

Having completed his course at this training school, he adopted teaching as his life work and his career in his chosen profession has indeed been active and important. He received the appointment of English and Mathematical Master of Belfast Diocesan Academy and afterwards filled the same position with due credit and honor in Kilmore and Killarney. In the latter place he became acquainted with Aubrey de Vere and retains to this day a most enthusiastic admiration of this truly great poet. But the love of literature and mathematics was not to supplant affection for social surroundings, nor to remove the young professor from the more refined influences and charms of a good and virtuous lady, for on April 29th, 1869, he was married to Kate Anna, only daughter of James Kelly of Ennistymon, County Clare, Ireland.

Circumstances had now been so arranged that the young professor of Killarney could leave Ireland. Then was he to bid adieu to the memorable scenes of his boyhood, to bid farewell to the friends of his youth, to take a last longing look at the little Catholic church in whose yard his forefathers slept and to exchange all these for the far-distant shores of Nova Scotia. In 1869 he received the appointment of mathematical master in the Truro Normal school and at once accepted this position. Here in this new sphere of action his splendid energy and talents displayed themselves and with his personal qualities he won for himself golden opinions from the Nova Scotians. Six pleasant years were passed in this city when another important change occurred. Complying with the demands of a large portion of the citizens of Eastern Ontario and the exigencies of the teaching profession, the Provincial Government decided in 1875 to establish a Normal School in Ottawa. Its Principalship was offered to the young mathematical master in Truro and accepted. Here on September 14th 1875, began that arduous and important career whose twenty-fifth anniversary was so fittingly celebrated a few weeks ago. During the long period of his residence in Ottawa, John MacCabe took an active interest in many organizations proper to his sphere. His election as President of St. Patrick's Literary Association, President of the Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul, Grand President and afterwards Grand Chancellor of the