

A HISTORY  
OF  
The McCormick Theological Seminary  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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force for the work of instruction. This led to the appointment of a committee to report such action as might be desirable in order to fill any chair in the Seminary that might be vacant. This committee found upon consultation that the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology could best be filled by transferring Dr. Willis G. Craig from his chair of Biblical and Ecclesiastical History to that left vacant by Dr. Skinner, and that a new professor would have to be secured for the chair of History. These conclusions were accordingly reported to the Board of Directors, and that body, at a called meeting in December, 1890, elected Dr. Craig to the chair of Theology. Dr. Craig signified his acceptance of the same in the following letter addressed to the committee of the Board:

"Chicago, Jan'y 26th, 1891.

Rev. Sam'l J. Niccolls, D.D.,	}	Committee of Board of
Rev. Simon J. McPherson, D.D.,		Directors of McCormick
Cyrus H. McCormick, Esq.,		Theological Seminary.

Dear Brethren: I hereby notify you of my willingness to accept the chair of Theology in the McCormick Theological Seminary, to which position I was elected by the Board of Directors, in session in this city December 30th, 1890. I am very sensible of the honor which the Board has done me in electing me to this important chair. You will pardon me, if I say that I have reached the conclusion to accept this election with much hesitation, in view of the knowledge which I have of my own limitations considered in the light of the large demands necessarily made by the very character of the department of theological instruction now under consideration. In view, however, of all the circumstances, and in concurrence with the advice of friends in whose judgment I am accustomed to trust, I express my acceptance of the post offered me by the Board, subject, of course, to any action which the General Assembly may take, at its next annual meeting, in accordance with its rightful authority over such matters. With sentiments of great esteem, I am very truly yours,

Willis G. Craig."

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors in April, 1891, the action of the committee and of the called meeting of