

and to consider the reorganization of the work and staff of the college and appointments to the staff. At this meeting twenty-six members were present. The recommendation suggested by the Executive that the term of engagement of the members of the staff and employees of the College be terminated on the 30th of June, 1917, was accepted and approved of.

A special committee was appointed to select a Principal, to reorganize the staff and make such appointments as might be required, consisting of Rev. A. E. Smith, Rev. Dr. Darwin, Rev. Dr. Hughson, Mr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. Popham and Dr. Halpenny, with the Chairman of the Board as an ex-officio member. This committee was given full power to act.

On the first of June, 1917, a notice was sent to all members of the staff containing a copy of the resolution and advising each that his or her engagement with Wesley College would terminate on the 30th day of June, 1917, and further, that a special committee of the Board had been appointed to reorganize the staff.

On June 4th the Committee on Staff met and engaged Rev. J. H. Riddell, D.D., as Principal, after which other appointments to the staff were made. In making these appointments the Committee did not reappoint Dr. MacDonald, Dr. Bland and Dr. Irwin for the reasons already indicated in the recommendation of the Principal on March 31st last. It should be noted that the only change in the recommendation was that Dr. Irwin's name was substituted for that of Dr. Stewart's. This was done because the new Principal, having been Professor of New Testament Exegesis for twenty years, would take this department and Dr. Irwin's services could be dispensed with. Accordingly each of the Professors concerned was notified by the Committee on Staff that they were not reappointed to the staff and the reasons therefor were stated to them.

The whole matter was fully discussed at the sessions of the annual Conferences of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. From Saskatchewan the following letter was received:—

"Mr. Edwin Loftus, B.A.,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Arcola, Sask., July 3rd, 1917.

"Dear Sir:—

Herewith please find copies of two resolutions passed after long and serious debate by the Saskatchewan Conference upon the recent changes in the Staff of Wesley College.

"1. That in the opinion of Saskatchewan Conference the dismissal of Dr. Bland and Dr. Irwin should be referred to Wesley College Board of Governors, and that it is the Board, and not a committee of the Board, which should deal with the appointment or dismissal of staff.