

other hand. The latter finds it necessary to devote five hours daily to his prelections on the extremely important subjects of Oriental Languages, Biblical Criticism, and Ecclesiastical History. This implies a severity of labour which, in the opinion of the Trustees, ought to be lessened as soon as possible.

Without determining at present what might be the most advisable arrangement in the event of a new professorship being established, the Trustees suggest, by way of example, that the subjects of Systematic Theology and Church History might be combined, one hour per day being devoted to each—thus diminishing by one the number of subjects taught by Professor Mowat, and leaving to the Principal one daily lecture on Evidences, Pastoral Theology, Apologetics, &c.

The characteristics of the age, the present state of theological discussions, and the constantly increasing sources of information upon all points of Biblical inquiry, may be mentioned in support of the necessity of introducing more teaching character and power into the department, while the additional advantages thereby to be gained by candidates for the ministry are worthy of special consideration.

The health of the late lamented Principal Leitch broke down under the pressure of work and anxiety connected with his office. From the same cause the health of Principal Snodgrass gave way towards the close of last session, and for a considerable portion of the present session he has been laid aside from duty. These are reasons less general than those already mentioned, but they have no less important significance and weight.

The Trustees feel sure that, to the members of your Committee as to themselves, the whole question resolves itself into a question of practicability of funds. Principal Snodgrass has represented to the Trustees his willingness to be satisfied with a reduced salary on the obtaining of relief from a portion of his duties, and has made an offer whereby one hundred pounds currency would become available for the support of another professor. An additional sum of two hundred pounds sterling, with the hope that after two or three years the Trustees might be able, by an improvement in the ordinary revenues of the College, to increase it, would, it is believed, suffice to secure the services of a competent professor.

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