

ture in 1877. The resolution referred to was adopted *unanimously*, at a meeting of the Convention held in Portland, St. John, at which more than fifty New Brunswick delegates and members were present. On the strength of this compact, the body with equal unanimity adopted a resolution in favor of erecting a new boarding-house for the Academy, at a cost of about \$10,000. After the change in the ownership of the Academy had been sanctioned by Legislative enactment, the *compact* was again clearly recognized by the vote declaring the object of the Convention—in which the three Provinces are united—to be “to maintain *the educational operations of the body*, etc.”; and not a voice was raised in objection to this vote which thus included *all* the educational operations of the Baptists of these Provinces within the scope of the Convention’s supervision.

To-day there are men in this Province who say the Baptists of N. B. *never assumed any share in the control of Horton Academy, nor any obligation to support it!* There are prominent Baptists who propose to found an Academy in New Brunswick, whether with or without the approval of all the N. B. Associations,—whether with or without the approval of the Convention. How does this sound in view of the utterances of the Associations year after year? Not one year since 1874 have the Associations failed to adopt reports or resolutions distinctly recognizing our ownership in *Horton Academy* as well as Acadia College. We find them saying:—“*Our Academies and Acadia College;*” “*Our academic and collegiate institutions at Wolfville;*”—“These institutions belong to this body (Eastern Association, 1877), and to us as individuals, as really as to any persons whomsoever;”—“Upon these noble structures (the College and Academy buildings) there remains a debt, and most earnestly do we commend its liquidation as a *primal claim* upon the benevolence of the denomination;”—“No provincial lines or sectional boundaries should be attached to the institutions at Wolfville. *They are ours* to cherish in our hearts, and to sustain by our confidence, our prayers, our beneficence, and by the patronage of our sons and daughters.” Could language be more explicit or more comprehensive?

The following facts then are established:—

1st. *Horton Academy* was made, by resolution of the Convention, and by legislative enactment, just as truly *the property of the Baptists in the three Maritime Provinces* conjointly, as Acadia College was and is.

2nd. *All the educational operations* of the Baptist body in these Provinces were placed by common consent under the general control of the Convention.