

denomination. For the first time in the history of the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, we are in a position to organize a system of denominational education, all the departments being harmoniously adjusted to each other. By the decision of the denomination assembled in Convention at Guelph, the development of the Arts Department at Toronto is to be a constituent and fundamental element of that system. Of necessity, therefore, there must be forthwith a re-organization of Woodstock College. The existing buildings will, however, all be needed for the purposes of any institution which the Senate and Board may deem needful for our people, and worthy of being reckoned a department of McMaster University.

In resuming the duties of my professorship in Toronto Baptist College, (in accordance with the terms on which I accepted the Principalship of Woodstock College), I do so with feelings of the greatest satisfaction that the educational policy which seemed to me to be of so great importance to us as a people, and which, on careful discussion, was so generally endorsed by those who officially acted upon my letter of acceptance of the Principalship of Woodstock College some two years ago, has now become, after general and prolonged discussion, the publicly-avowed policy of the denomination. That in the good Providence of God great resources have been placed at our disposal for the organization and development of a Christian University wholly under our own control, and in which the Word of God is recognized by charter as a text in all its departments, is cause of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God. In view of such signal manifestations of divine favor, it does not seem to me that any of our people should deem it of surpassing moment that the leading departments of the University are not to be developed at Woodstock. On the contrary, the question of place is relatively of secondary importance. The great and transcendent fact is that God has made it possible to us as a people, and so early in our history, to make available for our children and for others the priceless blessings which must flow from a great Christian University. Working in a spirit of co-operation, and with the simple aim of building up a strong and thoroughly efficient institution in all its departments, we shall best meet the wishes of our great benefactor, promote the cause of sound learning, and serve the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

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