

Department. Immediately on reaching the conclusion the committee forwarded the following circular to the trustees and members of the Senate of Toronto Baptist College resident in the Maritime Provinces, to the President of Acadia College, and the several members of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and to the Secretary of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

CIRCULAR.

At the educational meeting at Paris in October last, the subscribers of Woodstock College voted to hand over all their rights in the College to the Baptist denomination of Ontario and Quebec. This was done on the understanding that the denomination forthwith procure from the Legislature of Ontario such a charter for the institution as shall authorize the exercise in due time of full university powers. The following brethren were appointed a committee to secure the contemplated legislation the present winter, viz: Dr. Rand, Dr. MacVicar, Mr. C. J. Holman, Rev. N. Wolverton, Rev. T. Trotter, Hon. Wm. McMaster, Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, Rev. E. W. Dadson, Rev. W. J. Copp, Mr. D. E. Thomson, and Mr. Charles Raymond.

The committee has addressed itself with diligence to the matter entrusted to it. The subject is surrounded with many and peculiar difficulties, and in order to a successful issue it has finally seemed necessary to the committee to mass all our educational work in Ontario and Quebec and bring it under united control.

1. That Toronto Baptist College cease to be affiliated with the University of Toronto, and that, while continuing to be national in its relations, it also become the Faculty of Theology of the proposed Denominational University.

2. That the proposed University have a Board of Governors, elected by the denomination in Ontario and Quebec, and that the existing Board of Trustees of Toronto Baptist College (a close corporation) be done away with. The Senate to undergo some adjustment, but, of course, the representation of the Convention of the Maritime Provinces and Acadia College to continue for the decision of all questions touching the School of Theology.

3. That the proposed University exercise at once its functions in respect of Toronto Baptist College, and that the Principal of the Faculty of said College be the President of the University until the due organization of the Arts College has been effected (a work of some years), when the Principal of said Arts College shall become and continue to be the President of the University.

The success of the movement now in hand to secure a charter from the Legislature for a Denominational University will be determined before any communication with your Convention is practicable. The undersigned has therefore been requested by the committee to place the above information before you and before those members of your Convention who are officially connected with Toronto Baptist College, and which the committee will submit on the 23rd inst. to the Board of Trustees of Woodstock College and to the Board of Trustees and the Senate of Toronto Baptist College. In order to success in the present approach to the Legislature, it is needful that the denomination in Ontario be united in their desire, and that the large portion of the public which would wish to have University powers denied us in order to the furtherance of College Confederation, be impressed with the magnitude of the educational work we are now doing, that we already have a Faculty of Theology in vigorous operation.

The existing Senate of Toronto Baptist College, you will remember, has controlling powers over the teaching and character of the College. These powers are not to be impaired by the proposed changes, and there presentation afforded to the Maritime Provinces is sufficient, it is believed, to make their influence felt as fully as they may desire. It will be observed that all the Trustees (Governors) are to be elected by