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CHURCH IN CANADA.

STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN.

SIR,—We respectfully request you to publish in your paper, the following documents regarding Queen's College.

JOHN MACHAR.

GEORGE ROMANES.

Kingston, March 1850.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Queen's College, Kingston, held on the fifth day of March, 1850, the following Extract from the Records of the Commission of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, was read:

"At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there: the eleventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine years."

"The which day the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, and was constituted with prayer."

(*Inter alia.*)

"The Commission had read the Minutes of last Synod, referring to them a Paper transmitted to the Synod by the Trustees of Queen's College, anent the best course to be pursued in regard to the College; and the said Paper was read.—After lengthened consideration of this matter, the Commission appointed Dr. Machar and Professor Romanes to draw up, for general circulation, through the Church, a Paper containing a full statement of the reasons which have induced the Board of Trustees of Queen's College to resolve that they shall use their utmost exertions to carry on that Institution in conformity with its own Charter, and to lay the same before the next meeting of Commission; and the Commission also recommended that this paper should contain a statement

of the Financial affairs of the College. The Commission further recommended that Principal Liddell, as soon as convenient after his arrival, should visit all the Congregations within the bounds of the Synod, to explain the course of proceedings which the Board of Trustees have deemed it proper to pursue, and to set forth the duty of such parents as have the means, to give a Collegiate education to their sons.—And further, the Commission recommended that Presbyteries should co-operate with the Trustees of Queen's College in the exertions they may make to obtain subscriptions and collections in aid of the College Funds."

"Extracted from the Records of the Commission of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by
(Signed,) "ANDREW BELL,
"Synod Clerk."

The Committee appointed by the Commission of Synod to prepare a Statement in terms of the foregoing extract laid before the Board of Trustees the statement which they had prepared, and informed the Board that, owing to the discharge of their official duties in the College occupying so great a portion of their time, they had not been able to prepare the document in time to be laid before the last meeting of the Commission of Synod.

The Statement was then read and approved, and the Committee were requested to transmit the same forthwith to the office of the "Presbyterian" for publication, and to take such other steps as may be deemed necessary to give it the widest circulation.

STATEMENT.

The Trustees of the University of Queen's College, having resolved to carry on the Institution in conformity with its Royal Charter, irrespectively of the Uni-

versity Act passed last session of the Provincial Parliament, think it proper to present to the people of this country the reasons which induced them to come to this resolution.

It must be premised that the Act lately passed is not only entirely different from, but, in all essential respects, quite opposite to the measure brought forward, some years ago, by the Government of this Province. The one recognised religion as the proper foundation and attendant of education; the other aims at their total separation. The one provided for the incorporation of the several colleges as integral parts of the University, and for a participation, by Queen's College, in the public endowment; the other gives but a mere shadow of representation to the several colleges that may agree to the measure, and no share whatever of the endowment.

Although the Trustees of Queen's College, anxious to promote a peaceable settlement of the question, would have agreed to the plan of union proposed some years ago, notwithstanding several serious objections to which such a plan is liable, yet, from the entirely different character of the new measure,—the apparent impossibility of procuring a union of colleges on Christian or equitable principles, and the rapid increase in the population of the country calling for additional seats of learning, they have, on mature consideration of the subject, come to the conclusion to maintain Queen's College, not only for instruction in Theology, but for all the purposes for which it was established.