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## INTRODUCTION.

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GALESBURG, ILL., July, 1869.

REV. J. W. BAILEY:

SIR: The Congregational General Association of Illinois, at their last meeting, adopted, and have since published an elaborate report, presented by a committee previously appointed, entitled "Rights of Congregationalists in Knox College." That report professes to give the results of a thorough investigation by the committee, of the facts in the case. You know, as we all know, that no such investigation was made, and that the statements of the report, taken at second-hand, are erroneous in all important particulars. Believing that such a document, if not publicly disproved, will do much injury to the College, and injustice to the Board of Trustees, we, as resident members of that Board, earnestly request you, at your earliest convenience, to prepare a full and well attested statement of the origin and endowment of Knox College, with special reference to the denominational character, and the purposes and intentions of its founders. We wish, furthermore, that you would review and expose the fallacies, and misrepresentations of the pamphlet above named, so far as a vindication of the past action of the Board, and the future interests of the College may seem to demand. By complying with this request, you will do an important service to the Institution, and confer a lasting benefit upon the community, who are interested and anxious to know the truth.

J. G. SANBURN,  
S. F. DOLEBEAR,  
GEO. W. GALE,  
N. H. LOSEY,  
J. BRUCE,  
H. CURTIS,  
J. BULL,  
EDVANUS FERRIS.

The above note sufficiently explains the reasons which led to the preparation of this pamphlet. Many things have been written of late concerning Knox College, by various parties, none of whom have based their statements upon a careful personal examination of those documents relating to the matter, which alone can be relied upon as containing the exact truth. Some

have written from memory, which, however faithful it may be in presenting main facts, cannot but prove treacherous sometimes in regard to minute details. Others, including almost all who have written against the College, have been content to put in print as matters of undeniable fact, vagrant rumors and unfounded conclusions, favorable to their purpose, such as always circulate through every community which is at all agitated by the discussion of any important question. In discharging the duty imposed upon me by the Trustees of Knox College, whose names are attached to the above note, I determined upon these two things: First, to examine every book and paper belonging to the College, or to be found elsewhere, which related to its history from its origin until now. Second, to select and publish such portions of these documents as were necessary to enable the public to form for themselves an independent judgment of the nature of their testimony. In performing the first part of this labor, all the records and reports and correspondence of the original association by whom the College was founded, and of their agents and committees, have been carefully read. The records of the College, and the many reports of various committees of its Board, from its organization until the present time, have also been read. The books and the reports of the Treasurer have been examined on all the points involved in the duty assigned me. The records of the First Presbyterian Church in Galesburg, which was the first Church established here, have been read with great care, from the time the first meetings were held with reference to an organization, down to the last year. Much miscellaneous matter, bearing upon the history of the College, has also received an attentive perusal. In all this labor, the sole object has been to make myself personally familiar with all the facts which I desired to present to the public, and thus to escape the charge of having narrated anything important upon second-hand testimony. I have first examined the documents upon which all my statements are based in every instance, and then have given these documents to the public that they may test the accuracy of my statements. Only in this way can the public be sure that they are not misled. It is not individual opinions upon controverted points that is asked for by those interested in this matter, so much as the facts upon which all correct opinions must be based. With the facts in their possession, all can form their own opinions. Without these, the public must always remain in uncertainty, especially when opinions are divided.



The publication of the pamphlet has been delayed beyond the time when it was first promised. This has arisen from the pressure of other duties, and from the amount of labor involved in such an examination as I had undertaken, which has been much greater than any one can imagine who has never been engaged in a similar work. The pamphlet is now sent forth to the public with the earnest desire that it may prove instrumental in correcting the many errors which have of late been widely circulated concerning the College. That man is not to be envied who can take pleasure in doing injury to such an institution as Knox College. The extraordinary efforts to impair its usefulness which have been made of late by more persons than one, indicate a state of feeling on this subject which cannot be regarded as praiseworthy. The Colleges of the State of Illinois are among its chief agencies for securing the highest prosperity of the people. Whoever injures them commits a great wrong against the whole State. The public will not fail to hold to a strict accountability, any man, or any class of men, who for selfish ends deery and misrepresent and seriously injure their Colleges.

J. W. BAILEY.

GALLESBURG, ILL., March, 1860.

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The undersigned, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trust of Knox College, have examined carefully all the references to, and extracts from, the records and other documents in our possession, made by Rev. J. W. BAILEY, in a pamphlet entitled "Knox College, etc., etc.," and we hereby certify that such references and extracts are strictly correct.

S. F. DOLBEAR,  
*Secretary of the Board of Trust.*

O. S. FITCHER,  
*Treasurer.*



# KNOX COLLEGE.

## ITS ORIGIN.

KNOX COLLEGE, in Galesburg, Illinois, was founded on the 7th day of January, in the year 1838, by a number of persons then living in the State of New York, who were associated together as Subscribers to a Plan for establishing literary institutions in the West. Those Subscribers met on that day, in Whitesboro', N. Y., and there, in accordance with their Plan, organized the College, appointed its Board of Trustees, and then donated to it several thousand acres of land lying in Illinois, where Galesburg now is, which they had purchased solely as an endowment for the College. The sale of these lands has furnished nearly all the money which has been required to meet the current expenses of the Institution, including the College proper, an Academy, a Preparatory Department, and a Female Seminary, and also to erect large and costly buildings; and which has so enriched its treasury that it is now one of the wealthiest Colleges in our land. The present noble endowment of this College has been derived almost wholly from the liberality of its founders.

The credit of the whole enterprise is due in the first instance to the Rev. George W. Gale, D. D., a Presbyterian, from whom the Plan, in all its details, originated, and to whose persevering efforts and many personal sacrifices it owed its consummation. His Plan, in its main features, was to secure by subscription, money enough to purchase in some desirable location in the Western States, government land to the amount of one township, or thirty-six square miles. Out of this land when purchased, enough was to be reserved for the site of a village, and also of the College which was to be organized. The remainder of the land was to be divided into farms of convenient size, and appraised at an average value of five dollars an acre, which would be just four times the amount paid for it. At this increased valuation, the Subscribers were to be allowed to take farming lands to the amount of their subscription. The re-