

meeting, the resolutions passed at which we have given in our columns; so has the County Council; and meetings have been held at Deseronto, Seymour, Perth, Brockville, and other places, the resolutions of which were in line with those of Kingston. No voice having been heard on the other side, the Trustees might well feel themselves justified in deciding according to the votes that have been cast; but the Chancellor, to make the assurance doubly sure, has sent this month a circular to the graduates and leading benefactors in other parts of the Province and Dominion, asking for their views on the subject. We append the circular and request our subscribers to take it as addressed to themselves if they have not received a copy, and to answer the questions before the 29th. In words that some of them have heard before, we say, 'Speak no *v*, or for ever afterwards keep silent.'

*Queen's University, Kingston, 2nd April, 1885.*

Replies to the following questions are requested to be forwarded without delay:

QUESTIONS.

1. Are you in favor of Queen's entering the proposed confederation of Colleges, giving up the University powers she enjoys by Royal Charter and moving to Toronto?

*Answer:*

2. As a large expenditure would be required to transfer the University from Kingston, would you be ready to assist in such a work?

*Answer:*

3. Do you generally favor the views of the Board of Trustees as expressed in the Report of the 13th January, 1885, that the University should remain permanently at Kingston, and that every effort should be made to build it up and extend its usefulness?

*Answer:*

*Signature,.....*

*P. O. Address,.....*

*More than one person can enter replies with their Names and Addresses below.*

QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

*Kingston, 2nd April, 1885.*

SIR,—At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees a Special Committee's report was adopted, setting forth the views of the Board on the question of University confederation. But as Queen's is supported by private beneficence it was felt that all its constituents throughout the Dominion should be consulted before final action was taken. With that object in view, it was decided to obtain an expression of opinion from as many friends and supporters as possible before the meeting of Convocation to be held on the 29th inst.

You will find appended a copy of the report adopted by the Trustees (dated 13th January, 1885), together with a sheet containing three leading questions, to which your attention is earnestly directed.

The friends and benefactors of Queen's throughout the Dominion are so numerous that it will be impossible for me to reach them all by circular letter. I trust, however, that you will have the goodness to wait upon those in your neighborhood who are interested in the subject, and obtain an expression of their views and transmit the same to me in the enclosed envelope.

Replies to the questions, with the names of individuals, may be entered on the enclosed sheet.

I beg respectfully to request that you will give this matter your attention without delay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SANDFORD FLEMING, Chancellor.

*The Report adopted by the Trustees on the Memorandum of the Minister of Education, embracing a scheme for the confederation of the Universities and Colleges:*

"The memorandum is of a very important character. The committee regard it as the expression of an earnest desire on the part of the Minister of Education, and the Government whom he represents, to promote by a comprehensive measure the interests of higher education throughout the Province. It is certainly an invitation to Queen's University, along with the other seats of learning in Ontario, to participate in a public expenditure on terms set forth in the scheme. The committee recognize this desire on the part of the Minister and the Government, and are of opinion that the authorities of the University should be grateful for the expression of this aim and intention to stimulate higher education. It is with no little satisfaction that the committee notices in the scheme a practical recognition that Queen's is doing no inconsiderable part of the university work of Ontario.

Without entering at this stage into the details of the scheme, it is obvious that to accept the invitation now offered, and participate in the advantages of the proposed union, two things are required. It is indispensably necessary that the whole establishment of Queen's University should be moved from Kingston to Toronto, and that the university powers now enjoyed under Royal Charter should be held in abeyance.

The transfer to Toronto is no easy matter. It is estimated that a quarter of a million of dollars would be needed to establish Queen's in Toronto on the same scale as at present. This may or may not be an over-estimate, but the trustees have not at their command any sum which they could divert to such a purpose. Queen's is endowed and supported by private benefactions. All funds are actively employed in promoting the work of education, and in order to move to Toronto it would be absolutely necessary to raise money specially for that purpose. Until this is done the committee could not recommend the trustees to accept the invitation to enter the confederation. There are other considerations which weigh with the committee. A large portion of the endowment and building fund was obtained for Queen's