

In the communication from the Toronto delegates, it was stated that Senator McMaster had put the annual sum of fifteen hundred dollars at the disposal of the Toronto Baptist College for the purpose of aiding students in the pursuit of their studies, and that anything additional that might be needed would be expected from the Churches served, and the denomination in general. As some changes have been made since that time in the matter of supporting the students, it is now necessary to inquire how much will be expected in the future from the churches in our Convention.

These inquiries are not made with the purpose of shrinking from obligations of this character. By reason of the heavy demands made upon our resources in sustaining our missionary and educational institutions we have, in the past, been greatly indebted to the theological schools in the United States, and especially to Newton Seminary. In the measures taken for co-operation with the College at Toronto, we gratefully accepted the benevolence of Senator McMaster; but, as his plans were for the whole Dominion, we had the satisfaction of feeling that we were on a level with the entire brotherhood of Canada.

The Committee had an interview with the Ministerial students of the senior class at Acadia College. It was for the purpose of inducing them to go to McMaster Hall for their professional training. We found that, so far as they had made up their minds, their plan was to go to Newton. Each one of the Committee in turn did what he could to induce them to change their plans, and to convince the undecided that the Toronto Baptist College was our institution, and that they ought to attend it. Every effort was made to remove prejudices from the minds of the students, and to persuade them that it was for their good, as well as for the highest interests of the Baptists of Canada, that they should get their professional training at Toronto.

We trust that some success will follow our efforts.

We have fully and frankly stated the difficulties which now encumber the project for theological education.

It is not necessary to say that we most earnestly desire all information that will correct misapprehensions now existing and lead to the removal of hindrances in the way of perfecting a union so fraught with possibilities of good to the Baptists of Canada.

On behalf of the Committee,

E. M. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

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