

and the proceeds thereof shall be guaranteed to the widow of Dr. Lillie for the term of her natural life.

(3.) That, on her death, the proceeds of the said fund shall be appropriated to the support, in full or in part, of a Professorship in Church History in the Congregational College of British North America, which shall bear the name of "The Lillie Professorship of Church History.

5. In the critical juncture of affairs caused by the death of the Principal, at so important a period of the Session, your Board had to take immediate action for the prosecution of the work of the classes in the Theological Department. For financial and other reasons, they did not deem it expedient to incur additional charges upon the funds of the College, by the temporary appointment of lecturers in Systematic Theology and Church History. They, therefore, gladly availed themselves of the offer of Dr. Wilkes and Professor Cornish to arrange between themselves, by giving additional lectures, that the class in Theology should meet daily. This arrangement has been carried into effect.

6. The appointment of a successor to the joint office of Principal and Professor of Systematic Theology is by the By-laws and Regulations vested in the Corporation. In the opinion of your Board, it is of great moment that the appointment be made without any unnecessary delay, in order that time may be afforded both to the Board, and to the gentleman appointed, for making complete arrangements to enter promptly upon the work of next Session, when the class in Theology will be much larger than it is now. This was the main reason for calling a special meeting of the Corporation at the earliest date at which it can be legally held. In this connection, it is due to the Colonial Missionary Society, which has always been a generous supporter of the College, that the views of its Committee should be laid before you. In an official letter of December 9th, the Secretary thus writes:—"The Committee feel very anxious about the filling up of the vacant office of the College. When they met they had only the fact of the vacancy before them, and the names of certain brethren whom rumour had designated as men qualified to fill the vacancy. They instructed me to suggest for your consideration whether it was desirable to proceed at once to an election. This Session will have to be carried through on the strength of some temporary arrangement, and it seems desirable that in a matter of so much importance, nothing of the nature of a permanent arrangement should be hastily determined upon."

7. As the Board is not prepared with any nomination, they lay this important matter before you, for your action in the same, or for your instructions for their future guidance. But they deem it to be their duty to call your attention to section 4 of a memorandum presented by the Board to the annual meeting of the Corporation in 1866:—

"That, in the judgment of this Board, it is not necessary, or desirable, hereafter, to maintain the principle of separating the professorship from a pastorate."

This memorandum was referred to a Special Committee which reported thereupon, *inter alia*, as follows:—

"Apart from any personal bearing of their opinion, the Committee agree with the Board, in thinking, that any future appointment to the