

and circumstances permit and require the full course? Certainly there is danger. But is there not equal danger on the other system of dragging men through a university course, though their age, or family relations, or inaptitude for the subtleties of the higher education forbid it? Common sense, and common honesty, and common confidence in each other's probity, on the part of those who are entrusted with the work of instructing men for the ministry, will reduce these dangers on either hand to a minimum. For our own part we are perfectly willing for some arrangement by which no student in the Institutions at Wolfville shall be received into McMaster Hall except on the decision of a competent committee of your own brethren that it is expedient to enter either our Middle or our English Course. It was after a thorough discussion of the whole subject by our Faculty, in the quiet of the weeks immediately following the anniversary in 1885, that they projected the curriculum of which you complain. It was first laid before the Hon. Wm. McMaster, to ascertain whether he was willing to support the additional Professors necessary to teach it effectively. Mr. McMaster held the matter under consideration for several weeks, and then on giving his assent, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called for the express purpose of considering the subject. If the Trustees representing the Maritime Provinces were not particularly consulted prior to this special meeting of the Board, so neither were the Trustees in any other section of the country. The whole Board was summoned to confer on the subject. One belief then was, that our brethren in all sections of the Dominion would rejoice that their own Theological College was thus able, through the generosity of its founder, to make great advance in its equipment for training all the various classes of men who by the ordinance of the Great Head of the Church are to constitute our ministry. Innocent in our own intentions we did not to suspect that it was possible to receive anything but commendation for enlarging our facilities for the good of the whole denomination.

We are persuaded that the practical solution of difficulties regarding the right choice of the course of instruction for any young man to pursue is the provision of a liberal and adequate Ministerial Education Fund. Where young men who are qualified for the complete University and Theological course are deterred by the inferior shorter course to the detriment of their education, and are thereby under the stress and temptation of poverty. Measures to secure the highest education without a perpetual anxiety about want or the harassment of debt, and the cases of those who, by minimizing of study will become the infrequent exception rather than the rule, with an adequate fund in existence, the Faculty of Acadia College could effectively give counsel to their students for the ministry with regard to the nature and extent of their course of study.

Your communication complains of our action in electing Dr. Rand to a Professorship in McMaster Hall. This is susceptible of a very brief treatment. The circumstances attending his election to Acadia College were well known to the public, having been widely