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Meeting #11

Thursday, Aug. 30, 1906

The Executive Committee met at the office of H. C. Merritt at 4 p. m.

Present:

Rev. Neander M. Woods, Chairman and Sec'y

Mr. B. H. Owen

Mr. H. C. Merritt

Mr. A. W. Bailey, Treasurer

Absent :

Major G. W. McCrae

The Chairman stated that he had received a number of letters from various parties in regard to Dr. Mancreiff, of Rock Hill, S. C. some of which were from his friends and admirers and some of them from persons opposed to him. These various communications were read to the Committee and carefully considered.

The feeling of the entire Comm. was that in as much as some of these letters criticized Dr. Mancreiff adversely not merely as to his manners and disposition but also as to his veracity, and clearly revealed a state of great difference of opinion as to his character and fitness for a professorship in this school, it was morally certain that his coming to us would simply result in transferring an ugly quarrel to Clarksville to the detriment of the University. After fully considering the whole case, it was, on motion, duly resolved that, as Dr. M. had written us that he did not wish to accept the position and come to Clarksville unless we were satisfied in regard to the rumors we had heard, the Chairman be instructed to wire Dr. Moncreiff at once that we accept his declaration and also write him fully of [page 25] views in the (?).

The Chairman stated that he had communicated with Professor William Dinwiddie of Greenwood Depot, Va, informing him that Dr. Moncreiff would probably not take the Chair of Mathematics and asking him whether in care Dr. M did not come would be willing to withdraw the conditions he had previously laid down in a letter the Chairman and consider a call to the place. The Chairman also stated that Prof. Dinwiddie had replied by wire this readiness to withdraw said conditions and accept the place. After a full consideration of the whole matter, it was, on motion, resolved that Prof. William Dinwiddie be now elected Professor of Mathematics in this University to serve from the Session to begin Sept. 19, 1906 and end June 12, 1907, at a salary of \$1400.00 to be divided into 9 monthly installments of \$155.55 each, the first to be paid October 12, 1906 and the last June 12, 1907 and his duties to those his brother, Dr. A. B. Dinwiddie had while here, including the teaching of Civics and Economics until we are able to employ a regular Professor of Philosophy. The Chairman was asked to inform Professor D. at once of his election by wire and also write him.

There being no other business for consideration, the Comm. adjourned

Neander M. Woods

Chairman and Sect'y

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