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To the about Toronto
Baptist College

**Correspondence between a Committee of the Maritime
Baptist Convention and the Authorities of Toronto
Baptist College.**

*To the Faculty, Senate and Trustees of Toronto Baptist College
from a Committee of the Maritime Baptist Convention.*

The inquiries made in this communication are from a committee whose appointment will appear in the following statements in regard to the history of union in theological education among the Baptists of Canada.

In the summer of 1883 the Rev. J. H. Castle, D.D., President of Toronto Baptist College, and M. MacVicar, LL.D., Professor in Toronto Baptist College, came to the Maritime Provinces for the purpose of securing co-operation in the support of the Toronto Baptist College. After an informal interchange of views with a number of leading men in the denomination, the following communication was submitted by them to the Board of Governors of Acadia College:—

To the Governors of Acadia College,

DEAR BRETHREN,—You kindly invited us yesterday to present our views on Ministerial Education. In compliance with your invitation we outlined what we are at present doing in this work in Toronto. That you may, however, have definitely before you what we propose to do in the future, we submit in brief the following statements:—1. It is the intention of the founder and trustees of the Baptist College at Toronto, to provide theological training of as high an order as can be had in any theological college on this continent. In carrying out this intention five professors have already been appointed, one of whom is the Rev. Dr. Welton, of Acadia College, whose unanimous and cordial election to our Faculty occurred on Wednesday last.

2. Each professor in the College is expected to spend two months of his vacation every year in visiting Associations, and other active work among churches. In this way a living connection will be kept up between the College and every part of the Dominion, and the men who are engaged in training ministers will thus become familiar with the wants of our churches, and will bring back to the College that living Missionary Spirit, so vital to the young men under their instruction.

3. It is intended that all the young men under training in the College shall engage during five months of the year in active missionary work in such parts of the Dominion as may require such labor, and that for the labor thus performed a sufficient remuneration shall be given them to meet their expenses during the College session. To carry out this plan Senator McMaster has placed at