

quired into by your Board some time ago, but as no report was made to me as regard to them I am anxious to ascertain what decision, if any, was arrived at. This copy is sent that you might determine whether the charges previously investigated were similar to those herein contained. An early reply will much oblige."

To this note the following reply, dated the 29th October, was received from Mr. John C. Monteith, Secretary to the Collegiate Institute Board :—

"In accordance with a resolution passed by the Stratford Collegiate Institute Board, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., addressed to C. J. McGregor, Esq., with a copy of the charges preferred by Mr. Idington against Mr. McBride enclosed. In doing so I am instructed to give you a copy of the Minutes of the Board, in relation to these charges, which I enclose herewith. And I have also to intimate that the latter part of your letter, (viz., whether the charges previously investigated were similar to those you have transmitted to the Board), will be replied to later on."

(ENCLOSURE.)

COPY OF EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STRATFORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE BOARD.

*Special Meeting, April 25th, 1884.*

A special meeting of the Board called to consider Mr. Idington's complaint regarding the Head Master's treatment of his son. Present, the Chairman, Messrs. Jameson, Scrimgeour and Steet. After hearing Mr. Idington's statement and Head Master's reply, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Mayberry made statements regarding Master Idington's conduct and general deportment in school. Motion by Mr. Jameson, seconded by Mr. Steet :—

*Resolved*, That having heard Mr. Idington's charges against the Head Master, as well as reports from other Teachers, we can find no fault with Mr. McBride's action in the matter, and that we are satisfied his course was justifiable. Carried.

*Regular Meeting, June 4th, 1884.*

*Resolved*, That no meeting of the Musical and Literary Society be allowed in the meantime in the High School building.

*Special Meeting, August 22nd, 1884.*

Moved by Mr. Steet, seconded by Mr. Trow, that the following be inserted in The Toronto Globe and Mail, two in each, Wednesday and Saturday :—

"Stratford High School will re-open Sept. 1st, with a staff of eight Teachers, classes for Local Examination for women for Junior and Senior Matriculation with Honors in all departments, for III. II. and I. Class Departmental Examinations, Drawing, Painting in Oils and Water Colors, Vocal and Instrumental music, taught by specialists in these departments. Number attending last half-year, 215; average attendance, 172. 1884 Record at Toronto University: Passed 29 out of 32, and obtained 13 First Class Honors and 11 Second Class Honors; at Departmental Examinations obtained 16 II., 12 II. and 14 Intermediates. Carried.

*Regular Meeting, February 4th, 1885.*

Mr. Idington gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the charges preferred by him against the Principal in the Circular addressed to the Municipal Electors of the County of Perth, and same produced and read, be referred to the Honorable the Minister of Education, with a request that he cause them to be investigated by an Inspector, or other competent authority, whose duty it shall be to inquire whether or not the several statements therein alleged to have been made by Mr. McBride were made or not, and whether or not, if so made, any and which of them are untrue.

*Regular Meeting, April 1st, 1885.*

Mr. Idington moved his resolution, of which notice was given at the February meeting, but there being no seconder no action was taken.

*Regular Meeting, June 3rd, 1885.*

It was decided that Mr. Idington's resolutions, of which notice was given at the February meeting, should be taken as the first order of business at next meeting.