

several years taken up his abode at Lower Fort Garry. In the year 1846, the British Government, being in the midst of the contention with the United States over the Oregon question and probably on account the enforcement of the Company's claims, thought it wise to send out the 6th Royal regiment to Red River. The Lower Fort being required for the troops, Judge Thom was compelled to seek quarters elsewhere, and seems to have lived, for a year, three or four miles to the north of the fort. In 1847, he purchased the house, then just built by Chief Factor Charles, now known as Bishop's Court, the seat of the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land. Judge Thom refers with peculiar pleasure to the changes which had made him "door neighbor" to his old friend McCallum, "with nothing but a paddock between." The school was now at its height for there were in it more than fifty paying pupils, including girls. From it came A. K. Isbister, one of the most distinguished men born in Rupert's Land, and to the "McCallum school" members of the older generation of Red River settlers look back with fond affection. Sad indeed was it for education and religion on Red River that Mr. McCallum died in 1849. Judge Thom became his executor, and Bishop Anderson, the first bishop of Rupert's Land, arrived just in time to perform the funeral services of the worthy teacher.

On Mr. McCallum's death, the school immediately began to decline. Bishop Anderson was so busy with the other duties of his office, that the institution was suffered to languish. In 1855, a reorganization was attempted, a number of the leading people of the country were formed into a college board, the name of St. John's College was chosen, and the coat of arms, with the beautiful motto, "In Thy Light shall we see Light," adopted. In three or four years, the want of success compelled the closing of the college. In 1865 the present Bishop of Rupert's Land arrived at Red River. The McCallum school buildings had become a ruin. On his leaving on his first journey in his diocese, the bishop gave orders that they should be pulled down. This was partially done, but the central building was thought good enough to be preserved. It was accordingly spared, and those who have come to Manitoba even in recent years may remember the house occupied by the Rev. Samuel Pritchard—the remnant of the McCallum buildings. Bishop Machray refounded St. John's College in 1866, from which time it has had an ever increasing and prosperous existence. In memory of Mr. McCallum, his widow and daughter presented at various times to St. John's College an excellent anemometer a good microscope and other instruments, etc. Judge Thom always took a deep interest in St. John's College, being one of its honorary fellows; and was also a benefactor of the Manitoba (Presbyterian) College.

From his high position and public sympathies, Judge Thom became a most influential man in the Red River Settlement. He had a marvellous gift of languages. He was exceedingly approachable, and his ardent temperament led him to do all sorts of kind services for those who sought his assistance. When the Bishopric of Rupert's Land was founded he became the Registrar; when the Kildonan church wanted a deed, he drew it up, and made it so firm in its provisions that when changes were necessary a few years ago in the ten-