

ed to incidentally in the biographies of men who received their training within its walls.

The first Bishop of Quebec, Dr. Jacob Mountain, (1793-1825) repeatedly urged the Government to establish an English College in the Provinces of Canada. Such confidence he had in the promises of the Government, that when his friend, the Hon. James McGill, of Montreal died in 1813, bequeathing "Burnside" and £10,000 towards the maintenance of a College in the University the Government proposed to establish,* the Bishop hoped soon to see his Divinity students brought together from the various parishes where they were reading with the rectors, and trained under the direction of the Divinity Professor at McGill, in accordance with the wishes of the founder and his connection, Dr. Strachan, the future Bishop of Toronto. The litigations which long delayed the opening of McGill College, caused the the Bishops to look elsewhere for the needed help, necessitated other arrangements.

The second Bishop of Quebec, the Hon. Dr. Stuart (1826-1837), perceiving that the difficulties at Montreal were not likely to be brought to a speedy termination, proceeded to establish a Theological Seminary, chiefly though not exclusively,—intended for candidates for Orders.

It was Bishop Stuart's intention to utilize the Recollet Monastery at Three Rivers for the purpose. These buildings had been made over to the Church in 1823 as an endowment for the parish, erected the same year. As the Monastery offered special facilities for the establishment of the proposed institution, and was of easy access from Montreal and Quebec, the Bishop's plan was warmly commended by Churchmen generally throughout the Diocese.

The May number of the *The Christain Sentinel* (1828) announced the arrival of the Rev. Joseph Braithwaite, M.A., a graduate of Queen's College, Oxford, to take charge of the "the Classical Institution about to be established at Three Rivers under the auspices of the Bishop."

Unexpected difficulties, however, prevented the fulfilment of this laudable plan for locating the institution at Three Rivers, and as a favourable opening appeared at Chambly, the opportunity was eagerly taken; and soon after his arrival in the country Mr. Braithwaite, was established in charge of the Institute at the latter place.

The Rev. B. B. Stevens, an army chaplain, when stationed at Chambly had succeeded in building a Church† at that place where the inhabitants assembled regularly for Divine Service. On Mr. Stevens proceeding to Fort Erie with his regiment, the Rev. Edward Parkin, was appointed to the post of first Incumbent of Chambly and Chaplain to the forces. The date of Mr. Parkin's license to the incumbency is October 8, 1819. In addition to his re-

*VIDE the Principal's Address at the opening of McGill College, Sept 6th. 1843 page 26.

†S.P.G. Journal 32, page 184.