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Dr. Ned. B. Stonehouse, President
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Dear Dr. Stonehouse:

The Scriptures ask the question: Can two walk together except they be agreed? I believe not. My further presence upon the Board of Trustees and my further services as Secretary would therefore be an embarrassment to the majority.

In addition to this, as you repeated again in your speech on Thursday night, (I am not a member of the Christian Reformed Church) "those who understand the full implications of Calvinism are mainly to be found in the Christian Reformed Church". Since you look to them for your doctrinal security, I believe that you men will find your only hope of financial support from that communion. To secure that support, they, naturally, will want reasonable representation in proportion to that support upon the part of their own membership. My further presence on the Board will only jeopardize the only chance you brethren have left of continuing the great work of founding the University.

Several other reasons impel my resignation. I shall try to state them briefly:

1. I do not believe that the work can be successfully founded by the sincere, to be sure, but unrealistic dismissal of Dr. Ryan by whose efforts the work was brought to a practical start; by whose efforts alone, in my judgment, it can be brought to a consummation. This uncoöperativeness demonstrates to me an unwillingness upon the part of a majority of the Board to take such practical attitudes as may make possible any University, at all.

2. The trend of action has become increasingly away from the purpose and intent of the constitution as I understood it viz: That those who solemnly subscribed to the doctrines set forth in that constitution be regarded as members of the Board and of the Association in good faith whatever their background, rather than an assumption be made as by our President that a document signed by persons from one background be assumed to be sincere, while when it is prayerfully signed by persons of other background, it is open to question, at least as to understanding its implications.

3. An increasing understanding that the leadership of the majority is incapable of running a University with the many minds that would have to compose its sincere and Calvinistic Trustees and Faculty, when that leadership has taken part in seeking to bring serious charges against such a staunch and well-known Calvinist and believer in the Westminster Confession as Gordon H. Clark Ph.D. Dr. Clark ^{has} been falsely accused of disloyalty to the Reformed Faith because the leadership of our majority charged him with (their own understanding of) the implications of his theological and epistemological position; not because of proven denials of or disloyalty to any provision of the Westminster Confession. Who in Faculty or on Trustees would be safe from such persecution? What University could possibly function in the midst of such division upon such points?

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4. While facing the ruin and downfall of so desperately needed an institution as a Christian University, the majority of the Board and its leadership, repeatedly refused to take actions which would secure for itself needed friends among Calvinistic and Reformed groups, the which actions were presented as absolutely necessary to the success of the movement by Dr. Riaz. Though this action was unquestionable motivated by the sincerest desire to avoid any corruption of doctrine, its net effect was to guarantee either that the movement would fail, or at best, be only a small splurge without friends or the necessary schools to make the needed University contribution planned in the Constitution.

Since, therefore, my further remaining with you, would embarrass you if you have some chance of success, and be tantamount to sharing with you the awful responsibility of wrecking so greatly needed an enterprise, if your policies should prove to be, as they seem to me, self-destructive, I must in conscience offer you my resignation herewith.

I pray that if my judgment be wrong, as well it may, and that you may indeed be able to found a true University upon the basis of these policies, I may be given grace to acknowledge my error; and that if this judgment prove right, the majority may be given that grace which was given to the majority on the Board of Westminster in its early days, so that they may resign and give the membership the opportunity to recall Dr. Riaz in sufficient time to save the whole movement from wreckage. (Provided he is willing and available at that time).

Believe me sincere in my conviction that only as Calvinism is applied to every field of endeavor, only then will the true Scriptural purpose of God for man be made manifest in those fields of endeavor; believe me, too, sincere in cordial greetings and prayers for you all from whom I am in this matter, divided by sincere conviction.

Yours faithfully in Christ

Robert K. Rudolph