

ment has been made with Col. Spencer, by the Steward, for cultivating it on shares, during the past year. The Board saw no reason for interfering in this matter.

The open grounds in front and around the buildings, and the gardens attached, are grazed in the summer season by a few cows, under regulations made by the Steward, at other times by the Principal. The small sum charged, 50 cts. a head, has been laid out in plaster or manures, for the grass.

The Trustees were aware of this usage, and acquiesced, because it has improved the turf.

5th. It was stated, in the report of the committee upon the resolutions submitted by the Hon. John Thompson Mason, of which he was the chairman, that "considering the appointment of a duly qualified Faculty to be of the first importance in organizing a College, the committee recommend that, in order that the Trustees may be entirely free to discharge this duty conveniently, and to secure the services of Professors of the best qualifications within their ability to procure, they declare by resolution that the terms of service of the Principal, and each of the present Professors of St. John's College shall expire on the first Wednesday of August next," &c.

This resolution passed, as the Legislature has been already informed by the memorial of that gentleman. Also another, which authorized a committee to invite applications for the Professorships which were created at the same time. It was expressly stated at the Board, and so understood, that any or all of the then Professors were eligible to the new Professorships, if they should be considered to be best qualified of all the applicants. A considerable number of applications were made for the several Professorships, and in June the Board met to consider them, and make the appointments. The action of the Trustees resulted, on that occasion, in the appointment of Dr. Humphreys, Professors Capron and Thompson, because a majority of the Trustees believed that they were thus securing "the services of Professors of the best qualifications within their ability to procure."

6th. Dr. Sparks was not appointed because he was not considered by the majority as well qualified as one of the other applicants. No charges were preferred against him before the Board, because no charges were required, to justify the appointment of another, whose application had been invited, and who was considered better qualified.

The terms of the last interrogation imply some suspicion that Dr. Sparks did not receive at the hands of the Board the same measure of justice and consideration which was meted out to the other professors named. The inquiry as to whether charges were