

STATEMENT

OF

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The method of investigation adopted by the Committee has been, that each of the gentlemen appearing on behalf of those, who have prayed for an enquiry, has put in as evidence a written statement of the facts and arguments, by which he substantiates his objections to the present constitution and management of the University. In conformity with this arrangement, before answering such questions as may be put to me, I desire to submit a reply on behalf of the University of Toronto, with a reference to such documents as I believe will aid the Committee in coming to a correct judgment upon the questions before them. If my reply should be thought to extend to an unreasonable length, I hope the Committee will remember that each of these gentlemen has principally confined himself to one or two particular points, whilst I have to enter into them all; and that the complainants frequently make a general charge in a few words, the truth of which I can only enable the Committee to judge of by examining it in detail.

The subject naturally divides itself into three principal heads, the University, University College, and Upper Canada College, which must be judged of separately, although having many points of mutual connexion. Upper Canada College is supported by a distinct endowment, and is only so far connected with the University, that the general superintendence of the institution has been committed to the Senate. It is very proper that the subject should be enquired into, and I am prepared to go into the question of its management by the Senate; but whatever may be the conclusion of the Committee, whether the management be continued in the hands of the Senate, or be vested as formerly in a separate corporate body, or even if that College were to be altogether abolished, the main question of the constitution of the University would remain unaltered. With regard to University College, whilst on the one hand the connexion is closer, as it is supported out of the same endowment, and forms an essential portion of the Provincial University as contemplated by the Legislature, on the other hand its internal govern-