

vised to take a partial course, we, at the same time have grounds to fear, that the new course at Toronto will lead some to abandon the purpose of a thorough training, and satisfy themselves with general and insufficient studies. We are of the opinion that the Toronto Baptist College, in making this provision, has overstepped its professional bounds, and trenched upon the work of the Arts Colleges which, according to the terms of the union, it is bound to foster, and from which its supply of students must come.

The failure to carry out the essential part of the original plan, as understood by us, has been disappointing. The affiliation with the University has unfavorably affected the sympathies and sentiments of the Maritime Baptists; the advantage of saving a year by studying at the Toronto University is a hindrance instead of a help to Acadia College; the sudden removal of one of the professors from Acadia to assist in carrying out a plan, detrimental to our interest, and that without consultation with the brethren among us, who had accepted places of trust in the government of the Toronto Baptist College, was to us a great surprise, and detrimental to our educational interests, and to the union upon which we had happily entered. The four years' course was adopted without the advice or consent of the President of Acadia College, who was wisely put upon the Committee of instruction of the Toronto Baptist College. This, as it seems to us, is union merely in name, and co-operation for which the Maritime Baptists are wholly disqualified. They look with apprehension, after their long and varied experience, on any experiments which assume the unsoundness of their settled policy. They therefore paused before entering into an organic union, when the course ahead seemed to be that of experiment and adventure.

The foregoing necessarily involves the following enquiries:

1. Will the authorities of the Toronto Baptist College return to the plan laid down for our acceptance and adopted by the Board of Governors and the Convention, in 1888?
2. If not, will they give us, clearly defined, their plans for the future?

On these points we would like to hear full and explicit replies, and in addition such explanations as may be deemed necessary.

There is no desire, on the part of the Baptists of these provinces, to question the doings of their brethren in the West, unless it is in matters in which they have common responsibilities and interests.

We deeply regret that anything has occurred to interfere with the highest success of the union among Canadian Baptists.

The recital of facts above given, and the inquiries made, are for the purpose of removing difficulties and for the completion of union in theological education.

Because of the heavy pecuniary responsibilities, now resting on the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, it is necessary to know what additional accountability will follow the proposed organization.