

might have caused them financial loss, is prepared if it is acceptable to them to repair as far as possible the financial loss so caused."

Doctors Bland and Irwin not being satisfied with the decision of the Board appealed to the Court of Appeal of the Methodist Church. Consequently action was delayed in regard to the second resolution above, pending the decision of the Court of Appeal.

The College Board, instead of incurring the expense of sending a representative to Toronto to attend the meeting of the Church Court of Appeal, submitted to the Rev. Dr. Chown a full record of the history of the case by means of copies of all minutes of meetings and of all resolutions affecting the matter.

The College Board never had any thought of repudiating the authority of the Court of Appeal, and when one of the appellants suggested this in his address to the Court of Appeal the Chairman of the Court of Appeal immediately challenged this statement and said that the speaker had no ground for making such a charge.

A meeting of the Court of Appeal was held in Toronto on the 28th of December, 1917, at which meeting Drs. Bland and Irwin personally appeared. The finding of the Court of Appeal was communicated to the Secretary of the College Board December 29th, 1917, which reads as follows:—

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"This Court is of opinion that when appointing or removing professors the Board of Directors of Wesley College acts as a General Conference Board.

"We are further of opinion that while the Board acted within its powers under the charter of the College, yet the summary dismissal of Professors Bland and Irwin at the time at which it was done was not in harmony with the usage and law of our Church in that it made it impossible for the annual Conferences to which they belong to provide for these ministers in accordance with the requirements of Discipline, Paragraph 133; and on this account both appellants should be considered under the financial care of the Board (as proposed by the Board itself in its resolution of September 20th, 1917) until suitable provision can be made for each by their respective Conferences of 1918, or earlier by their Conference authorities."

Following the receipt of the finding of the Court of Appeal a meeting of the Executive was held on the 23rd of January, 1918, at which meeting the decision of the Court of Appeal was considered.