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Meeting #9

Clarksville, Tennessee, Wednesday 5.30 p. m. August 22, 1906, the Executive Committee of the board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University met, at the call of the Chairman, in the Directors Room of the First National Bank.

Present: Neander M. Woods, Chairman and Secretary, B. H. Owen, H. C. Merritt and C. W. Bailey. Major S. W. McCrae absent.

The Chairman informed the Comm. That Dr. Albert b. Dinwiddie, our Professor of Mathematics and Dr. James B. Wharey our Professor of English, had tendered their resignations and had both requested that they be released at once, r as soon as might be practicable. He also stated that ever since he had received said notices from the two professors, named, he had been corresponding with various persons with the view of securing suitable successors to Dr.s Dinwiddie and Wharey. The only gentleman he had thus far corresponded with whose testimonials were such as to warrant final action at this time and who seemed to be ready now to hear a definite proposition from us were Professor William Dinwiddie of Greenwood Depot, now teaching mathematics at Jackson, Kentucky; and Dr. W. J. Moncreiff, of Rock Hill, S. C. both of whom are candidates for the Chair of Mathematics in S. P. University. Dr. Moncreiff, it was stated, is now Prof. of Math in Winthrop College, S. C. and seems ready, without further correspondence, to accept the Chair of Math. in our University. Prof. Wm. Dinwiddie's letter the Chairman, dated August 17, instant, was read to the Committee [page 21] in which Prof. Dinwiddie stated that he was willing to accept the position for the coming session @ \$1400.00 provided that in case his work should have proven satisfactory by next June, the members of the Comm pledge him active and unanimous support before the Board next June regardless of any other candidate who might then be suggested as the permanent professor of math. and also upon the understanding that he should have only 15 hours of teaching per week.

The Comm. After hearing the testimonials in regard to both Prof. William Dinwiddie and Dr. Moncreiff, and weighing the case of each of them carefully, finally resolved, on motion, as follows:

First, that all thins considered it is best to choose Dr. Moncreiff for the Chair of Math. to serve nine months from Sept. 1906 to June 12, 1907.

Second, that he be required to teach the usual mathematical branches heretofore included in our curriculum, and also Civics and Economics of the Chair of Philosophy now vacant;

Third, that he be paid the sum of \$1400.00 for his services for the Session 1906-1907 in nine (9) monthly installments of \$155.55 each, his term to begin Sept. 12, 1906 and end June 12, 1907, the first payment to be made Oct. 12, 1906 and the last June 12, 1909.

On Motion the Chairman was authorized and requested to wire Dr. Moncreiff at once, notifying him of his election and also to write him the particulars by mail. Mr. B. H. Owen obtained leave to withdraw just as the vote was about to be taken on account of a previous engagement.

On motion adjourned

Neander M. Woods
Chairman and Sec'y

May 1, 1907 approved

