



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, WINNIPEG.

lished the first school or academy in the colony.

Canon Matheson received his early education in St. Paul's Parish School, and later in the academy of his uncle, the Rev. S. Pritchard.

In November, 1866, he entered St. John's College School, and, after passing through the various forms with great credit, he was admitted to a scholarship, on the foundation of the college in 1872, as a theological student. He was appointed resident tutor in the college school 1874, and ordained deacon September, 1875, and priest April, 1876, by the Bishop of Rupert's Land. The canon, who has never broken his connection with the college, has been actively engaged in teaching since 1874, has been deputy headmaster of the college school since 1878, and steward since 1879, as well as holding various other offices in connection with it, too many to enumerate.

His pastoral work in conjunction with the above duties has been important. He had charge of Victoria and Rockwood for two years, of St. Paul's for three years, was chaplain of Manitoba Penitentiary for three years, and has had charge of the visitation of North St. John's since his ordination. His appointment as canon dates from 1882. In connection with this he fills the chair of Exegetical Theology in St. John's College. He is also one of the Archbishop's examining chaplains, and member of the college council. In connection with both Diocesan and Provincial Synods, and as member of the Executive Committee of the diocese, he has done much effective work. At the present time he is secretary of the Lower House of the Provincial Synod.

In the general educational work of the country he has also rendered good service, as a member of the Board of Education until its abolition by the now famous Manitoba School Act of 1890, and on the Council and Board of Studies of the University. He received the degree of B.D., University of Manitoba, in

1880. In 1879 he was married to Miss Fortin, whose recent sad decease will be fresh in the memory of our readers.

His position in the college school has been one of great influence and responsibility, and by his kindness and ungrudging devotion he has won the love and esteem of the many students who have passed under his care. On the establishment of the Alumni Association of the college, he was naturally chosen as its president, and still holds that office.

Among his fellow-citizens he is well known as a faithful spiritual adviser, a warm friend, and a champion of all that is noblest and best among men.

CANON COOMBES.

The Rev. G. F. Coombes, M.A., Canon and Precentor of St. John's Cathedral, was an open exhibitioner and foundation scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge. He took his B.A. degree (Classical Tripos) in 1879, and proceeded to that of M.A. in 1882. He was ordained deacon by the late Bishop Jacobson, of Chester, in his cathedral in 1881, having previously been appointed Classical Master of Manchester Grammar School, which position he held from 1880 to 1883. He was curate of Portwood, 1881-1883.

In the latter year he was appointed to his present office at St. John's. Attached to his canonry is the lectureship in Classics in St. John's College, and he has been examiner in Classics for the University of Manitoba since 1884.

The value of his work as lecturer in Classics is sufficiently attested by the high position taken by St. John's College students in this subject in the University examinations.

As Precentor of the cathedral, he has had the direction of the instruction of the choir, and the ordering of the music, in which he has done excellent work. His musical abilities have also been turned to good account, in the province generally, as a member of various organizations for the study of high-class music. The canon has for many years been a member of the executive and other diocesan committees. He has especially taken a leading part in promoting the work of Sunday-schools through the diocese.

Now, as in the ages past, the watchword which Christ has given to the Church is, Go. "Go ye swift messengers," "Go ye into all the world," "Go teach all nations," "Be witnesses in Jerusalem and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth." "For this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."