

the work which these institutions are doing for the denomination, and inspire the young men with strong sympathy for the work, and earnest resolutions to use their power and influence in promoting the material and spiritual interests of all educational institutions of the Baptists of Canada.

3. By the plan proposed not less than from thirty to fifty earnest missionaries will be sent out from the Theological College to destitute places in the Dominion, *in addition* to all that may be done directly by the home missionary boards of the various provinces; and here it should be noted that from the information that will be in the possession of the faculty, these young men can be distributed so that the peculiar wants of the various localities may be wisely met. It should also be noted that every dollar contributed by the churches to assist these young men in pursuing their studies will be returned to the denomination in missionary labour. We cannot better conclude this letter than by adopting the language of Senator McMaster, the founder of our Theological College: "I believe most sincerely that the cause of Christ and the interests of our denomination would be promoted by a union of the East and West in theological education; and may we not cherish the hope that our being brought together for this purpose may lead to other combinations for worthy objects that would tend to raise our denomination to the position it ought to occupy in the Dominion."

Committing this subject to your most prayerful and deliberate consideration,

We are, dear brethren,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN H. CASTLE.

M. MACVICAR.

HALIFAX, 25TH AUGUST, 1883.

The plan, as outlined in this communication, was discussed and accepted by the Board of Governors. The following is the language used by the Board in submitting it to the Convention in session at the time, in the City of Halifax:—"The Board having carefully considered the following communication from the President of the Toronto Baptist College and Professor MacVicar, in reference to ministerial education, believe that the hearty and earnest co-operation in the plan proposed, will not only enable the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces to develop, for the present, more rapidly than would otherwise be possible, all the literary and theological work committed to their charge, but will also do much to enable us to discharge the obligations which we owe to our brethren in other parts of the Dominion, and thus to unify the work of the Baptists of Canada. Your Board would therefore commend the proposed plan of co-operation in ministerial education for your favourable consideration and action."