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CONVOCATION.

The first regular meeting of the Executive Committee of Convocation was held in Moss Hall on Thursday evening. There were present:—Messrs. R. E. Kingsford, D. A. O'Sullivan, J. A. Paterson, C. R. W. Biggar, A. H. Marsh, W. F. Maclean, W. H. Blake and W. F. W. Creelman, of Toronto; Rev. R. Cameron and Dr. Kelly, of Brantford; E. B. Edwards and J. F. Jeffers, of Peterborough; J. A. Culham and E. Furlong, of Hamilton; W. B. Northrup, of Belleville; J. H. Coyne, of St. Thomas; E. R. Cameron, of Strathroy; A. Stevenson, of Pickering; W. G. Eakins, of Woodstock; H. L. Dunn, of Lindsay; and J. Tytler, of Guelph.

On motion of Mr. Biggar, seconded by Mr. Edwards, Mr. Kingsford was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee; and on motion of Mr. Coyne, seconded by Rev. Mr. Cameron, Mr. Creelman was elected Secretary.

The Finance and Progress Committees were then appointed, as follows:—Finance: Messrs. Paterson (Convener), O'Sullivan, Blake, Marsh, Stevenson, and Dr. Kelly. Progress: Messrs. Biggar (Convener), Maclean, Edwards, Culham, Coyne and Tytler. The Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee are to be members of both these sub-committees.

At this stage of the proceedings the Committees from the Senate and from the meeting of friends of the University held some time ago, were introduced, and a joint meeting organized. On motion, Hon. Edward Blake, Chancellor of the University, was called to the chair, and Mr. Creelman chosen Secretary of the meeting. Mr. Mulock, Principal Caven, Prof. Loudon, Mr. King, Mr. Houston, Prof. Galbraith, Dr. Smith, Rev. Father Teefy, Hon. Mr. McMaster, and Dr. Adam Wright, were appointed a committee to act with a committee of the Executive Committee in framing resolutions to be presented to the meeting. This joint committee presented the following resolution:

'Whereas the Provincial University and College are essential parts of the Educational system of Ontario:

'And whereas the funds now available are insufficient to enable these institutions properly to carry on the work committed to them, having regard to the welfare of the Province in relation to its academic interests:

'Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the Government of Ontario should be requested to propose to the Legislature to grant such aid as may be necessary for the efficient maintenance of these institutions.'

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Hon. Mr. McMaster, seconded by Principal Caven, that the foregoing resolution be reported to the Senate and to Convocation, with the recommendation that it should be acted on by the transmission of memorials by both these bodies to the Government, praying them to propose such aid.—Carried.

Mr. Maclean presented a memorial from nearly 300 undergraduates of the University, as follows:—

'We, the undergraduates of the University of Toronto, recognizing the fact that heretofore the annual dinner at Convocation has been held at a most inopportune period, when all the undergraduates except the graduating class are absent from the city:

'And also recognizing that our graduates throughout the Dominion are now becoming alive to the interests of their Alma Mater;

'Would suggest that there be held this year during Easter Term a grand University banquet to which the alumni and friends of our University be invited.'

'And for the furtherance of which we promise our most hearty support.'

After some discussion of this matter it was moved by Rev. Father Teefy, seconded by Mr. Jeffers, that—

'It is desirable that a gathering of friends of the University be held in Toronto at such time and in such manner as may be decided upon by the following Committee:—The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Hon. A. J. Boyd, Rev. Principal Caven, Hon. Mr. McMaster, Rev. Father Vincent, Professor Loudon, Professor Galbraith, Mr. Kingsford, Mr. Biggar, Mr. Maclean, Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, Rev. Dr. Sheraton, Dr. Adam Wright, Dr. McLellan, Mr. Paterson, Dr. Fulton, Dr. McFarlane, and Mr. G. F. Cane, with power to add to their number.'—Carried.

On motion, all members of the Executive Committee were added to this Committee.

After a vote of thanks to the Chancellor and the Senate and other friends of the University for their attendance and co-operation, the joint meeting adjourned.

The session of the Executive Committee being resumed, the question of Convocation Fees was brought up for consideration.

Mr. Culham moved, seconded by Mr. Biggar, that the Secy.-Treasurer of the various County Associations be requested to collect the fees of the members of the Associations in their respective counties, and transmit them to the Clerk of Convocation.—Carried.

On the questions of increased representation of Convocation on the Senate, and of county voting by representation, the following resolution was moved, and referred to the Progress Committee:—

'That it is the opinion of this Committee that the best interests of the University and College will be advanced by

'(1) A larger representation of graduates on the Senate than as at present by law allowed.

'(2) A system of representative voting in Convocation.

'And that the undermentioned members of this Committee be a Sub-Committee to draft an amended University Act embodying the above and such other matters as such Sub-Committee may deem worthy of consideration, for submission to Convocation, the Senate, and the Legislature:—Messrs. Biggar, O'Sullivan, and Marsh. The Progress Committee to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.'

Communications from Mr. Fitzgerald, Clerk of Convocation, and Mr. W. J. Robertson, were referred to the Finance and Progress Committees respectively.

Moved by Mr. Biggar, seconded by Mr. Edwards, that the Senate be requested to call a meeting of Convocation at a time fixed by the Progress Committee.—Carried.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Cameron, the Committee adjourned, to meet at 12 o'clock on the day of the next meeting of Convocation.

This being the first regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and the first meeting attended by the members from the county associations, the business was necessarily, to a great extent, of a routine character. But thorough organization was effected, good and active committees chosen, and an opportunity and charge given to every one willing to work for those ends whose attainment may be said to be the *ratio essendi* of the present re-organization of Convocation. We are satisfied now that the graduates in every county in Ontario understand the