

Dr. Cook was authorised to write to Professor Menzies, in name of the Board, requesting him to nominate Mr. Weir, or Mr. Geddes to the Classical Chair in the University, or failing them, such other person as he thinks qualified.

It was resolved, that the Rev. Alexander Spence, the Hon. John Hamilton, Hon. William Morris, Hon. Peter McGill, and Hugh Allan, Esquire, be a Committee to look out for a properly qualified Principal, and as soon as they have found an individual whom they judge suitable, and whom they have ascertained to be willing to accept the office, they report the same to the Board.

The Board resolved, as early as possible, to open up the Faculties of Law and Medicine in the University; and appointed the Rev. Mr. McGill, the Rev. Dr. Machar, John Mowat, and Hugh Allan, Esquires, a Committee to consider the best method of doing it, and take steps in the meantime for having Lectures delivered next Session in Anatomy and Physiology, and in Jurisprudence and Colonial Law.

It was resolved, that the Salaries of Professor Smith and Williamson be fixed at £375, in consideration of present claims on Fees, and the other Professors at £350, and that all the Fees exacted from the Students be henceforth paid into the Treasury.

The Synod Clerk handed in an extract from the Records of Synod, dated 13th July, 1853, intimating the re-election of the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, Rev. Alexander Spence, and Rev. John Barclay, as Clerical Trustees, and the Lay Trustees reported the election of Dr. James Hamilton, in place of John Young, Esquire, and the re-election of Andrew Drummond, Hugh Allan, and John Cameron, Esquires, as Lay Trustees, whose names the Secretary was directed to place at the top of the Roll of Trustees, in accordance with the Terms of the Royal Charter.

Professor Smith handed in a list of Books added to the College Library, during Session 1851-'52, and 1853-'54.

The thanks of the Board were voted to the Rev. Dr. Cook for his valuable services in proceeding to Scotland for the purpose of procuring Professors for the University.

It was unanimously resolved, that the cordial thanks of the Board be given to the Rev. Dr. Machar, on his retirement from the Principalship of the College, and for the fidelity and diligence with which he discharged its duties; and that the thanks of the Board be also given to the Rev. Mr. George, and the Rev. Mr. Urquhart for their faithful discharge of the duties in their several departments during the past Session.