

his demission of the chair of Biblical Literature in their hands, and subsequently in Synod definitely resigned his Professorship, which the Synod accepted, entering on their minutes a suitable and well-earned testimonial to the value of his services.

But at this stage the Synod did not feel prepared to advance farther at present. It was determined that there should be three Professors, and their respective branches were arranged as may be seen in the printed minutes.

It was next agreed that the choice of a new Professor should be delayed for a year and remitted to Presbyteries for consideration.

Some arrangement in these circumstances required to be made for the present year. Three proposals came before the Synod—the first by Dr. Bayne,—That a number of Lecturers should be invited to fill up the blank for the year. The second by Rev. J. McG. McKay,—That Dr. Smith should be requested to occupy his chair for the ensuing term; and the third by Rev. T. Sedgwick,—That the whole subject be left in the hands of the Board of Superintendence.

This last resolution carried, and as the Board has already considered carefully the business remitted to them, and arrived at a conclusion, it seems desirable that the Church should have the earliest information on the subject.

The Board having met on the 9th of July, the minutes of Synod bearing on the subject were read.

The Board, after earnest deliberation, concluded that while they were not prohibited from pursuing either of the two courses indicated in the resolutions of Dr. Bayne and Mr. McKay, yet as the Synod declined, by vote, to sanction either of these propositions, it was their duty to inquire whether an arrangement might not be effected by which Dr. King and Professor McKnight might accomplish the work without throwing an undue amount of labour upon either, the latter undertaking the chief part of the work hitherto devolving on Dr. Smith.

Dr. King then offered to take Pastoral Theology and Homiletics, so that his en-

gagements for the approaching session would involve—

1 hour daily to Systematic Theology.

1 hour daily to Church History.

1 hour twice a week to Pastoral Theology and Homiletics, making two hours daily and three hours on two days of the week.

Professor McKnight expressed a readiness to give

1 hour daily to the Junior Hebrew class, or three-quarters of an hour if the class should be small.

1 hour daily to the Senior Hebrew class.

1 hour daily to New Testament Greek with Lectures on Hermeneutics twice a week, alternating with examinations on Jahn's Archæology, being three hours daily.

The Board felt that some such arrangement as this might prove satisfactory, but agreed to give time for consideration. The Secretary was accordingly directed to furnish absent members with a copy of this minute, and to request their presence or their views at the next meeting, when the subject would be determined.

The second meeting was held on the 23rd ult., when most of the members absent from the first meeting were present.

After prayer and deliberation, the plan proposed at the previous meeting was substantially adopted.

The question of Lectureship's, including some time from Dr. Smith, provided he should consent, was next considered and seen to be fraught with some advantages, but to the majority of the Board the difficulties connected with the successful working of such a scheme for a single year, appeared to preponderate, and prevented its adoption.

A committee was appointed to attend to the comfortable furnishing of the class rooms, preparatory to the opening of the Hall.

