

1. The acceptance of the trust.
2. Consideration of the advisability of establishing the University as an entirely independent institution.
3. Recommendation of the Convention respecting the location of the Arts department.
4. Expression of opinion upon the advisability of strengthening the preparatory department that it may serve as an abundant feeder to the Arts school and McMaster Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. SCOTT, Sec."

At the request of the Chairman, Dr. Rand read the report of the Charter Committee.

The Chairman then read the charter of the proposed University, and extracts from Mr. McMaster's will, relating to the University.

Chancellor Boyd then spoke, stating that our course should be characterized by deliberate caution, and after outlining his views on the question, moved with reference to the 1st clause in the order of discussion, "That we accept the trust."

The motion was seconded by Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

Dr. McVicar and the Chairman suggested the wisdom of looking carefully at the conditions stipulated in the will, before voting acceptance of the trust.

The Chairman wishing to speak on the question—Mr. D. Sinclair, of Walkerton, was called to the chair.

Mr. Thomson then moved the following in substitution for Chancellor Boyd's motion:

"Whereas, by Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, 50 Vic., cap. 95. It is enacted that Toronto Baptist College and Woodstock College shall be united under the name of McMaster University and placed under the control of the Board of Governors appointed by the Baptist denomination; and whereas it is by the said Act provided that the said University shall be a Christian school of learning and that the Bible or Sacred Scriptures shall form a part of the course of study taught:

"And whereas the late Hon. William McMaster has by his will bequeathed a sum stated to exceed eight hundred thousand dollars towards an endowment of the said University, with the solemn charge that the same be maintained with true and faithful regard to affording the best facilities for a thoroughly practical Christian course of education:

"Be it therefore resolved, that we hereby accept on behalf of the Regular Baptist denomination the trust so tendered to us as a part of our denominational work, hereby acknowledging with profound gratitude the goodness of God as exhibited in the munificent provision made by our departed brother for carrying on, in behalf of our Master, the work of Christian education, praying that the Holy