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have been entirely defeated and abrogated, the sectarian Charter has been virtually restored by the partial and exclusive manner in which appointments to that Institution have been made, and its affairs managed,—apart from the misappropriation of large portions of its funds.

"3rd. *Resolved*,—That the University Bill appears to provide effectually against the abuses which have been practised under the general and indefinite provisions of the amended Charter, and for the future management of the University upon principles of justice and fairness to all parties, and under the control of persons identified with the Province, and interested in the efficient operations of the University, and in the judicious expenditure of its funds.

"4th. *Resolved*,—That viewing the general objects and provisions of the Bill in this light, we cordially concur in them, and give the Bill our warm approbation and support; although its present application to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, as a body, from circumstances peculiar to ourselves, deprives us of important rights and privileges that we enjoy, without conferring upon us any corresponding advantages; since all the resources which we have been able to obtain; both in this Country and in England, for the erection of College Buildings, have been expended in the erection of a commodious and expensive edifice, at too great a distance from the seat of the University to render any of its advantages available to the Scholars and Students of Victoria College.

"5th. *Resolved*,—That in view of the peculiar inconveniences and disadvantages to which the operations of the Bill must necessarily subject us, without its being in our power to enjoy the benefits of the University, we appeal to the just and enlightened consideration of the Government, to grant us such assistance as our peculiar circumstances suggest; and to aid us to the utmost of its power in making any arrangements which may be hereafter deemed expedient and advisable, to secure to the persons under our instruction the advantages of the University.

"6th. *Resolved*,—That while we concur in the general objects and provisions of "The University Bill," we beg to submit the following matters of detail, as appearing to require amendment or modification:

"4th. While the Inspiration of the Scriptures is recognized in the former part of the Bill, the sixty-fourth clause disallows the requirement of religious qualification of any Professor, Lecturer, &c. We are not aware that the qualification required by the amended Charter, that every Professor or Teacher or other Officer, should profess his belief in the Inspiration of the Scriptures and the doctrine of the Trinity, has ever been objected to on the part of any considerable portion of the community,—on the contrary, be believe, it has given universal satisfaction; and, we should regret extremely to see that Christian provision excluded from the Charter of the University.

"8th. This Board begs furthermore to state, for the information of the Government, that Victoria College, from the terms of the subscriptions by which its Buildings have been erected, and the provisions of the Charter by which it has been incorporated, must necessarily continue to be, as it has heretofore been, a Literary Institution, embracing the English as well as Collegiate Departments of educational instruction, open to all classes of Students, without any Religious test; with the establishment of a Divinity Professorship upon its foundation."

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On the 29th of May, 1845, a meeting of the Board of Victoria College was held, when the Bill, introduced by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Draper into the House of Assembly at its last Session was considered.

The following is the Minute of the proceedings of the Board on the subject:

"Took up the consideration of the University Bill now pending in the Legislature, and

"1. *Resolved*, That in view of our peculiar circumstances, the Board recommend the Conference to petition the Legislature to grant a sufficient and permanent endowment for Victoria College where it is now located.

"2. *Resolved*, That in the event of the foregoing not being obtained, the Board recommend that the proposed University Caput be so constituted, as to give each College incorporated in said University a fair share of representation in the Councils thereof."

Again, at another meeting of the Board held the 1st of last October, the subject was taken up and the following Resolution adopted:

"*Resolved*, That while the Board of Victoria College has no desire to embarrass the Government in the University measure, yet this Board deems it expedient that the operations of Victoria College be continued at Cobourg; and should it be impracticable to divide the University Endowment, for the support of separate Colleges, that arrangements be made to place Victoria College on terms equally favourable with all other Colleges in the University in the constitution of the Caput," &c., &c.

Such are the proceedings which the Board of Victoria College has at different times adopted on this question.

From these proceedings it will be seen:

1st. That the Board has not been disposed to dictate to the Government any particular view, as to the mode of disposing of the University question.

2nd. That the evils complained of in reference to the University of King's College, have been regarded by the Board of Victoria College (as expressed in the 2nd and 3rd Resolutions adopted in October, 1843,) as *practical* rather than *theoretical*—that the fault is not so much in the amended Charter as in the manner in which it has been administered.

Had the Members of King's College Council been so selected as to constitute a fair representation of the religious feelings of the country, and the Professors been appointed, and the services established in accordance with the obvious spirit of the amended Charter, probably no dissatisfaction would have been created.

But public expectation having been disappointed in the manner in which the amended Charter has been carried out, and the funds of the University have been expended, the demand is made by many for another alteration in the Charter, with a view to correct past abuses and prevent the recurrence of them.

3rd. That while the Board of Victoria College has not been disposed to press upon the Government any one mode of settling this question, neither has it refused to sustain any relation to the Provincial University which might be required of Victoria College in common with other Colleges.