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Minutes of the Meetings of the Faculty of Theology of the University of Maryland.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1817

The Faculty met in a private room at Gadsby's Hotel present Rt. Rev [Right Reverend] Bishop [James] Kemp D.D.: Rev James Inglis D.D.: Rev George Roberts M.D. Rev. W. E. [William Edward] Wyatt AM. Absent members of the board Rev [*crossed out*] J D. [John Daniel] Kurtz D.D. Rev Mr. [John] Glendy, one seat vacant.

The Board elected Rev. Wm. E. [William Edward] Wyatt Secretary of the Faculty, & ordered that a book be procured, for recording the minutes of this & succeeding meetings.

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The Rev. Dr. [James] Inglis was then elected Dean of the Faculty & was requested to take the chair, which he did accordingly. The Rev. Wm. [William Edward] Wyatt was appointed Professor of Theology.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to draw up a system of Bye Laws [bylaws] for the government of the Faculty. Rt. Rev. Dr. [James] Kemp & Dr. [George] Roberts were appointed that Committee.

Adjourned to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April in the study of Bishop [James] Kemp. Sighted W E [William Edward] Wyatt, Sec.

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March 25<sup>th</sup> 1818

The Faculty met in the study of Dr. [James] Inglis present Rev. James Inglis D.D. Dean of the Faculty, Right Rev James Kemp DD, [*crossed out*] Rev John D [Daniel] Kurtz\_ DD, Rev George Roberts, MD Rev W E [William Edward] Wyatt A.M. Absent Rev Mr. [John] Glendy, Rev Mr. [Edmund D] Barry.

The Faculty voted the following address to the Regents of the University

"The Faculty of Divinity of the University of Maryland, acting in conformity to the 17<sup>th</sup> Article, incorporating said University beg leave to recommend to the Regents, to confer [*crossed out*] upon the Rev Edmund D. Barry A.m. & upon the Rev John Glendy,

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AM, of whose learning piety & respectable standing as literary men & Christian Ministers they are fully persuaded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Signed James Inglis DD. Dean  
WE [William Edward] Wyatt Sec

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1818

The Committee appointed to draw up a system of Bye Laws [bylaws] for the government of the Faculty requested for the time for the discharge of their duty.

Which was granted.

Adjourned.

WE [William Edward] Wyatt Sec

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March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1819

Faculty met in the Study of Bishop Kemp – present, Rev. James Inglis D.D. Dean. Rt. Rev. Bishop James Kemp, Rev. George Roberts MD, Rev. Edmund D. Barry D.D.

Resolved by the Faculty of Theology in the University of Maryland that the Professor of Theology be requested to prepare not fewer than six Lectures on the Divine Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures & the Evidences of Christianity to be delivered during the next Term in the University at such hours as will not interfere with the hours of the Medical department

Resolved that the Professor of Divinity be Authorized to receive

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ten Dollars for each Ticket

Resolved that it be recommended in the usual form to the Regents of the University that the honorary Degree of D.D. be Conferred on the Rev. Henry Lyon Davis of Maryland & the Rev. Donald McLead of South Carolina.

Adjourned

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March 1820

The Faculty of Divinity met in the office of Dr. [John B.] Davidge. Present the Rt. Revd. James Kemp D.D., Revd. E.D. [Edmund D.] Barry D.D., Revd. George Roberts MD, Revd. J.D. [John Daniel] Kurtz D.D.

Resolved that it be recommended in the usual form to the Regents of the University that the honorary Degree of D.D. be conferred on the Revd. William Edward Wyatt, A.M. of Baltimore M.d.

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March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1821

The Faculty met in the Study of the Rev. Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt present, the Rt. Rev. Bishop [James] Kemp, Rev. Dr. [George] Roberts, Rev. Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt & the Rev ED [Edmund D.] Barry D.D. Absent the Rev. Dr. [John] Glendy & the Rev Dr. [John Daniel] Kurtz.

The Rev Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt was chosen dean of the Faculty & Dr. [Edmund D.] Barry Secretary.

Chosen a member of the Faculty to supply [*crossed out*] the place of the Rev. Dr. Inglis deceased \_

The Committee appointed at a former meeting to prepare

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a system of Bye Laws [bylaws] for the government of the Faculty reported as following,

Rules for the transactions of business in the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Maryland.

1. The Faculty of Divinity shall meet on the first Monday of March in every year, & special meetings may be held at other times, when the business of the Faculty may require it.
2. The Dean of the Faculty shall ex officio preside at all meetings, & he shall have

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power to call special Meetings.

3. A Dean & Secretary shall be elected at each annual meeting, [*crossed out*]
4. It shall be the duty of the secretary (*crossed out*) to take minutes of every thing that is done at the Meeting, & record them in a book to be kept for the purpose.
5. It shall be the business of the Faculty to promote religious principles in the University; & for this purpose, their Professor shall deliver during every term, when the Medical students are attending the University Lectures on

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such subjects as may appear most likely to promote correct principles & pious habits among the young Gentlemen of the Institution. And whenever a theological class can be obtained, the Professor shall deliver lectures on the same terms with the Medical Lectures. These Lectures shall be on general topics\_ Such as the Evidence of Christianity, the divine inspiration of the holy Scriptures & biblical Criticism,

6. No person shall be recom [*sic*, recommended]

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mended to the Regents for the honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity, unless he has been proposed to the Faculty six months before the ensuing Commencement: that time may be allowed to ascertain his Character & literary attainments\_

7. [~~6 crossed out~~] Whenever this Faculty determine to recommend any person to the Regents for an honorary Degree the recommended man shall be in the following form,

“The Faculty of Divinity

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of the University of Maryland, beg leave to recommend to the Regents of the said University for the honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity for after due inquiry into his Character & literary attainments, they find him justly entitled to such a mark of distinction.”

This shall be signed by the Dean & attested by the Secretary.

The above report was unanimously adopt [sic, adopted]

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ed.

The Faculty adjourned.

Edm: [Edmund] D: Barry Secy.

20<sup>th</sup> March 1822

The Faculty met at Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt, according to due notice given by the Secretary

Present the Rt. Rev. Bishop [James] Kemp, the Rev Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt, the Rev. Dr. [George] Roberts & Rev

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Dr. [Edmund D.] Barry.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read by the Secretary and approved of.

According to rules the 3<sup>rd</sup> for the transactions of business in the Faculty an election took place for Dean & Secretary. The Rev. Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt was elected Dean & Dr. [Edmund D.] Barry Secretary.

The following report was agreed upon & ordered to be presented at the ensuing meeting of the

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Board of Regents.

The Faculty of Theology of the University of Maryland respectfully report, that their body is composed of the numbers directed by the Charter. They also report, that in consequence of the illness of the Professor of Theology, during the first two months of the last terms of instruction in the Medical College, the brief course of Lectures, which he had proposed to deliver to the students of that College has been unanimously omitted.

The Board of Regents having Resolved, that Certifi (sic, Certificates)

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cates of honorary Degrees be granted to persons upon whom such degrees have been conferred. The Faculty request that the Secretary of the Regents be instructed to furnish with such certificate all persons for whom the application of this Faculty have obtained a doctorate in Theology.

The Faculty adjourned.

Edm [Edmund] Barry

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7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1839

The Faculty met, after due notice, at the study of Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt.

Present. Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt, Dr. Roberts & the Revd. J.G. [James Garland] Hamner.

The Revd. Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt was elected Dean of the Faculty; & the Revd. J.G. [James Garland] Hamner was chosen Secretary.

The Revd. Benji [Benjamin] Kurtz D.D., & the Revd. Henry M. Mason, D.D. were nominated & duly elected to fill the vacancies in this Faculty. The secretary was charged with the duty of notifying them of their appointments.

The Faculty then adjourned

J. [James] Garland Hamner

Secretary

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April 1, 1840

The Theological Faculty met at the study of the Revd. Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt. Present Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt, Dr. [George] Roberts, & Rev. [James Garland] Hamner.

A request from the Board of Regents to this faculty to designate members for the standing Committees, not presented. Where upon it not resolved. That Mr. [James Garland] Hamner be named for the Committee on Finance; that Dr. [George] Roberts be named for the committee on the condition of the ~~Building of the~~ [crossed out] University; that Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt be named for the Committee on

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Grievances, & that Dr. [John] Kurtz be named for the Committee on the Buildings.

Adjourned-

J.G. [James Garland] Hamner Sec.

October 26. 1843

The Faculty of Theology met at the study of Dr. [William Edward] Wyatt- Present Drs. [William Edward] Wyatt & [George] Roberts. Mistrs [Stephen P.] Hill & [James Garland] Hamner.

Letters of resignation were received from the Revd. Dr. Mason. The Revd. J.C. [John C.] Backus, the Revd. Stephen P. Hill, & the Revd. W.E. [William Edward] Wyatt D.D., which were read, & then several resignations of their Professorship, now accepted & the Professorship declar (sic, declared)

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ed. The Revd. Dr. [George] Roberts was chosen Dean of this Faculty.

Adjourned,

J.G. [James Garland] Hamner Secyy.

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