

in the discussion that followed the reading of this communication, Dr. Harris again renewed his charges and presented to the Senate what he declared to be a verbatim report of Professor Matthews' lectures taken down in shorthand by Rev. J. Glyn Williams, formerly a student in Theology at McMaster, together with the thesis of Mr. Williams, referred to in his letter. Dr. McCrimmon, however, took occasion to state that that part of Dr. Harris' letter, in which he is represented as reporting to the Senate that in the course of conversation with him Professor Matthews had stated that he held substantially the same views of the Old Testament as those enunciated by Professor Orr in his "The Problem of the Old Testament," was an incorrect representation of the conversation referred to.

A Committee consisting of Rev. J. G. Brown, D.D., Rev. W. T. Graham, Rev. L. S. Hughson, D. D., Rev. W. E. Norton, D.D., Mr. Frank Sanderson, LL.D., Mr. R. D. Warren, and the Chancellor, A. C. McKay, LL.D., was appointed to make a careful investigation of the charges contained in Dr. Harris' letter to the Board of Governors, and to report to the Senate at a subsequent meeting. The resolution of the Senate appointing the committee was as follows:

"Moved by Dr. Gilmour and seconded by Dr. Hughson, that a committee be appointed to look into the matter presented by Dr. Harris and bring back a report to this Senate. Carried."

The Committee has realized the gravity of the work committed to its hands and has had only one object in view—to ascertain the real facts in the case. It has held eight sessions, most of them of several hours' duration, and has made as careful investigation into the charges as time and opportunity would permit. The report of the lectures was gone over carefully; lengthened interviews were held with Professor Matthews, with a view to ascertaining very fully his views, not only on questions of Old Testament criticism, but also on such fundamental doctrines of Baptist faith as Inspiration, the Deity, Atonement and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Salvation by Faith, etc. By request of the Committee, six students of the University, two of them recent graduates in Arts and Theology and the others in various stages of their course appeared before the Committee and gave testimony as to the character of Professor Matthews' teaching, the general impression which his attitude towards Old Testament problems had made upon the minds of the students in general, the effect which the teaching was likely to have on their own religious life, on their attitude toward the Bible as the Word of God and on their preaching as ministers of the Gospel; and finally as to their impressions of Professor Matthews as a man and as a teacher. All these students, except one, had taken the course of lectures complained of, and were, in the opinion of the Committee, among the best qualified to give evidence on the special subject under enquiry.