ferrin, president of the institution, the vote standing eight to eight. The vote came on a resolution seeking Dr. Ferrin's retirement. Later by the same vote the majority report of the investigating committee, which favored retaining the president, but absenting him from the University on a financial campaign for one year, failed of adoption.

Still a third proposal was submitted later by Judge Stephen A. Lowell providing for Dr. Ferrin's retirement in one year. It also failed of passage eight to eight.

The meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. and was an executive session. The vote was by written ballot and the chairman of the board voted among the others. The majority vote of the investigating committee was signed by B. S. Huntington, G. H. Marsh and E. P. McCornack. It sought the absenting of President Ferrin for the year to solicit the funds to make up a conditional offer of \$40,000 from James J. Hill and contemplated the appointment of a dean to govern the university during the year.

REPORT SURVEYS SITUATION.

The minority report was presented by Philip E. Bauer and W. T. Fletcher, both alumni members of the board, Mr. Fletcher being the official representative of the Associate Alumni. This report viewed at length the case, that has been made out against the Ferrin administration, declaring that alumni, faculty and citizens of Forest Grove are unitedly in favor of a change of executives. It told of his failure to hold faculty members in the past and brought against him a series of counts that the signers held properly should originate with the trustees themselves.

The even division of the trustees leaves the situation unchanged. Another meeting will be held next Saturday at the Y. M. C. A., but it is not known that the question of the presidency will come up again.

FACULTY PRESENT STATEMENT.

One of the strongest arguments against Dr. Ferrin yesterday was a formal statement from the faculty. At a previous meeting the faculty had presented a short statement, asking for Dr. Ferrin's removal. Yesterday a longer letter embodying faculty sentiment was sent in, signed by all but two members, Professor Alexis Ben Kori and Professor L. B. Shippee.

Professor Ben Kori sent in a letter agreeing that Professor Ferrin should be superseded. Professor Shippee, who had signed the first faculty statement, was absent from Forest Grove when the second statement was prepared. Teachers in the Conservatory of Music did not sign the statement.

The faculty charges include

the declaration that Dr. Ferrin lacks administrative ability, tact and qualities of leadership, is autocratic and arbitrary, and that he has been vacillating to such an extent that the teachers have been unable to depend on his support in matters where they had every reason to expect it, and have been assured that they would receive it. The faculty statement follows:

REASONS ARE GIVEN.

Forest Grove, Or. June 19, 1912. To the Board of Trustees of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Or.

Gentlemen: Whereas it has been reported to us that the statement signed by the members of the faculty relating to the efficiency of the president of the institution does not set forth reasons in support of the opinion expressed therein, now, therefore, we, the undersigned members of the faculty of Tualatin Academy and Pacific University do hereby submit the following declaration of reasons which prompted us to sign the said statement.

We were at the time we signed said statement and we still are of the opinion:

First—That President Ferrin lacks administrative ability.

Second—That he lacks those qualities of leadership which inspire confidence and loyalty on the part of the faculty, students and friends of the University.

Third—That he has no well-defined comprehensive plan for the development of the institution; at least he has never outlined such a plan to his faculty or sought to enlist their co-operation in carrying it out.

Fourth—That his lack of tact and his autocratic and arbitrary methods of conducting the affairs of the institution constantly result in loss of students, alienation of former friends and alumni and the positive antagonism of many who should be supporters financially and otherwise.

FACULTY WISH S OVERRULED.

Fifth—That the work of the institution during the past year has been greatly demoralized, owing to the fact that in the matters of attempted discipline on the part of the faculty, the president has deferred to the clamor of the students, granting their petitions against the best judgment of the faculty.

Sixth—That members of the faculty have found him vacillating to such an extent that they have been unable to depend on his support in matters where they have every reason to expect it and have been assured that they would have it.

We respectively submit that the foregoing reasons, which can be substantiated by specific instances, constitute ground for our action in the matter of the statement, which was presented to the board of trustees on the first day of June.

Among the documents in the case was Dr. Ferrin's letter in reply to the charges brought against him. Referring in his letter to the complaints from the alumni, Dr. Ferrin noted that in the letters from the alumni, replies were received from one third of the 206 living graduates of the university and that out of these 46 suggested a change in the administration. He declared that the complaints made in the letters were "so general as to be vague" and attributed much of the criticism to a feeling of antagonism that "had its origin in disturbances in which the alumni were involved in their student days." These criticisms, he held, should be of little value in the action of the committee.

REASONS ARE CITED.

To the complaint that the enrollment had not increased as it should under his administration, he replied by saying that the increase of the high schools in the state had acted to limit the attendance in the academic courses, but held that it had brought



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WOODROW WILSON

Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, on the 46th ballot Tuesday at the Baltimore Convention received 990 votes, Clark 84, Harmon 12. Wilson by this vote became the Nominee of the Democrat Party for President.

about a substantial upbuilding in the collegiate courses, which he maintained, should be given emphasis in the future development of the institution.

Against the complaint that the school had been running down under his administration, he cited the list of contributions to the endowment that had been secured in the last five years, involving contributions from Andrew Carnegie and from many prominent business men of Portland.

He attributed the unfavorable criticism on the part of the faculty members to "destructive criticism on the part of some of the trustees."

The minority report of the investigating committee is long and contains a full review of the case against Dr. Ferrin. It begins with the assertion that the college should have the support of trustees, faculty, alumni and friends, and that "the president nor the board has any right, autocratically, to close their ears to the prayers of the faculty, alumni and others."

The report includes the faculty statement, and concerning it says: "President Ferrin replies to this petition by saying that Trustee Bauer, in an interview, misrepresented facts and poisoned the minds of the faculty and secured this petition. To you who know the caliber of this faculty, such a contention is preposterous and puerile."

This trustee did not create this judgment of this sober-minded faculty, he simply found it and reported it, and moreover, discovered that it had existed for years."

Attention is then called to the fact that in a period of 11 years, 33 members of the faculty have resigned, of which the statement adds, Dr. Ferrin admits

eight have resigned for "incompetency or allied reasons," and that 17 moved on to better positions or to complete their scholastic training elsewhere, "which is very significant," the report adds, "In the face of the fact that five of the young men of the faculty today say they will stay if President Ferrin resigns, but surely will go if he is retained. Attention is called to the fact that 10 of the 12 members of Whitman College, who were there in 1901, are still with the college, while only two of the Pacific University faculty of 1901 remain."

LETTERS ARE SUMMARIZED.

The report refers to the circular letter sent out by an alumni committee, to which 74 replies were received, 190 letters being sent out. The following summary of the poll is presented:

Causes for lack of growth and popularity: Executive weakness, 49; lack of harmony, 14; lack of advertising, 10; lack of interest by the board, 6; changing faculty, 7; other reasons 15.

Remedies suggested—Change of administration, 55; more co-operation 5; more advertising, 4; everything satisfactory, 2; miscellaneous suggestions, 11. Some of the alumni gave several suggestions in each case.

In reply to a contention by Dr. Ferrin that the alumni letters were inspired by improper purposes actuating the investigation, the report declares that the poll was assented to by the chairman of the board, Mr. Huntington. "The poll was honest and true, and the response to a circular letter was large," it is said.

BOARD NOT OBEYED, IS ASSERTED.

Giving its attention to complaints that "might properly originate with the board," the

report says the president has started out on two endowment campaigns and "let them peter out," that the school has "been marking time for ten years," while other institutions have been growing, and that Dr. Ferrin has failed to obey the express instructions of the board. It is also said that of the \$100,000 which Dr. Ferrin says he has raised, \$18,500 was insurance money, \$2,500 was promised during the administration of his predecessor, and that an \$18,000 deficit has been added. Comparison is made with the work of President Homan, of Willamette, in raising \$400,000 in four years.

It was further declared that the ministers of some of the Congregational churches, to which they should be able to look for support, had been actively opposed to Dr. Ferrin. The college town also was held to be opposed to him and a definite list of causes for the strained relations between the town and the college was given.

The report in closing contained a declaration of the desire on the part of the signers to treat Dr. Ferrin with perfect fairness.

"We are not unmindful of his long years of service nor his good qualities," it says, "but we trust we are mindful of the college, which is bigger than the man. Our plans are not simply against President Ferrin, but they are for our Alma Mater, whom we love and wish to serve."

It is reported that the debate over the various proposals affecting Dr. Ferrin's future status with the university was spirited. Although the vote was by secret ballot it was reported last night that the division on the several motions was as follows: Supporting the administration, B. S. Huntington, J. R. Wilson, Milton W. Smith, Judge Charles E. Wolverson, A. L. Mills, George H. Marsh, Judge J. Q. A. Bowlby and E. P. McCornack; opposing the administration, Dr. Luther R. Dyott, Judge Stephen A. Lowell, Rev. Phillip E. Bauer, John E. Bailey, E. W. Haines, Newton McCoy, W. T. Fletcher and Napoleon Davis.—Oregonian.

SENIOR CLASS ATTITUDE.

We, the undersigned members of the Seniors—class of Pacific University believe it is for the best interests of this school to secure a new president.

Signed by the following, the entire class: C. C. Ward, Harlan J. Turner, Summer E. Bryant, Jennie C. Rasmusen, D. J. Taylor, V. V. Gould, Myrtle M. Bunday, Maude B. Bunday, Marion Taylor, Olaus J. Maurie and P. Burton Arant.

One refused to sign, although he has many times during the year committed himself very candidly toward the opinion subscribed to above.

We the undersigned members of the Senior class believe that it is for the best interests of Pacific University to retain President Ferrin at the head of the institution.

To which no signatures were appended.

Don't neglect the children's musical education. It is a sin for parents to neglect this part of a child's education. Have you a piano in your home to start the little ones out on, who, if they had half a chance, would turn the gloom into sunshine for you and others? I sell good reliable pianos and sell them on terms to suit you whether for cash, or the smallest payment you can afford.—Geo. G. PATERSON, Forest Grove.

WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE

They Must Keep Up the Battle if They Would Have Their Rights.

To the Editor of the New York Times:—

The heroic band of Men Reformers advance plenty of reasons why the fair sex should vote. Men fought and won, so women must keep up the battle if they would have their rights.

Reasons are, after all, largely the academic aspect of all great movements, and are born of prejudice, temperament, self-interest, or fear. The "reason" for male suffrage is that the male has had it. He got it because he fought for it, under the inspiration of his discontent, and the fallacious reasoning of leaders; not because it is one of the biological functions of the male animal to vote.

The "Reason" for the ballot is today, as it has always been, the power to get it: the justification of it is the results, de facto and potential, of its use. But man in possession, decrying the divine right of kings, pleads the divine right of sex. Secure in the absence of a profound knowledge of biology, or the meanings, methods, or pretensions of science, he rushes in where no scientist was ever dogmatic enough to enter and making a fetish of nature, a superstition of teteology, a theology of science, sentimentality of sentiment, he places his woman on the altar of the home, to the glorification of manhood—consumes her with his own fire,—and consecrates the ashes to the glory of mother-hood.

Steeped in sentimentalism and cant, man proclaims that women have, through his all-seeing wisdom and generosity, "all the privileges they deserve." It has, perforce, finally arrived to woman herself to comprehend the sacredness of sex and mother-hood, and to attain to a realization of what man has only sentimentalized over, the while he supported or tolerated prostitution as a biological necessity, and an accelerator of business.

(signed) Henderson Brook Deady, M. D.

New York, May 11, 1913.

Note—The writer of the above is the son of the late Natthaw P. Deady, for many years Federal Judge of Oregon.

HILLSIDE.

Mrs. Laura Claphaw is visiting with her mother in Forest Grove.

Mrs. Ruick has returned from Tillamook.

Mrs. Mills has gone to stay with Mrs. Shearer because of the absence of grandma Shearer's nurse.

J. E. Lewton attended the canner meeting last Tuesday.

The Hillside young folks are showing much interest in the organizing of the Christian Young Peoples' Washington Co. Union.

For Sale—Steam prune dryer, one ton capacity, all complete. Price \$60. J. L. Loving, Gales Creek, Ore.

Brown Leghorn hens and pullets for sale, 75c each. Mixed chickens 60c. Ail laying. W. C. Grddy, Cornelius, Route 1