

REPORT OF THE CHARTER COMMITTEE OF McMASTER UNIVERSITY.

On July 19th, 1886, the Board of Trustees of Woodstock College, in pursuance of its action of May 20th, 1886 (which was also concurrently approved by the Board of Trustees and the Senate of Toronto Baptist College), appointed Dr. Rand, N. Wolverton, T. Trotter, Dr. MacVicar and C. J. Holman, as a committee to suggest amendments in the College Charter, and to submit the same to the Board at its annual meeting in October, 1886. This committee recommended, among other things, "That application be made on behalf of the College at the next session of the Legislature of Ontario for University powers, such powers not to be exercised till the College is efficiently equipped to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council," that the College be under the management and administration of a Board of Governors and a Senate, and that a committee be appointed to carry out the spirit of the decisions which might be reached by the meeting of subscribers of Woodstock College in respect to the proposed amendments.

On October 19th, 1886, the Board of Trustees presented to the subscribers for their approval the recommendation of the committee. Notice that such approval would be sought for, amendments of the charter had been duly given in the public press by Mr. C. J. Holman, acting as solicitor for the Woodstock College. The Board also asked the subscribers to approve the following persons to carry out the spirit of their decisions respecting charter amendments, viz: Dr. Rand, Dr. MacVicar, Mr. C. J. Holman, Rev. N. Wolverton, Rev. T. Trotter, Senator McMaster, Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, Rev. E. W. Dadson, Mr. W. J. Copp, Mr. D. E. Thomson.

The meeting of subscribers approved the proposed amendments, and resolved, That the committee to carry into effect the spirit of the subscribers' decisions be the committee named for that purpose by the Board of Trustees, with the addition of C. Raymond. It was also resolved, "That the Board of Trustees and the chairman and secretary of the subscribers of Woodstock College, be and are hereby authorized to subscribe all necessary petitions and papers and to take all proper steps on their part required to obtain an Act of Parliament in accordance with the spirit of the report this day adopted."

The committee almost immediately took up the work assigned to them by the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of the subscribers of the College. Many and prolonged sittings were held before the committee reached the unanimous conclusion that it was necessary, in order to carry out the desire, to have a University under the control of the denomination, to include Toronto Baptist College as its Theological

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