

Toronto, December, 1910.

*The Reverend Dr. O'Meara,
Principal of Wycliffe College,
Toronto.*

My dear Principal,

You are anxious that an authentic statement should be preserved from the documents in existence, but now accessible to a few of the members of our Church, showing the circumstances which led to the foundation of Wycliffe College, and containing a sketch of its history from that date up to the present time.

You are of opinion that our Evangelical friends desire that such information should be given them, as will make plain the causes of the early struggle for Truth in the Church of England in Canada,—the differences which then existed, whence they originated, the manner in which they have been kept alive, and how far they exist at the present time—in a form that can be preserved.

With much hesitation I undertake what you ask of me, and shall endeavor to set forth from the documents that I have preserved the account for which you ask. I trust that it may be widely used as a means of education, and that the many sound Protestants in our Church may be strengthened in their allegiance to the Reformed Church of England, and in their determination to preserve these teachings, and to hand them down to our children as we received them from the fathers of the Evangelical Party, who drew them from the sacred and only reliable source—"The whole Bible—the inspired Word of God."

Your affectionate friend,

S. H. BLAKE.