

course for such men combines both the knowledge and the discipline needful for the ministerial office. We do not pretend that it is in any sense equal to a University course and a Theological course; and we wish no man to take it whose circumstances permit him to take both.

3.—We have a four years' course entirely in English. We found amongst those seeking equipment for the ministry a considerable number who had reached manhood before their conversion, and had developed in their church life preaching talent and power for Christian work. But they have not had an education in the technical sense. They have, however, the maturity of men. It would have been an absurdity to start them on the elements of education in a class of boys. We endeavored to meet their real wants, by combining with Biblical and Theological subjects, such training in Mental Science, Logic, and especially in the correct and fluent use of their native tongue as will make them wise, acceptable and effective preachers.

The increase of our staff was made necessary by these two latter courses. The sole purpose for which Toronto Baptist College exists is to prepare a ministry such as our Baptist Churches need, a ministry of varied talent and culture, but consecrated, trained, practical. A time may come when we shall have Graduates in Arts in sufficient numbers to supply the demand. But that day is yet far distant. In the meantime this question confronts us, viz: "Shall men enter the ministry without Theological training, or shall we do the best in our power to help men whose circumstances render a University and a Theological course impossible?" In the increase of its staff and the re-arrangement of its courses, McMaster Hall has given its answer to this most pressing and practical question.

In regard to "AFFILIATION" with the University of Toronto, permit me to affirm that we have surrendered no grain of our perfect independence, nor compromised a single principle, but we have gained a few important privileges.

I hope with these explanations "Amicus" will no longer "look upon Acadia's fair Sister with an eye of suspicion," for it is painful to be suspected by your friends when you are conscious of no wrong in thought or word or deed. In this case we were innocent enough to believe that our enlargement of facility for training ministers for the Dominion of Canada would be hailed with delight in every Province. We have been striving earnestly to reach that stage at which every Baptist in the Dominion would cherish an honest pride in his own Baptist Theological College, and in this I am not willing to confess disappointment.

Sincerely yours,

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FOOT-BALL MATCH.

The morning of October 31st broke stormy, cold and dismal, but the students, as they wandered from room to room, or met in groups in the corridors of Chipman Hall in the early morning, presented if possible, a more dreary appearance than wind, rain, and sleet could furnish without. At length breakfast was over, and the football team met to consider concerning what had best be done. It was evident the day would be unfit for the football match to which all had looked with pleasure, both expectant players and spectators; therefore a despatch was sent to Windsor informing the King's team of the circumstances, and asking that the game might be postponed until the first fine day. After this the majority of Acadia boys settled to study, although anathemas were still poured forth by some on the raging elements, but these, although thus mightily condemned, did not slacken in their fury. In a short time, however, all was confusion again, the word passed like a flash that our worthy opponents were on their way. The boys considered they could undergo rough weather if their visitors could, and therefore prepared for operations. At twelve o'clock M., the two fiftens took their places in the field. Kings having the wind and Acadia the kick-off.

It was a fine spectacle, the Kings men in their uniforms of white, presenting an appearance of unity, which combined with their naturally good physiques, gave one very decidedly the impression of strength. While Acadia's men, though their costumes gave them a somewhat irregular appearance, looked ready to do or die. After a slight delay the word was given by the umpires: Whitehead and Eaton, and Prescott, captain of Acadia kicked off. The ball went low, but its progress against the wind proved the force of the kick, and Acadia's forwards rushed as one man. In a few moments the ball was over the side touch close to King's goal line, and being thrown out was immediately forced over their goal line and touched down. Whether the touch down was made by Acadia or not, was disputed, although Corey of Acadia had followed the ball in a very lively manner, and had been clinging to it for some time, the advantage of the doubt was given to Kings; but they gained little by the decision. For Professor Hammond bringing the ball out between the goal posts, was immediately