

opposed to Federation, and wish in some way to delay all action. The original Royal Charter vested in the Trustees the full right "to grant, demise, alien, or otherwise dispose of all or any property" belonging to the College. This power has been re-affirmed by the Acts amending the Charter, and is possessed by the present Board of Regents. In 1850, an Act of Parliament was passed giving the College Board full power to remove the College to Toronto. At the Belleville General Conference the idea of removal was prominent, and a Commission was appointed to decide upon the site of Victoria University. The Senate certainly has power to hold in abeyance the degree-conferring power, for sufficient reasons. There is, therefore, no want of legal power. Of course, it is not desirable that the Board should take any course of action contrary to the prevailing judgment of the Church. But there is no certainty that final action will be necessary before the meeting of next General Conference; though it is pretty certain that unless some forward steps are taken, we may suffer serious loss and disadvantage. If a Union Committee, and a Union General Conference, neither of which had any legal or disciplinary status, discontinued four Churches, and made a complete Discipline for the united Church, it would be strange if an incorporated Board, to which is committed by both the Church and the State the complete management of our University, could not do whatever is necessary in order to carry out this agreement—subject to the final approval of the General Conference, or Conference Special Committee.

*Objection.*—As Queen's College has not accepted Federation, the arrangement has broken down, and Victoria should stand aloof.

*Answer.*—Queen's has done what her managers deemed best for her; Victoria should do what is thought best for her. Our Board did not adopt the scheme on condition of Queen's coming in. The staying out of Queen's may prevent the completeness of the system; but it does not in any way hurt Victoria, or constitute a reason why she should stay out of the Federation.

*Objection.*—By removing Victoria to Toronto, we sanction a system of centralization, that is not so good as a system of local Universities.

*Answer.*—The main assumption of this objection is open to question. There might, however, be some force in it, if it was widely held that the Government, or the Methodist Church, should establish a system of local Universities, and that Federation would prevent such a system. But no one proposes this. It is not a living question. No one proposes that our Church should maintain more than one College in Ontario doing University work. So far, therefore, as the