

appointment was thereafter approved and confirmed. The Chairs of Logic and Mental and Moral Philosophy, and of Ecclesiastical History, were filled by Professors James George and John Malcolm Smith.

The want of suitable University Buildings had, for some time past, been strongly felt, and Archdeacon Stuart having offered to dispose of his House, the Trustees, on the Third of November, unanimously agreed to accept his offer, and, the necessary arrangements having been made, thereafter entered into possession of the Property.

III. THE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REPRESENTING KNOX COLLEGE, 1853.

The Synod at its Meeting in 1853 called for the Report of the College Committee which was handed in and read, by the Reverend Doctor Michael Willis, Convener. On motion made and seconded, the Synod sustained the Report and appointed a bye Committee to consider the various matters embraced in it, and especially the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Reverend Professor Henry Esson, and report at a future diet; the Committee to consist of the Moderator and other named members of the Synod—The Reverend George Paxton Young to be Convener.

At a subsequent meeting of the Synod, the Committee appointed to consider the various matters embraced in the Report of the College Committee for the past year, and especially the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Reverend Professor Henry Esson, presented their Report. On motion made and seconded, the same was sustained, and the Synod in terms, thereof,—

Resolved—1. That a second Theological Professor be appointed.

2. That a Committee be appointed to make enquiry as to a suitable person to fill the office of second Professor of Theology, and that the Committee be empowered, when they have the prospect of securing the services of one whom they judge suitable, to report the same to the Moderator of the Synod, who is instructed to call a *pro re nata* Meeting of the Synod to make a final decision in the matter. The Committee to consist of the Reverend Messieurs Gale, (Convener,) Willis, and Messieurs Lowry, McMurrich and Henning.

At a Meeting of the Synod, called (*pro re nata*), the Report of the Committee appointed to look out for a suitable person to fill the situation of second Professor of Divinity in Knox College, was given in and read. The Report embodied the following recommendations, with reference to the designation, status and duties of the Professor to be appointed, videlicet:—

1. That the proposed Professor shall be designated as the Second Professor of Divinity in Knox College.

2. That, in regard to the duties of this Professorship, the management of the classes, and the treatment of the various departments of study assigned to him in the Curriculum, his authority shall be, in all respects, co-ordinate with that of the Primarius Professor.

3. That there shall be assigned to the superintendence of the Second Professor of Divinity, the departments of Logic, Mental and Moral Philosophy, and the Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion.

The Report further specified the various steps that had been adopted by the Committee in the matter; and concluded with unanimously recommending that the Reverend George Paxton Young of Hamilton, as a suitable person to fill the situation in question. On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to receive the Report, and approve of the diligence of the Committee in the matter entrusted to them.

A Memorial was read from Mr. John Redpath and Mr. James Court of Montreal suggesting the postponement, in the meantime, of any appointment of a second Professor.

It was moved by the Reverend Thomas Wardrope, seconded by the Reverend Donald McLeod, and unanimously,—

Resolved. 1. That the Synod, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, do appoint, as they hereby do, the Reverend George Paxton Young, to be "Second Professor of Divinity in Knox College;" adopting and sanctioning the recommendations of the Committee in regard to Mr. Young's designation, status and duties in the College; and that, in the meantime, his salary be not less than Three hundred pounds, (£300,) per annum.

2. That the Synod release Mr. Young, as they hereby do, from his present charge, in order that he may be enabled to give his attention to such arrangements as he may find it necessary to make for the discharge of the important duties now to devolve upon him.

Mr. Webster, who appeared as Commissioner from the Session and Congregation of Knox Church, Hamilton, addressed the Synod with reference to the feelings and desires of the Congregation in view of the removal of the Pastor, the Reverend George Paxton Young.