

# FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NISBET ACADEMY, PRINCE ALBERT.

## To the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories:

The Trustees of the Nisbet Academy, in presenting their first annual report to the venerable the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, desire to acknowledge the goodness of an over-ruling Providence, by whom, they believe, the movements leading to the final establishment of this institution have been guided. It was in the year 1884 that the first steps were taken in Prince Albert for the purpose of securing the benefits of higher education to the town and district. One step after another was taken since then, until about a year ago the institution was incorporated under the name of "The Trustees of the Nisbet Academy." As soon as this was done the Rev. Dr. Jardine, who had been authorized by the General Assembly to raise funds for the erection of a suitable building, handed over to the Trustees the amount which he had secured, and steps were immediately taken to erect a building. The work progressed so favorably that the building was occupied for educational purposes in the beginning of the present year.

Sec. 9 of the Act of Incorporation reads thus:—"The Synod may, from time to time, make rules or by-laws, for the government of the corporation, and for the guidance of the Board of Trustees, and may alter, amend and annul the said rules and by-laws from time to time, provided that such rules or by-laws are not contrary to this Act or repugnant to the laws in force in the Northwest Territories."

Inasmuch as the Trustees named in the Act of Incorporation required to act in the capacity of Trustees before the Synod could make the needful rules or by-laws, the following regulations were adopted for their guidance, pending the action of the Synod:—

1. The office-bearers of the Trustees of the Nisbet Academy shall be a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. There may also be appointed a corresponding secretary if and when deemed necessary.
2. In the absence of the chairman and secretary at any meeting the Trustees present shall appoint a chairman and secretary *pro tem*.
3. These office-bearers shall be appointed annually at the first regular meeting of the Trustees, after the meeting of the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and their duties shall be those usually assigned to their respective offices.
4. There shall be two regular meetings of the Trustees every year, one upon the last Wednesday in March, and the other upon the first Wednesday in July, for the transaction of the business of the Academy.
5. Those Trustees who are resident in the town of Prince Albert and its immediate vicinity shall constitute the Local Committee of the Board of Trustees, and shall be intrusted with the carrying out of whatever instructions may be given by the Board, and with the executive administration of the affairs of the Academy. All meetings of the Local Committee to be called by the secretary at least one week before the time when the meeting is to be held. The Local Committee shall report its proceedings to the general meeting of the Board to be held in March preparatory to sending the annual report to the Synod of the bounds.
6. In accordance with the terms of the charter, the Trustees shall appoint annually three of their members to act, along with the Principal and first male assistant of the Academy, in the scholastic administration of the institution.
7. The office-bearers of the general Board of Trustees shall occupy the same offices in the Local Committee.
8. These regulations, being provisional, shall be observed by the Provisional Board of Trustees and Local Committee until they have been submitted to the Synod for ratification or change.

At the first regular meeting of the Trustees after this incorporation, held upon the 23rd of May, 1888, the Rev. Alex Campbell, B.A., was appointed Principal of the Academy, and continued, in the old mission church, to perform the duties of that office until the close of September. Upon the 25th of that month he gave to the chairman of the Board his resignation, couched in the following terms:—

"I hereby tender to you my resignation of the office of Principal of the Nisbet Academy, as I feel that I do not possess that cordial support on the part of the Board which is essential to the successful discharge of the duties of the office."

At a meeting of the Local Committee of the Trustees held on the 5th October, 1888, this resignation was submitted, when it was moved by Col. Sproat, seconded by G. W. Stewart, and agreed, That the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Campbell be accepted, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

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