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the Belleville Seminary as sectarian, intended to teach
"Divinity," and to "prepare young men for the min-
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The ungenerous allusions to "nine persons in and
around Belleville," whose conduct produced "surprise
and concern," meet with no sympathy from us, being
well assured that the only object sought by the incor-
poration of the institution was legality in the manage-
ment of the business essential to its existence and pros-
perity. The parties whose names were then used had,
with one exception, been appointed by a Quarterly
Conference, previous to the sitting of the General Con-
ference. And, instead of censure, we think the Govern-
ment and House of Assembly, who seem to vie with
each other in their laudable attempts to promote edu-
cation in this Province, merit our respect for such efforts.
And if this calls for the co-operation of the churches, is
either to blame for uniting in this work? We shall
raise no objection to any honorable arrangements neces-
sary to plant at Belleville, *de facto*, a seminary or col-
lege, and a preparatory school, for the education of
Canadians as Freemen, under the auspices of the
Government, the House of Assembly, and the church,
and in favor with the whole people of the land. And
we hope the spirit of party will not be suffered to dis-
grace the institution. The patronage given to Common
Schools, Mechanic's Institutes, Seminaries, Academies,
Grammar Schools, Colleges, and Universities, of which
the whole people have been partaking, is based upon
the same principle and statute authority as grants to
this institution, and no principle of true voluntarism is
violated in the one which is not equally objectionable
in the other.

Your Committee further express their desire that the
declaration set forth in the Subscription Book, be the
basis on which the institution shall be opened, and its
character established. We repudiate any intention to
teach in it Methodist Theology, or sectarian tenets,
but a sound system of literary and scientific training.