

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE  
MARITIME PROVINCES.

71 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX, N.S., Sept. 19th, 1887.

Dear Dr. Rand,—At the last session of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, your communications relating to McMaster University in relation to the Convention, were presented and referred to a special committee, whose report was adopted by the Convention as follows:—

"Your committee, to whom was referred the communications from Dr. Rand, respecting McMaster University, having carefully examined the same, report that while they would have been better satisfied had Toronto Baptist College remained a separate institution, yet that, in their opinion, this Convention should adopt the following resolution in respect to the communications referred to:

"1. *Resolved*, that this convention heartily congratulates our brethren of Ontario and Quebec, and heartily rejoices with them in their effort to establish a Christian school of learning, with University powers, wholly under the government and control of the Baptist denomination.

"2. *Resolved*, also, that we elect members to represent us on the Senate of McMaster University, as provided by section XI of the Charter of McMaster University.

"(Signed)

{ E. M. SANDERS,  
E. D. KING,

"For Committee."

In agreement with the foregoing resolution, the following brethren were appointed to represent the Convention on the said Senate, viz: Prof. E. M. Keirstead, M.A.; H. H. Bligh, M.A., Q.C.; Hon. J. W. Johnston, D.C.L.; Rev. J. W. Manning, B.A.; Rev. E. Whitman; Wallace Graham, B.A., Q.C.; Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D.; Prof. F. H. Eaton, M.A.

Yours very truly,

E. M. KEIRSTEAD,

*Sec. Bap. Con. of Maritime Provinces.*

The committee were under especial obligations to Mr. Harcourt for his admirable conduct of the Bill through the Assembly, and their thanks were formally transmitted to him by the chairman. Mr. Dryden, M.P.P., is entitled to the special thanks for his oft-repeated services rendered to the committee while the Bill was before the House. The chairman of the committee, by whom this report is penned, wishes also to express his own and others sense of the great services rendered by Mr. Holman and Mr. Thomson, whose legal knowledge and tireless efforts were ungrudgingly given at all times for the promotion of the work assigned to the committee.

This report cannot be closed without a reference to Senator McMaster, who was deliberating with this committee on the afternoon of the 21st of September, when the messenger of death came for him. No member of the committee watched the progress of its arduous labors with a deeper interest than Mr. McMaster, and the influence of his name was of great value. But for the consecration of so large a portion of his means in furtherance of the purposes of the committee, the denomination could not hope to overtake the work of University education. That Mr. McMaster should willingly consent to commit Toronto Baptist College and all the departments of McMaster University to the management and