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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE SENATE  
OF McMASTER UNIVERSITY TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES  
MADE BY REV. ELMORE HARRIS, D.D., AGAINST THE  
TEACHING OF PROF. I. G. MATTHEWS.**

*The Report was adopted at a meeting of the Senate held on  
May 27th, 1909.*

To the Senate of McMaster University:—

It will be remembered that at a meeting of the Senate of McMaster University, held in May, 1908, Dr. Elmore Harris called in question the orthodoxy of the teaching of Professor I. G. Matthews, basing his charges chiefly on the teaching of the Professor in his course on Old Testament Introduction. After considerable discussion, Dr. Elmore Harris, Hon. John Dryden and Dr. L. S. Hughson were asked to have an interview with Professor Matthews for the purpose of ascertaining his views on the various points raised by Dr. Harris. They presented a report to the Senate at a subsequent meeting to the effect that they found Professor Matthews sound on all the fundamentals of Baptist faith and practice, with the result that the matter was allowed to drop.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors, held May 11th, 1909, Dr. Harris again called in question the teaching of Professor Matthews and presented in writing charges embraced in the following communication, which was passed on to the Senate for consideration. To the Board of Governors of McMaster University:

My dear Brethren:—

A very disagreeable and exceedingly distasteful duty devolves upon me at this time.

Will you allow me to preface what I have to say by repudiating any personal feeling of any kind whatever against the Professor whose teachings are in question in my communication. If he were my own brother in the flesh, my imperative duty in the interests of McMaster University would be precisely the same.

It is within the memory of every member present that last year the teaching of Professor Matthews was called in question at a meeting of the Senate of our University. After considerable discussion and an interview with the Professor on the part of three members of the Senate, Prof. McCrimmon reported to the Senate