

# **The Agreement and What it Means**

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The occurrences of the last few weeks in Toronto in relation to the doctrinal teaching of the Theological Professors in Victoria University have been of such a nature as to excite the public mind and cause the deepest concern. They demand the most serious attention. Beginning with the proposal of Rev. George Jackson, B.A., that a series of papers should be presented to the Methodist ministers' meeting on the chapters of George Adam Smith's "Modern Criticism and the Preaching of the Old Testament," that plan has been carried out, resulting in much agitation. Nearly all the papers were assigned to and taken by persons who had largely, if not wholly, accepted the views advocated in that book. By this means these opinions received additional advocacy, while those dissenting from them have had very little opportunity to criticize and oppose them. While this was in progress Mr. Jackson was giving monthly addresses on Sunday afternoons in Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, in which the same positions were maintained. One of these was given as a lecture to the young men and boys of the Y. M. C. A. and became the occasion of some warm discussion in the public press and of much more general discussion among the people.

## **THE DECLARATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.**

As Mr. Jackson had lately been appointed a Professor in the Theological Faculty of Victoria University, the authorities of that institution so felt the force of the excitement that they called a