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Though I have not at my command such biographical facts as might lend special interest to a rapid sketch, I cannot decline the request of the Editor of the *McMASTER MONTHLY* to contribute a somewhat brief text to accompany the portrait of Thomas Trotter.

I recall but two families among the Baptists of Canada which have each given three sons to our Canadian Baptist ministry. In one, the sons were alumni of Acadia; in the other, of McMaster. Of these latter, one brother is the pastor of the Baptist church at Victoria, British Columbia; another, of the Baptist church at Peterboro, Ontario; and the third Thomas Trotter, is now the pastor of the historic Baptist church at Wolfville, Nova Scotia,—the seat of Acadia University. This recital suggests the wideness of the field in which the work of our Baptist educational institutions of Ontario is already felt, and the oneness of sympathy and realized fellowship of our Canadian Baptists.

Mr. Trotter is chiefly the product of our Canadian life and institutions. When but a lad, he, with his family, came from England to Toronto. Early deprived by death of his father, he found himself in that wonderful school of gracious discipline,—a member of a large family ardently devoted to a beloved mother