

obliged to seek it outside of the Provinces. The help received in this way has been attended with disadvantages. Some of the young men have not returned to labor with us; and it has been felt that the training received does in some respects disqualify them for work in these Provinces. The denomination was therefore prepared to accept with favour the plan for union in theological work, submitted by the delegates from Toronto at Halifax in 1883. It included, as you will see by reference to its clearly expressed terms, the closing of the theological department at Wolfville, the founding of an Arts College in the North-West, and the sustaining of the Colleges already in operation in the Maritime Provinces and Ontario. The aim, as it was understood both in public and in private, was to make "first-class literary institutions," i. e., Arts Colleges, and Academies to supply them with students.

Moreover it was understood in the private discussion of the subject, that the removal of theology from Woodstock and Wolfville was justified, partly on the ground of the incompatibility, of an Arts course in the same place, and under the same board of management. Thus the Toronto College was to be purely a theological institution, the centre, friend and helper of all the Baptist literary schools in Canada. In section four of the communication from the Toronto delegates to the Board of Governors, a discrimination between the work of the College and the Academy on the one hand, and that of the theological school on the other is distinctly accepted; and the fair implication is that the theological institution is to devote itself strictly to professional studies. No other view was even suggested to the minds of Baptists in these Provinces.

Had the co-operative work in theological education been carried forward according to these well understood conditions, the difficulties now in the way, in our opinion, could not have appeared. As it seems to the Baptists in the lower Provinces, the original plan has been set aside, and measures adopted contrary to the principles first laid down.

Prairie College has been continued; no Arts College has been founded in the North West; the development of Woodstock into an Arts College has been abandoned; a plan for an Arts College at Toronto, vitally connected with the State University, has been considered, this has been cast aside, and the Toronto Baptist College has been affiliated with the State University, and a four years course has been introduced into the calendar of the Toronto Baptist College, which has already begun to affect unfavorably our work at Horton Academy. The teachers inform us that, after this year, the ministerial students in their graduating classes will probably divide, part going to Toronto for the four years course, and the rest remaining at Acadia for the course in Arts. In our thirty-years connection with Newton Institution, no such influence as this has ever been felt.

While we believe that there are young men who ought to be ad-