

Mr. Wood removed from Drummondville towards the close of 1826, when the inhabitants of Melbourne and Shipton presented him with an address expressive of their grateful sense of his pastoral services among them, particularly in the establishment of Day and Sunday Schools, as well as of personal affection and admiration of his "unaffected piety." He returned to England, where he remained for nearly two years, during which he served as curate of the parishes of Ebchester and Medomsky in the diocese of Durham. During his stay in England, he took the degree of M.A.

The statute 59 Geo. III, cap. 60, imposing disabilities on clergymen who had received colonial ordination, was now in force; and Mr. Wood, feeling the hardship of its provisions, published a forcible protest against it, entitled, "An apology for the colonial clergy of Great Britain, specially for those of Upper and Lower Canada, by Samuel Simpson Wood, M.A., of C.C.C., Cambridge, Presbyter of the Reformed Apostolic Church, late of the diocese of Quebec, in the Province of Canterbury." This pamphlet, it cannot be doubted, contributed, in a great degree, to bring about the alteration in the Act made in a subsequent session of the imperial parliament. Late in 1828, Mr. Wood returned to Canada, and in January, 1829, was instituted to the rectory of Three Rivers, which he held to the time of his death. In 1834, he again visited England, being entrusted by Bishop Stewart with a commission for urging upon the government the appointment of a suffragan to share with him the overwhelming labours of the see. This measure had been nearly accomplished during the lifetime of Bishop Stewart's predecessor, but at his death, the government had declined to carry on the negotiations. Mr. Wood was also charged with representations to the Ministry with the view of securing the clergy reserves to the Church, and providing for their proper management; and was authorized to collect funds for Church purposes, and books for the formation of an Episcopal library. He was, besides, to urge upon the authorities at home the immediate establishment of McGill College, Montreal, as the University for Lower Canada. Owing to delays arising out of some opposition to the will of the founder, this institution as yet enjoyed only a nominal existence under the honorary presidency of Archdeacon Mountain, who, as it was generally understood, would give way to Mr. Wood, than whom no man in Canada was more fitted by his attainments to occupy such a post. The difficulties, however, which had obstructed the full establishment of the college were not removed for some years, and its management had by that time passed, to a great degree, out of the hands of the authorities of the Church. Mr. Wood's qualifications, however, were not lost sight of. Bishop G. J.