

There was some cause for remark, as the minutes set out that two of the classes were reading Virgil before they understood their grammar, and several boys were put back in their studies. The following year an improvement was reported, two teachers having then been employed for some time. In the two succeeding years there was a notable increase in the attendance at the school, and on June 13, 1827, it was decided by the Board that the whole morning should be devoted to the study of the classics, the assistant teacher to take up the English studies in the afternoon. The junior classes were also to be forwarded as soon as they had attained the necessary excellence in their studies. At a subsequent meeting of the Board, held on November 19th, it was decided to reduce the tuition fee to £5 per annum if Dr. Patterson did not object. The reason for asking Dr. Patterson was that he got a portion of the tuition fees, and the Board a short time before had, by resolution, appropriated £100 from the provincial grant to help pay the assistant teacher. Dr. Patterson gave his concurrence in this reduction on April 24, 1828, at the same time requesting that the boys in the lower classes should not attend before 9 o'clock unless their parents expressly wished their attendance in the early morning session.

The school was now thoroughly established, and was each year growing more popular with the people because of the superior facilities it afforded for a first class education. On March 31, 1832, the corporation gave a gold medal for excellence in the classical department, which was won by George Lee, who thus became the first corporation medalist. An enlargement of the English room was found necessary in this year, and on April 14, 1834, a committee was appointed to consider the best mode of enlarging the school house. The school hours were again altered to give six and a half hours daily attendance at school during the summer and six hours daily during winter. A month later the Board decided on the following holidays for the year:

*Holidays*—From Good Friday to Easter Tuesday inclusive; Whit Monday and Tuesday; Ash Wednesday; King's Birthday; 18th of May, Loyalist day; the whole of July; from December 21st to January 3rd.

The tuition fees of the first five classes were increased to £5 10s., and it was reported that the alterations and enlargement of the building had cost £158 14s. 4d.; the size of the building having been nearly doubled by the alteration. Even this enlargement proved insufficient as, on July 12, 1838, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a new building. This resolution came to nothing, the committee reporting some time subsequently that the erection of a new school building was not at the time feasible. On December 3, 1838, the tuition fee was increased to £6 a year, £1 of which was to go to the Directors, the