

in the basement of St. Andrew's church for three years, requested the commissioners, William Lanigan, Geo. B. Houliston, and James Shorts, to unite his school and the dissentient elementary school, to engage him as principal and form a model school, which they did.

The following year (April, 1868), J. K. Ward, Esq., donated a lot 210 by 100 feet, Des Champs street, for a school-building, on condition that the school should be non-sectarian, that there should be a good residence free for the principal, and that Mr. Ward should have the privilege of sending one pupil free to the school. Mr. Ward's donation having been accepted, the rate payers appointed J. K. Ward, Alexander Baptist, II. Symmes and Alexander McPherson a building committee to assist the commissioners. In 1871 the present fine brick school-building was erected at a cost of \$4,100.

In 1881 the Rev. Messrs. Jenkins, Amaron, Bell, and Geo. B. Houliston, Esq., were appointed a committee to assist the commissioners, William Lanigan, James McDougall, and James Shortes, in having the school raised to the standing of an Academy. R. M. Campbell was now appointed principal, with Miss J. C. Bodger and Miss Eliza Anderson as assistants, and Mrs. Alexander McDougall as music teacher.

The series of fine private schools kept mostly by the various pastors of St. Andrew's church, now ceased. The last few teachers of these schools were the Rev. Messrs. Ireland, Balmain, McCaul, and Mrs. Lindsay, wife of the Rev. Mr. Lindsay.

In 1883 Mr. Campbell resigned and A. T. Young, M.A., was appointed principal. During the three years Mr. Young was principal, John Skroder, James Luckerhooff and Samuel Trenaman acted as commissioners. The decline in the lumber trade during the last few years has caused many Protestants to leave Three Rivers. This migration was increased by the Manitoba Boom and great prosperity elsewhere; also by the rise of the French to civil or political positions. This departure of the Protestants from the city reduced the school from the good position it had during the first two years Mr. Young was principal.

On Mr. Young's resignation, R. Lawe, B.A., an Ontario High School master, accepted the position of principal of the Three Rivers Academy, and the following year, 1887, the standing of