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The net result of these long-continued negotiations may be summed up briefly by the statement that the Committee is able to report that, except for a few unimportant details which still remain to be discussed, an agreement has been reached between the representatives of the two Universities, which embodies the acceptance of every principle for which Trinity University has been contending, and provides for everything which Trinity could in reason expect to gain in effecting the proposed federation. The requirements of Trinity, and the representations which your committee has put forward from time to time, met with the most courteous consideration at the hands, first, of the Government, and latterly, of the University of Toronto, and except for some few differences which were manifested at the time of the passing of the University Act of 1901, and which led to the temporary cessation of the negotiations, the discussion of the many problems involved has been carried on in a spirit of mutual kindness and consideration. Your Committee wishes to record this fact, not only in recognition of the courtesies which they have received, but also because it seems to them to augur well for the harmonious co-operation of the two Universities in the future, if the proposed federation is carried into effect.

Before passing on to a detailed statement of the terms proposed, we would point out that many of them, having been secured to us by the Act of 1901, do not find any place in the memorandum of agreement appended to this report, as the memorandum embodies only the result of the more recent negotiations.

II.

The more important items of agreement, and those to which we would invite special attention, are the following :

1. The freedom of Trinity College to provide for all its students religious instruction and influences in accordance with the teachings of the Church of England is safeguarded as follows :

(1) It is provided that the curriculum in Arts of the University shall include the subjects of Biblical Greek, Biblical Literature, Christian Ethics, Apologetics, The Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion, and Church History. [cf. Univ. Act, 24 (3)].

(2) It is further provided that these subjects shall be evenly distributed over each of the four years of the general or pass course and, as far as possible, over each year of the several honour courses. [cf. Memorandum of Agreement, par. 3]

(3) Provision for examination and instruction in these subjects is to be left entirely to the federated Universities and Colleges. [cf. Univ. Act, 24 (3)].

This leaves us free to prescribe under these main headings such doctrinal subjects as we may desire, providing our own teaching and conducting the examinations in the same ourselves. In other words, this provision gives us the same liberty in these matters as we now enjoy.

(4) Optional subjects are to be provided in the curriculum for each of the subjects named in the foregoing clause, so that no student of the University, as such, shall be required to take any of the said subjects, but any of the Colleges may