

Closely associated as I was with this educational institution in its inception and organization, perhaps I may be permitted to speak freely about it. Originally, as some of you are aware, it was simply a Theological College, affiliated with Toronto University. In the great work of mental culture our Government ought to be deeply interested, as an essential part of its political economy; the national revenue ought to secure the very best professors and tutors and the most complete and comprehensive educational apparatus that money can obtain, students ought to come into contact and competition with other students in the various courses of study.

Broadly and generally this is all true; but we Baptists have thought there is another side to this important subject of education. The one idea that dominated the minds and decided the plans of the Baptists in organizing this independent university was, that Christianity (with which the State cannot meddle)—that *Christianity* is the foundation and the centre, the main and ultimate object of all our genuine university work.

In so far as this idea of ours may be understood to foster and specialize denominationalism, we are sorry. Denominationalism is simply a disgrace and a weakness to true Christianity; it is the contradiction of that tender desire expressed by Jesus Christ in His prayer for His redeemed, "That they all may be *one*, even as Thou Father art in me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." Oh! what guilt lies at the door of Denominationalism! It is one of the principal barriers in the way of our world's evangelization.

But we do not, by the organization of this university, defend or sanction denominationalism. Many of us deny that the Baptist churches are a denomination; we claim to be the modern perpetuation of the primitive apostolic Church of Jesus Christ. Pity is that any of our churches are drifting from the simple Scriptural model. In organizing this university the only idea, and the only desire of the more thoughtful of us was, that Christianity should be the fundamental reason for, and the ultimate aim of all its education. We hold that the Bible is the