

Morgan Park, Ill.,

OCT. 4, '90.

My dear Dr. Hawley,

"Your letter of the 1st inst. rec'd & carefully read. It is simply incredible to me that the question of opening the U. will depend upon the income of the \$100,000. It is a matter of comparatively small importance to you, but of vital importance to us. We cannot charge our plan of work during the next two years if we are running in debt \$13,000 a year. Dr. Howell is not collecting his salary & in my judgment, will not do so this year or next, as such from the collections for the Ed. Soc. The public understand that the new

institution has \$2,600,000 & that the
Seizing is an organic part of it. You
cannot make people believe the same
in such distress & famine. If Mr. R.
should renew his offer of \$6,500
on condition that we see in as much
we could not do it. And furthermore,
I do not think it wise to ask Mr.
R. for any more money just now.

I will now consent to have the
union of the Seizing with the U. States
spect of till we have paid every
last dollar of indebtedness. I think
the sooner the union takes effect
the better - the term for next anniversary
would suit me. But if we are

To get no benefit from the union
 till Oct. 1st & 2 I do not believe
 it will take place before that date.
 I will now consent when the U. S. assumes
 one dollar of our indebtedness.

As to the other matter I have said all
 that I had to say. I was not under
 a misapprehension of your views as
 set forth in the resolution that was
 adopted. (which I did not hear at hand when I wrote)
 I am satisfied with the
 matter exactly as it stands. Yours truly
 Geo. J. F. I return my letter. What
 Allen does not express my views &
 I do not wish it as a copy of it to be

in the hands of anyone - I am very
well satisfied with the result of experiment
as decided upon in joint Committee.
The Society gets no more than a reasonable
benefit from the deal."

Frederick C. W. Northrup.

"I would suggest this arrangement. The first
\$100,000 to go to the Society and amount
the second to the U. S. Government, & the
third to the Building Fund. That would
enable us to put the Building of a lifetime."
I have not time to write about Mr. Ahlman.

Morgan Park, Ill.
Sep. 10 '90.



My dear Dr. Harper:

"I have just read your letter to Dr. Goodspeed. The matters contained in it are so important that I feel constrained to write you to night though the hour is late & the work of the day has been unusually taxing. Before reading your letter to Dr. Goodspeed I had indicated in writing, for my own use, some of the points which I thought should be embraced in the plan of union between the Sem. & the University according to the agreement or understanding reached during your recent visit. I will indicate them briefly.

1. The Sem. to become an organic part of the U.
2. The Pres. of the U. to be Pres. of the Theol. as of all other Faculties.
3. The Theol. Professors to be appointed from present Board or by some Board of which all members be Baptists.
4. The Charter of the Sem. to be kept intact so that our

property would be free from taxation & the danger avoided
of the loss of bequests already made in our behalf.

5. All our endowment funds to be used for the Theol. de-
partment.

6. All work in the Old Test. to be done in the University
free of expense to the Divinity School.

7. Prof. Price to be associate Prof. in the Graduate de-
partment of the U. (Of course I should expect that I should in
regard to Price in case he cannot be adjusted to the
plan).

8. Our grounds in the Park to be exchanged for grounds on the
U. Campus.

9. The U. to take new buildings for, say, \$50,000, the
money to be expending in new ^{enough} buildings for an usw.

10. The U. to add to this \$60,000, to secure the erection
of the buildings necessary for work of the Theol. de-
partment. - say, \$75,000.

11. The U. to assume the care of our buildings including
ins. heating, lighting etc. (An annual expense of,
say, \$6,000 = inst. on \$100,000)

12. The Scandinavian Professors to be reduced to two - one
at the head of each department (this temporary) I mean that income
^{and all Scandinavian work in a few years!}

13th U. To add, say, \$75,000 to the endowment of the
Thol. School. All this would amount to, say, \$800,000.

For buildings - - - - -	\$75,000
Prices & salary \$3,000 - - - - -	50,000
Lease of buildings etc. \$6,000 - - - - -	100,000
Addition to endowment fund - - - - -	<u>\$75,000</u>
	300,000

You will see that only one half of this sum - the first
sheet items - would come to the sum from the \$1,000,000.

I believe this estimation is in substantial accord with the
views which you repeatedly expressed while here.

Now as regards your letter, Dr. Good put myself
differed greatly as to true interpretation of one paragraph.
The interpretation which anyone would put upon
the paragraph is this; The sum is to receive ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~sum~~
the \$50,000 which Mr. R. pledged to ~~the~~ ^{the} sum in his
recent interview with me, the balance of \$950,000 is to go
to the graduate department of the U. That is, the sum will
receive, in case of union, \$50,000 in sum years - the
some sum which we would have received in two years.

But this conclusion is so preposterous, taken in connection
your views expressed while here, that we are compelled to
put some other interpretation upon your words. The inter-

pretending (insisted upon by the Goodspeed which I hope is the correct one ^{that} ~~in this~~), is, "How far say, the Wholeness of Mr. R's gift, except what has been given to the Society, is for graduate work" you refer not to the \$50,000 mentioned in the preceding sentence, but to the \$150,000, ~~or 200,000~~ which you repeatedly said ought to go to the endowment fund of the Society.

On ~~two~~ other most important points your letter is explicit enough. No part of Mr. Rockefeller's gift is to be used in buildings for the Theol. department, & no part of it is to be used for the purchase of any present ground buildings for an Academy.

To the best of my judgment the scheme as outlined in your letter is wholly impracticable. The Society cannot give up its present plant unless the U. S. will within a short time - say two years - erect for us adequate buildings on its own campus. It is vain to think of appealing to any quarter of the known world for the funds necessary to build up these buildings. It seems to ^{me} also that the establishment of an Academy at this point is a vital part of the whole scheme. On no other ground would it be possible for us to justify ourselves in abandoning our present home which it has cost us so much time

elated money to receive. But this letter ought to
 give some indications of coming to an end. And so I will
 express, in a word, my firm conviction that unless
 you are allowed to use some \$250.000 for the estab-
 lishment of ^{an} Academy here & for putting us in a new
 house on the U. campus, within two years, the plan which
 you have in mind cannot be carried through.

The question then arises whether you can accept the
 Presidency of the U., dropping the idea of union with the Sem.,
 & carry on, in the graduate department, the theological work
 which you are doing at Yale. I have no manner of
 doubt that the building up of a sort of rival theol.
 Sem. in the University would involve enormous
 disbursements to both institutions. If you were to work
 some other department - philosophy, science, political economy -
 the two institutions could go on, in independence of each
 other, with no serious friction; but the result would
 be very different if you should establish in Chicago
 such a divinity school as you are organizing in the
 graduate department at Andover. The Baptist de-
 nomination does not want that theol. seminary at
 this point.

Twice say in conclusion that your letter of the 5th inst.
came to hand in the evening mail, & will arrange for
such an interview as you suggest. But I think I ought
to be between you, & Bul Kent singly, - especially if the
matter to be communicated relates to your theol. views
which I suppose to be the case. Our action in favoring
the union of the two institutions under your Presidency
was based on all the facts known to us connected with
our whole public history. If now you entertain views
with which the public is not acquainted & which are clearly
not in accordance with the faith of our people touching any
essential part of Christianity the question would be most
seriously complicated. But that you hold any such opinions
I do not believe. One thing, however, is certain. If your
orthodoxy is so questionable as to make men like Dr.
Bul Kent, Anderson, Smith, & myself regard your
connection with the Society ^{as} unwise it would be im-
possible for you to accept the Presidency of the Soc. with
any thought of doing the Bible work which you have in mind.
You might be seriously heterodox ^{but not the Bible} science,
or Greek, or metaphysics or science, without imper-
iling your position. - I may add that I have had a talk
of two hours with Dr. Bul Kent & that I have written reports to
the minds of both of us. For must not read any part of
this letter to Mr. R. ¹¹
Truly yours, E. W. Northrup.

About Oct 15 / 1890

Dear Dr. Harper:

I thought of the
matter relating ^{ive} to Price in the Com.
meeting set was referred to you
for adjustment. I do not think
you are under obligation
to give him one dollar more
than you give the other Associate
Professors & if you should give
him additional Compensation
the Discretion would give
you more of trouble with
all the Professors in the Graduate
Department.

as that of Mr. Rockefeller
the hostility to Chicago is
too manifest. The symbol
of the Examiner is a
great axe crushed with
human

blood, hair & brains. It
has been a terror to all
independent ^{thinkers} ~~thinking~~ in
our denomination for the
last 40 years. This para-
graph you will also
destroy.

I rejoice in the thought

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thought to regard it as
a high honor to be appointed
to an associate Professorship.
This is my opinion; but please
destroy this letter as soon
as read.

"Dr. Goodspeed myself have
written the bright & shining
the discent in the Examiner.

I have now for a paper
that deliberately ignores
such a magnificent gift
to denominational education

that the New Ministry will
be so forward as help
such a vilifying, tyrannical
Asatual leaders. They are
a curse to the denomination

We - Hewitt & the Faculty -
visit 7 or 8 State Conventions.
The list of students towards
Chicago will be con-
siderable when the New
U. opens.

Yours truly,

Samuel G. McWhorter

Morgan Park, Ill.

Oct. 20. '90.

Dear Dr. Hooper: — Your letter rec'd to-day.

The points agreed upon in joint Com.
come before our Board on Sunday
of last week & were unanimously
recommended to the Theol. Union
for adoption. It seemed to us all
that the Theol. Union, being the
ultimate source of power, should
itself take action upon a matter

I think the wisest thing for you
 to do is, ^{to} draw your work a ^{little} faster
 as early as Nov. 1, '91. Your presence
 is imperatively needed here - especially
 in connection with the work of the
 Committee on Buildings. This is
 a most important - a really vital -
 part of your duty. What is to be
 the general scheme of building? How
 much are you to spend in the near
 future, one million dollars, or two,
 or three? You ought to visit
 some of the best institutions - here,
 I mean, as regards their equipment
 in the way of buildings. And, then,
 I think you ~~are~~ need to come

of such exceptional character.
 A meeting of the Union will be
 called as soon as your Board
 shall
 pass upon the articles of agreement.
 Dr. Goodspeed showed me the
 letter of Dr. Bright which you sent
 to him. If the Doctor is at a loss
 what to do touching the matter com-
 plained of, I would suggest that
 he make a beginning by making
 a simple reference to Mr. Rockefeller's
 gift - A thing which I have not yet
 seen in the Examiner.

in contact with some of the Chicago
men who may be induced to aid
largely in putting up the buildings
needed. After your house gotten
things under way, thought out
your scheme of organization, etc.,
then go to Europe. I believe
in pushing things at the start. I
cannot but think you will
make a serious mistake if you
remain at Yale through the
school year!!

Yours fraternally
J. W. Porter

Morgan Park, Ill.

Oct. 27. '90.

Dear Dr. Harper:—

"The Ex. Com. re-
quested me, at its last meeting,
to inquire if you still deemed it
wise to carry out the suggestion
which you made while here, to
bring before Mr. Rockefeller the idea
letting the pledge for \$6,500 stand
as it was originally made. We
are at our wit's end to meet our
own expenses. In the present con-
dition of things Dr. Hewitt

~~He is of~~ ³ His mind is som-
inently philosophical - pen-
etrating, clear, logical. Being
a German he ~~reads~~ has a
perfect mastery of the German
language & is profoundly
versed in the ^{at} Continental
as well as in the English Systems
of Philosophy. Withal he is a
man of extraordinary rhetorical
power & stands in the front
rank of the preachers of the
Congregational body. Also
he unites in himself

^{no} ²
can do more than to meet his own
expenses (including salary), those of
the Ed. Soc. which will be
over \$ 5,000 this year.

Allow me to suggest the
Name of Dr. Bekkenda for
Professor in the Chair of Phi-
losophy. Dr. Bekkenda is one of the
very ablest men of my acquaint-
ance. He was Dr. Robinsons first
choice for the position which Dr.
Strong was appointed to fill.

in an unusual degree
the conservative & the progressive
tendencies of the Evangelical
thought of the day. He was,
as you know, a Baptist &
wonder how with us today
if he had not been dealt
with in such a violent way.

I may add that in
writing these lines I am
absolutely self-moved."

Yours sincerely,
J. H. W. Northrup.

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Morgan Park, Ill., Jan. 10 1891

My dear Dr. Harper:—

Your letter rec'd. In
reply to request for statement as to our
financial needs I would say we must have
\$8,000 to meet the deficit in current ex-
penses for the present year—closing May 31st.
Nearly the whole of this amount of deficiency
arises from our attempt to carry on the
Scandinavian work in two departments—
the Danes, Norwegians, & Swedes—a work pressed
upon us by the Home Mission Soc., & by
leading brethren in all parts of the North-west.
Ours is the only institution in this country which
trains Baptist ministers for work among
the Danes, Norwegians & Swedes. We have 150
students of whom 50 are Scandinavians. The
actual expense of carrying on this part of our
work (apart from the Ed. Soc.) is \$7,000 a
year. I make this statement that it
you may make it plain to Mr. R.

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Madam John M. Jan 10 1881

My dear Dr. Horton:

I have been very

pleased to receive your letter of the 10th inst.

and in answer to inform you that the amount of

\$8,000 to meet the deficit in current ex-

penses for the present year - closing at night

through the close of the current of offerings

will have been sufficient to cover the

deficit in the current year -

the same being \$1,000 - a most

valuable contribution to the cause of the

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Morgan Park, Ill., 1890

Now it is that our Board finds itself involved in a deficit of from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year. It is due to the attempt - whether wisely or unwisely made - to meet the pressing demands of the Scandinavian peoples in this country for an educated Baptist Ministry.

We find it almost impossible to get new cash. Our Financial Agent, Dr. Heriott is a good man, but he cannot secure the necessary funds & the difficulties will not grow less. The string applied which the U. M. Church last year & which it meant make in the immediate future are facts which cannot but work to our disadvantage in obtaining money for the coming year & next.

We cannot reduce expenses this year without serious damage to the institution; but I think we shall be able to reduce expenses next year to the amount of \$3,000, or \$4,000, though (over)

This reduction cannot be made without
some loss to the efficiency of the new work.

At the N. Y. Com. meeting in Dec. we
had to make a loan of \$ 3,000. Should
Mr. Rockefeller see his way to under us
any aid, & should he make his pledge
conditional, it would be to our great advantage
if he would extend the term of payment in
full to July 1st '91.

We had decided not to ask Mr. R. for
help this year, considering what he has done
for education at this point, fearing he might
think we ^{were} ~~are~~ disposed to lay him down.

But the facts are as I have stated, & our
financial distress is real & great, notwith-
standing all that has been attempted to
do to help ourselves. I leave the matter to
be managed according to your discretion.

Yours truly
G. W. Northrup

Maryon Park, Ill.

Feb. 16. '91.

Received
Feb. 16. '91.

My dear Dr. Hoxter:—

Your letter of the 12th. inst. enclosing one from Mr. Rockefeller recd. I am very much obliged to Mr. R. for his pledge & to you for your agency in securing the same. The fulfillment of the conditions is a matter of great uncertainty. Dr. Goodspeed thinks we cannot get the \$5,000. She is probably right. The condition of my health renders it impossible for me to do what I did last year under the pressure of a similar pledge. Besides, the absence of Dr. Hulbert makes it necessary that I should keep in closer connection with the work of the Society. However, the Board will do what it can to meet the distressing deficit.

I was glad to read the kind & affectionate words of Mr. Rockefeller to General. Probably the

No man since the world began ever assumed
the office of President of a university standing in
such relations to a man reputed to be worth \$100,
000,000, with a fair prospect, to become worth
ten times the sum. I hope his & your ex-
pectations will be realized.

I suppose the terms of union between the University & the
Seminary have been practically agreed upon, & for as
they can be without the action of the two Boards. With most
of these terms I am very well satisfied, but with some
of them I am not. Since we began ^{negotiations} ~~negotiations~~ the terms
of union have been revised three times & the result of
every revision has been more unfavorable to the finan-
cial interests of the Sem. To speak with perfect
frankness the university has, ^{not been} as it seems to me, ~~the~~
~~university has not been~~ generous, but sharp & close
in its dealing in this matter. The Sem. gives up its
independence (if not legally yet practically & in the public
view) - its great library, students, Alumni, ^{etc.} & receives
in return - What? The use of some lecture rooms!
As the matter now stands the Sem. pays the incidental
expenses of the Dormitory Building, keeps it insured &

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in repair - which will cost at least ^{\$}3,000 ^{a year} over and above
what we get from the incidental fees of the students. Our
income does not exceed \$16,000, so that we shall have
\$13,000 for the payment of the Professors. The utmost that
we can do is to provide for a faculty of four, not
one of the Scandinavian Professors can be retained. You
know that, with an identification with the university in
the public mind, it will be impossible for us at
present to attempt to add to our endowment funds,
or to make a successful appeal for aid to make up
a deficit from year to year. And, besides, we are limited,
in the appointment of Professors, by our endowment
funds. So with a multitudinal curriculum & four
underpaid Professors, instead of being as it ought to be,
well equipped & powerful, the Divinity School of the University
will make a very shabby appearance. The U. of Chicago has
agreed to do, that it proposed at the very outset - that
is, it should have agreed to pay all incidental expenses.

I greatly regret the course that has been pursued in
the matter spoken of. It will make my work much

more difficult in our Board & the Union much less
satisfactory to the Society. I do not need to tell you that
I have not had a word of encouragement or sympathy in
all this business from a single member of the Society
with the exception of Dr. Hurlbut. As to the future
career of Dr. Anderson & Price I am in great doubt.
I shall receive for my anxiety ^{this affair} ~~in this affair~~
what I have generally received for any important meas-
ures which I have helped to carry through - a
good many criticisms & not a few curses. But
this is a matter of no concern. God knows that in all
I have done to secure the Union of the two institutions
my personal interest has been just nothing. In fact
I have made what many would regard as some per-
sonal sacrifices, though I do not regard them as such.
Twenty five years of Presidency is all I want. It has
been my sole desire & purpose to do what would be
best for our State educational work at this
point.

Yours truly,
G. W. Northrup.

Morgan Park. Ills. 28, 4, '91,

Dear Dr. Harper:—

I am glad to have rec'd the letter which you sent some two weeks ago. I shall preserve it, & possibly show it to you to refresh your memory when the events of the past months shall have become vague & mythical. I think you are now able to realize a little more fully than you did that it was not a mere personal matter which led me to be so earnest & persistent in seeking to secure certain concessions, on your part, in the terms of Union. I knew that I could carry any measure through the Ex. Com., or through the General Board, but the Theological Union, having in it cranks, bigots, pig-headed men of the Coaly order—this is a wholly different matter. I saw, months ago, as plainly as I see now, & as I saw at the night of the meeting of the Union, that had not those concessions been made the vote would have been 9 to 1 against the Union—a result the disastrous influence of which it would be difficult to prevent. As I may not refer to this matter again there are two or three things which I will take the liberty of mentioning

1. I want you to remember that the Divinity School
of the University is just now half endowed, even includ-
ing Mr. Rockefeller's gift of \$100,000, smoking allowance for
the use of the Semitic dept. Our Professors cannot receive
more than \$2500 - The Dean having \$500 additional.
There are ought to be two new chairs established at once.
1. A chair of Apologetics. 2. A chair of the Biblical Theol.
of the New Test. And so when Mr. R. shall propose
to give a second million dollars, as he may do any
day, I want you to suggest that he designate \$50,000,
or \$100,000 to be used for the Divinity School. And so bring
this school up into the very front rank of Theological
Seminararies. Please don't forget this point, vig-
nor it, under the pressure which will be made
upon you for enlargement in other directions.

2. My second point is wholly personal. For some
years past I have been practically ignored by the
Baptists of Chicago, including those most deeply interested
in the matter of denominational Education. I have been
used often to pull the old coach out of the mud,
(as occurred lately), but that accomplished, my ser-
vices were regarded as ^{usual} useless. When I refer to those most
interested in denominational Education I refer to your
Gardner, Gales, Smith, etc. To illustrate what I mean

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By being ignored let me call your attention to the
fact ~~that~~ of the recent meeting of the Commercial
Club when you, Pres. Cengel, Pres. Roberts, Dr. Ganssmales,
Jottus Shoke an Educator - a meeting that I greatly
desired to attend. Dr. Goodspace & Gates were invited
but not ^a word was said to me though I had
present with you for a day or two discussing
questions of union. Was there any good reason why
Dr. Goodspace, or Dr. Gates should have been invited while
I was omitted? ~~This is~~ Dr. Hulbert Character-
ized the affair as an act of great discourtesy.

This is a small thing, but I mention it as indication
of the indignity which my brethren in Chicago have
been fit to put upon me for the last 10 years. The
Standard is largely affected by the same spirit. The Examiner
has referred to my work in terms of appreciation 100
times stronger than anything which ever appeared in the Standard.

Putting aside all vanity & conceit of which I believe
I have very little - I know that I have done here
for the last quarter of a century - standing for the
for the most part, alone, in darkness & storm,

enemies

enemies within & without, & yet never gathering
up to this present time. I know that there is not a
person living ~~who has~~ ^{who has} had anything
like as much as I have had to do with the creation of the
series, & through that, with the bringing in of the present
magnificent condition of our Educational Affairs.
And I am as sure as I am that I exist that I shall
this week have been as troubled by God as Moses
was in the deliverance of the Children of Israel. And I
am content to die as Moses did - seeing the
good land from Mt. Abarim, but prohibited from
entering into it.

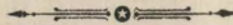
You ask why I say this to you? I say it because it
is human. I have had my full share of suffering, & it hurts
me to be ignored & shunned aside by men
who know far less of us in regard to Theological Education
than I have forgotten.

I write this letter for your eye alone, & it will
be a distinct breach of confidence if you show
it a word to any one else.

Yours truly, G. M. Bartholomew

The Swedish Baptist General Conference of America

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*Please return to
Shaw's office*

Chicago, Ill. May, 9th, 1907.

To the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Theological Union.

Dear Brethern:-

It is now thirty six years since the Scandinavian Department of the Baptist Theological Union was organized. The movement was inspired by the great need of a trained Ministry among the Scandinavian people who were then begining to come to this country in large numbers.

That ~~the~~ early move on the part of the Theological Union was a wise one is shown in the fact that no denomination, outside of the Luthern branches, has now such a strong hold upon the Scandinavian people in this country, as have the Baptists.

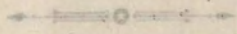
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We make this appeal based upon the following reasons.

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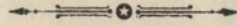
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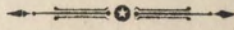
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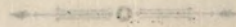
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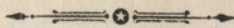
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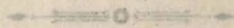
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To the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Baptist Theological Union:

Your Commission, appointed to consider the relation of the Union to the Scandinavian Theological Seminaries at Morgan Park, begs leave to submit the following report and recommendations:

1. There are two of these Seminaries, the Swedish Theological Seminary, and the Dano-Norwegian Theological Seminary. They conduct the work of training young men for the ministry in the respective Scandinavian languages.

2. The work is not of university grade. Of the four years' curriculum, two years are devoted to preparatory studies, and two years to Divinity studies. The preparatory studies are substantially of the secondary school character.

3. Of the graduates, it is understood that some have been accustomed to return to Europe. Exact figures have not been attainable. Since training schools for preachers have been established in Norway and in Denmark, and since one already exists in Sweden, it is supposed that the Baptist pastors in the Scandinavian countries will in the future find adequate training at home.

4. The Swedish Baptists in North America report a membership of 28,368. The Danish Baptists report a membership of about 4000, and the Norwegian Baptists a membership of about 2,250.

5. The two Seminaries are now conducted in Morgan Hall, the property of the B. T. U., but under lease to the University of Chicago. The cost of maintaining this building is met from the income of the B. T. U.

6. The total annual income of the Baptist Theological Union, derived from its property and endowment funds, is about \$10,000. As the sum of \$4,425 is expended on account of the Swedish Theological Seminary, and about \$4,575 on account of the Dano-Norwegian Theological Seminary, amounting to \$9,000, it is clear that there remains of such total income of the Union only the sum of one thousand dollars as a contribution towards the proper work of the

Union in sustaining the Divinity School at the University. The University expends what is necessary to maintain the Divinity School, but no part of the University funds can properly be devoted to work which, no matter how valuable it may be, is not a of a University character.

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2) It was not expected by the Union that the work of training pastors in the Swedish language would be continued indefinitely, as witness the report of a committee of the Union, consisting of P.S. Henson, F. A. Smith and C. N. Holden, June 26, 1883:

"We are not at all assured of the wisdom of maintaining permanently German Schools, French Schools, Scandinavian Schools or schools of any other foreign nationality. No doubt more or less of teaching will have to be done, for years to come, in some of these foreign languages, but we believe that the constant policy and aim should be in the direction of amalgamation rather than segregation along the lines of nationality, especially in the higher departments of education, and more particularly still in Theological Education."

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3) Further, in the articles of agreement above cited the only financial stipulation is to the effect that the funds of the Swedish Seminary shall be received and expended by the Board of the Theological Union. During all these years the Seminary appears to have had practically no funds, excepting only that the salary of one of the professors has been paid by the Swedish brethren. The budget of the Swedish Seminary for the current year provides for an expenditure, aside from the salary in question, of approximately \$4,425. This sum is paid by the Union, as indeed has been done now for many years.

B. THE DANO-NORWEGIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

For many years the work of instructing theological students in the Danish Norwegian languages has been conducted at Morgan Park, under the direction and at the cost of the B. T. U. It was not thought at the outset that this work would be long-continued, as has been noted in the report of the Committee of the Board in 1883, above cited. It may be considered by the Danish and Norwegian brethren that it will be desirable to continue this work for many years to come, on the ground of considerations which have been presented in the matter of the Swedish Theological Seminary. They, of course, should be the best judges in a matter of this kind. The Board, however, cannot see its way longer to divert so large a portion of its income to this purpose from the uses of the Divinity School at the University.

Recommendation to the Board:

It is recommended by the Commission, therefore, that the Board request the Swedish and Danish and Norwegian brethren, should they desire to continue the work of the Seminaries, to take under consideration at once, ways and means of providing for that work, it being understood that the Board will consent that a lease of the Seminary property be made to them for a term of years at \$1. per annum, on condition that the building be properly repaired and kept in repair and will contribute toward the expenses of the

Further, in the articles of agreement above cited the only financial stipulation as to the effect of the funds of the Swedish Seminary shall be received and expended by the Board of the Divinity School. During all these years the Seminary appears to have had practically no funds, excepting only that the salary of one of the professors has been paid by the Swedish mission. The budget of the Swedish Seminary for the current year is \$10,000.00, aside from the salary in question, of approximately \$4,000. This sum is paid by the Union, as indeed has been done now for many years.

B. THE SWEDISH SEMINARY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

For many years the work of instruction, theological studies in the Danish-Norwegian languages has been conducted at Helsingør, under the direction and at the cost of the B. T. U. It was not until the year 1883 that the work would be conducted as has been noted in the report of the Committee of the Board in 1883, above cited. It may be considered by the Danish and Norwegian brethren that it will be desirable to continue this work for many years to come, on the ground of considerations which have been presented in the matter of the Swedish Theological Seminary. It is, of course, should be the best judges in a matter of this kind. The Board, however, cannot see the way forward to divert so large a portion of its income to this purpose from the work of the Divinity School at the University.

Recommendations to the Board:

It is recommended by the Commission, therefore, that the Board request the Swedish and Danish and Norwegian brethren, through their respective churches, to contribute to the maintenance of the Seminary, on condition that the Board will consent that a large part of the Seminary property be made to them for a term of years at \$1.00 per annum, on condition that the building is properly repaired and kept in repair and will contribute toward the expenses of the

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It is further recommended that this report be received and placed on file, and that action be deferred to a special meeting in December.

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