

of the Assembly was asked to safeguard the rights of the Church, especially in regard to the Theological College. A Bill was drawn up by the Trustees for the purpose of carrying out the decision of the Conference, agreed to by the Assembly, but before it was introduced into Parliament, Principal Grant died, and action was delayed. In 1903, Principal Gordon laid before the Assembly the Bill which had been prepared, and introduced into Parliament, and the report of the Trustees intimated to the Assembly that "The constitutional changes which have been under consideration for the past three years have been embodied in a Bill which has been introduced in Parliament, and is expected to become law during the present session."

At this last stage, every step of which had been taken with the consent of the Assembly, a change, almost spasmodic, took possession of the Assembly, and the following motion was passed: "That this Assembly deprecates the proposed severance of the connection between Queen's University and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and recommends, and will actively promote a movement for securing an adequate increase in the endowment of the University, if it decides to continue the connection at present existing, and that the Moderator be directed to appoint a Committee with Assembly powers to confer with the Trustees of the University, and adopt the proper means to secure the necessary financial aid for the purposes of the University, with the understanding that should it be found advisable for the Church to retain the University with a guarantee of adequate maintenance, the Committee should refer the question to the Presbyteries of the three central synods before taking final action." This remarkable motion with its numerous provisos, and "a guarantee of adequate maintenance" passed the Assembly. From 1903 to 1908, a period of five years, less than \$300,000, including Mr. Charlton's large donation of \$50,000, was subscribed. After the lapse of five years it was per-