

Church and State in all matters pertaining to religion, we do not wonder that the Convention felt alarm and paused before making yourselves parties to any compact inconsistent with a faith which Baptist martyrs have sealed with their blood. But we, like yourselves, are Baptists true and loyal to the word of God and the historic record of our fathers. The word "affiliation" as applied to the relation of institutions of learning to each other probably has different significations in different parts of the country. Here it means that the University of Toronto "recognizes" a certain part of the work done in the Theological Colleges, as an equivalent for a part of the subjects on the basis of which it confers the degree of B.A. The University of Toronto, in common with other large Universities of the present day, confers the degree of Bachelor of Arts, not on one distinct and definite course of studies, but on each of five or six courses in which some special subject, as Classics, or Mathematics, or Metaphysics, or Natural Science, preponderates. Recently a Statute of the University provides for another B. A. course in which a few of the subjects taught in the Theological Colleges are accepted in lieu of purely secular subjects, e. g. New Testament Greek properly studied is regarded as affording as much mental discipline as heathen Greek. In no respect has the University reduced its standard of attainment for a degree, but it recognizes Church History, Apologetics and the Bible studied in its original languages as fit instruments for higher education. By accepting as "Options" (they are in no case compulsory), these studies pursued in the Theological Colleges the University of Toronto (not Toronto Baptist College) makes it possible for a student to complete both Arts and Theology in six years. McMaster Hall has not shortened its course for University Graduates. Any advantages, (if short the double course by one year is an advantage) is due to the University of Toronto, which in this respect is following a system which has been pursued with great satisfaction for the past thirty years in McGill University, Montreal. Believing that these Courses in Theology and Biblical subjects have a legitimate place in a B.A. course we have no objection at liberty to deprive Baptist Ministerial Students in the University of Toronto of the advantages which the University was offering by the recognition of these studies. With no Arts College under the control of the Baptists in this part of the Dominion we feel it our duty to give our students the benefit of such provision. We do not for one moment suppose that the student who avails himself of it has an equal training with the student who completes his four year's course at Acadia, and then takes his three years' course in Theology. An Acadia student finds in McMaster Hall a course no longer than he must pursue in any other first-class Baptist Theological Seminary. He, therefore, gains nothing in time by going elsewhere. What we suggest is, that the authorities of Acadia College make some such arrangement of their course as will, in respect to this time element, give their students ad-