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Friday, March 1, 1907

The Executive Committee met in the director's office at the First National Bank this afternoon at the request of H. G. Merritt. Present: Rev. Neander M. Woods, Chairman, and Messrs Merritt & Bailey – Absent Messrs Macrea & Olam (?).

Mr. Merritt called attention to the request of Messrs Smith and Smith, lawyers of McMinnville, Tenn who are about filing a bill in Ca??? at that place, at the request of Mrs. Mead, widow and executrix of late G. W. Mead, in which this University has an interest in remainder, and stated that it was highly imp(?) that we join in said action, he having investigated the matter. On motion the following paper was adapted

“Resolved by the Executive Committee of the Directors of S.P.U. at a meeting of said committee held on this March 1st, 1907, that it approves the action taken by Mrs. Carrie R. Mead and others in filing the bill in the Chancery Court at McMinnville for the purpose of having the real estate that belonged to the partnership of Mead & Debard, and the lands left by G. W. Mead sold, and for construing the will of said Mead. And we authorize Messrs. Smith & Smith attorneys, who have filled said bill to prosecute same to a final conclusion.”

The above is a correct transcript from the minutes of the executive committee of the S.P. University

Neander M. Woods
Secretary & Chairman

On motion the secretary of this committee was asked to write to all of the members of the Board of Directors of S.P.U., enclosing each a copy of a paper Mr. Merritt had to be signed by him and forwarded at once to Smith & Smith, McMinnville, Tenn. Giving assent to the filing of said bill & joining Mrs. Mead in her request to (?) for the sale of the lands and will of said G. W. Mead, deceased

Dr. Woods reported to the Comm. that he had delivered to Nicolessan the request of March 6 that he continue to act as vice-chancellor till the board meets in June, and that he declines absolutely to serve any longer in that capacity. Dr. Woods also reported that he had spoken to Dr. Dinwiddie, Deadrick, Lyon (J. A.) & Price, requesting to act as V. chancellor while he would be away for five or six weeks, that in each case he had received a positive declinature. He stated that he now saw no means of having his place supplied in case he should leave home, and was at a loss to know what to do, except to lay the case before the Board.

There being no other business before the Com. they adjourned.

Neander M. Woods
Chairman and Secretary

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