

time Provinces, to the Secretary of the Board of Acadia College—
accompanied by the following circular from the committee:—

WOODSTOCK, ONT., May 10th, 1887.

"In pursuance of the communication forwarded under date of December 10th, 1886, from the committee appointed at Paris in October last to secure University powers from the Legislature of Ontario, a copy of the charter of McMaster University is herewith enclosed.

"The development of the Government plan for College Federation made it imperative, in our best judgment, that our claims to University Charter should be pressed to immediate issue. In view of months of anxious effort we make no doubt in saying that we underestimated rather than overestimated the importance of immediate application to the Legislature, and that it was essential to our success that Toronto Baptist College, while continuing to be national in its relations, should become the Faculty of Theology for the New University. You will observe that due representation is continued to the denomination in the Maritime Provinces in respect of the management of Toronto Baptist College. As you are already aware, our emergent circumstances precluded any direct conference with your Convention.

"We feel assured that the effort to secure a Denominational University for the West will have the sympathetic co-operation of our brethren of the Maritime Provinces. We have reason to believe that their sympathy will be intensified when it is known that Toronto Baptist College is henceforth to be connected with our own University as a part of it, instead of being affiliated with a State Institution, and that its management and control are henceforth unreservedly committed to the Baptist denomination.

"On behalf of the committee,

"(Signed) THEODORE H. RAND,
"Chairman."

The following communications were duly returned from the Governors of Acadia College and from the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACADIA COLLEGE.

WOLFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA, June 4th, 1887.

THEODORE H. RAND, ESQ., D.C.L.

Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 10th ult. came duly to hand and was placed before the Board of Governors. The copy of the Charter of McMaster University has not yet been received.

I am instructed by the Board to convey to you and all the promoters of the great work in which you are engaged, their congratulations in securing a chartered University solely under the Baptist control. It is a matter of gratification to the Board that the Baptists of the West have now the opportunity of developing their school at Woodstock into a degree-conferring College. How far the change will effect the organic relations of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces to the Theological Department of the University, the Board does not feel called upon to express an opinion, but it is assumed that this will be a subject for discussion and definite action at the coming Convention.

The Board, however, trusts that the most cordial relations will be maintained among the Baptists of the Dominion, and that the final adjustment of the matter will be of such a character as to make the way clear for every influence to be used to induce our Theological students to take their professional studies at McMaster Hall.

Yours very truly,

T. A. HIGGINS,

Secretary of the Board.

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