

The minutes of the meeting of Nov. 1st, 1900, were read and confirmed.

Principal Grant narrated closely the various steps that had been taken in the direction of the proposed constitutional changes. He emphasized strongly two fundamental principles that the founders of the University had placed at its very basis. First, the independence of the University. To that independence we must adhere to-day. Our just claims to government help do not imply government management or control. Last year the Ontario Legislature itself asserted the principles of government aid without government control in the case of Upper Canada College. The second fundamental principle was that all life and all knowledge must be rooted in religion. The principle is sound, though the first forms of its expression were defective. The same religious spirit pervades the whole University to-day, and the separation of the Theological faculty, although an apparent step backwards, will not affect the religious life of the University.

Mr. George Mitchell then withdrew his motion of the previous day and presented the following resolution, seconded by Mr. A. G. Farrell,

"WHEREAS the Constitution of the Board of Trustees of Queen's University has been modified both in 1874 and 1888, with the view of giving larger representation to all classes of its friends and graduates, and whereas in the general practice of the University other changes have been introduced rendering the University more national in its aims and character, and whereas since 1888 the growth of the University has been marked especially in the following particulars :

1. Its cordial support and encouragement by public men of all shades of religious opinion ;
2. The increase in the number of students and graduates who are not Presbyterians ;
3. The growth of the connection of the University with the general education of the Province, and
4. The widening acceptance of Queen's as the University of this part of Canada, evidenced

by the recent donation of \$50,000 to the University by the City of Kingston and proofs of the interest in Queen's by the adjoining municipalities ; And whereas the General Assembly in its meeting at Halifax last June 'expressed its approval of any well considered change in the constitution of the University, which would still further increase its usefulness by making the body of trustees more completely representative of the undenominational character of the work which it is at present doing ;' and whereas the church has taken a deepening interest in the welfare of the University evidenced more particularly by the Assembly's distribution of that portion of the Century Fund to be applied to Theological colleges, and whereas the General Assembly at its last meeting in Halifax expressed its 'gratification with the proposal to have the Theological faculty under the care of a special board to be appointed by the Assembly'—

Be it resolved, (1.) that in the judgment of this convention the governing board of Queen's University should be undenominational, and should be in a larger degree than at present directly representative of the graduates and friends of the University ;

2. That the Faculty of Theology should be under the management of a board appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

Mr. G. Y. Chown then called for a division on the resolution. This was agreed to. After further discussion by Drs. Milligan and McTavish, Professors Goodwin, and Glover, and Messrs. Hay and Farrell, the first resolution was carried unanimously.

Dr. R. Campbell and Principal Grant then addressed the Convention regarding the second resolution and with the consent of the mover and seconder it was modified to read, "That the faculty of Theology should be under the management of a board distinct from the governing board of the University." After discussion by Mr. G. M. Macdonnell, Dr. Thompson and others, this was agreed to unanimously.

Chancellor Fleming then introduced the following resolution, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Wardrope,