

have already given, a negative answer is inadmissible. We do not admit that the College has departed from the "aim and scope" set forth either in the outline presented by Drs. Castle and MacVicar or in the original Prospectus and in the Calendar for 1883, a copy of which was in the hands of every minister in the Maritime Provinces before the action of your Convention in 1883. Thank God, whose bounty to the College through its generous Founder has surpassed our most sanguine hopes, we have been able to make great improvements in our facilities for theological training. In this you rejoice with us, for the College is yours as well as ours. As to our plans for the future, we can only say that our one aim shall continue to be the thorough equipment of men for the work of the ministry, mainly through studies which are usually regarded as purely Theological, employing other studies only to a very limited degree for men who will not, and ought not to take an Arts course. We could not be true to our great trust if we promised to put an iron-band around our institution. It is a living Institution, and living institutions are growing institutions. We intend to be true to all our obligations, and guide our growth for the glory of God and the welfare of the Baptist Churches of the Dominion. We may say, however, that any thoughts cherished concerning an Arts College in Toronto, in confederation with other denominational Arts Colleges and the University, have definitely been abandoned. The great scheme of Confederating all the Colleges and Universities in Ontario, which created some interest two years ago, has not been realized and, we think, it never will. We have no intention to increase the number of students not distinctively Theological in Toronto Baptist College, but to keep them at the smallest fragment consistent with the Theological training of all the classes of men whom the Master consigns to the hands of our Faculty.

Let us assure you, dear brethren, that we cherish the hope that the union so happily begun in 1883 may be perpetual. We have not intended to do aught to jeopardize cooperation in a work so fraught with blessing to our beloved churches. We believe it is only necessary that your people should understand our motives and our plans in order to allay any suspicion of our own interests. We therefore request that this communication be laid before the Convention, so that all the brethren present on this subject was discussed last year may have the benefit of our kind and fraternal statements.

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