

When an inclination was manifested by certain parties at Belleville, and by the Finance Committee to depart from our recognized principles in relation to Government grants, and a partial and otherwise objectionable Charter sought, and an effort made to push it through the House of Assembly without the knowledge or consent of this Conference, or of the Board of Managers; then our people became generally alarmed and indignant. It was only on the condition of the Seminary being placed under the control of the General Conference and becoming its property, that the co-operation and support of the Niagara Conference was promised.

Then after these were pledged, they attempted to wrest the control of the Institution out of the hands of the General Conference, by means of the unjust Charter; and to compromise the well understood principles of the church by soliciting state endowments for a denominational Institution.

Your Committee learning that great concern and dissatisfaction existed among the members of our church within this Conference, respecting the charter, and the grant, assembled at Hamilton in July last, and took such steps as they deemed advisable, to allay the existing excitement. The resolutions passed were at the time published in the *C. C. Advocate*, and are as follows:

Whereas some members of our Provincial Parliament having secured a Legislative Grant of five hundred pounds in aid of the Belleville Seminary—

Resolved 1st,—That, in view of the great excitement which it has caused among us, and in answer to the numerous inquiries of our friends and adherents, as well as several public journals of this Province, we feel called upon to express our disapprobation of any semblance to grants of a Governmental or Legislative character in aid of said Institution.

Resolved 2nd,—That we feel unwilling to assume any further liabilities in securing loans or otherwise, until the Board of Managers in the Belleville Seminary—who are the proper authority to decide in the interval of the General Conference—shall declare themselves unfriendly to the grant, and officially forbid its reception in behalf of said Institution. And we would suggest the propriety and expediency of a meeting of the Board being called forthwith, after which

we pledge ourselves to the principles of the Niagara Conference.

Resolved 3rd,—That the ministers or members of any similar subject, the *C. C. Advocate* for which we trust the

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Resolved 5th,—That we press our entire confidence by the General Conference principle, has pledged ourselves to in prosecuting his or

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Hamilton, July 20th

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