

There were some also who argued that Woodstock had a prior claim to the University. As the Woodstock location issue no longer receives attention, we need not review the arguments pro and contra. Federation, however, since McMaster is so conveniently located in the vicinity of the University of Toronto and since such a policy seems to some to be able to give financial relief when financial difficulties appear, has received attention from time to time.

As early as 1884 Dr. Castle and Dr. MacVicar investigated the federation scheme and the Baptist Union meeting in Brantford made a conditional declaration in favor of it, "provided such federation can be secured on such terms as shall adequately recognize the paramount importance of the Christian element in education and satisfactorily secure to us the control thereof as far as our own denomination is concerned." As the matter was further investigated the Baptist representatives became distrustful of the scheme and Dr. Castle reported in 1886 at the Paris Convention that "the federation possible was far from the Brantford resolution as a number of subjects would be taken from us which we ought to have and leave only a language school."

It seems, according to the editorials of the *Canadian Baptist* of 1886, that the original scheme of federation which Dr. Castle and others were ready to consider was "a congeries of colleges co-ordinate with University College, each doing the entire work of the full course and standing in the same relation to the examining and degree-conferring University. . . . But when this scheme was diluted into a proposal to divide Arts courses between the Colleges and a University professoriate giving to the latter some of the subjects most important in an educational point of view, and when to this was added a series of easy substitutes . . . it may have seemed to some that the really valuable features of the original scheme had been obliterated. . . . Others may have gone even farther and begun to query whether the scheme as last shaped did not have too much the appearance of reintroducing, by a side-wind, the principle of State aid to denominational colleges which was formally abolished some years ago by the people's representatives."

These editorials agree with Dr. Castle's statement to the Paris Convention and with Dr. Holman's at the final meeting of the subscribers of Woodstock College at which the acceptance of the trust from Mr. McMaster was discussed. Dr. Holman, after expressing his firm belief in denominational education, said, "Federation which was at first proposed was of such a character as might be accepted by all, but the emasculated scheme now before us ought not to receive our confidence."