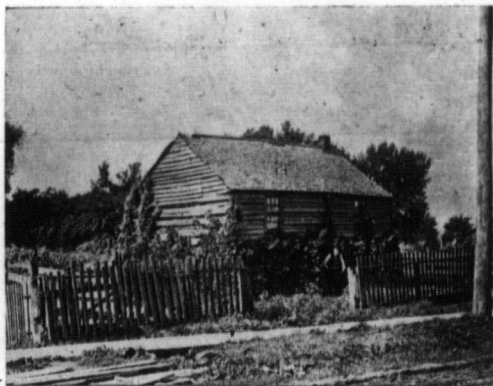necessary to leave the Jury Room and assemble the pupils in the Court Room, which provided accommodation till the end of the year.

Meantime the trustees [1] had erected a Grammar School building on Norman street, on the lot at present occupied by Mr. Nichols and Mr. Quinlan. The new school was opened at the beginning of '56, and for twenty-three years it served the purposes of secondary education here, and under Mr. Macgregor's able guidance the school rose from a one-master to a four-master school. The name "Grammar School" was changed to "High School" sometime in the seventies.

After nearly a quarter-of-a-century's occupancy of the Norman street school, it

The School House where Alex. McGregor began his work in Stratford.
The building stood originally where the Central School now stands. It was taken down log by log in '55 and raised again on the south side of Huron street, between John street and Avondale Avenue. It is still standing and is occupied by Mr. Smith.

became apparent that the High School accommodation was inadequate to the needs of the Town of Stratford, and a movement was set on foot to supply a school building that would meet the requirements. The result was that the trustees [2] then in office erected the splendid structure now known as the Collegiate Institute. It was built in '78 and '79. At the time of its erection it was, without doubt, the handsomest High School in Ontario, and "even now, after twenty-two years,"

[1] The trustees were Rev. Thos. McPherson, Rev. Ephraim Patterson, Chas. Robinson, Robt. Modernell, Wm. F. McCullough, Alex. F. Mickle. The contract price of the building was £740 ($2,960.)

[2] The trustees at that time were Messrs. Scott, Jarvis, Macfadden, Dr. Hamilton, Myers, Stoney, Read, Hesson, Vanstone, Sharman, Down, Beattie, Gibson, Miller, Stubbs, Rev. E. Patterson. Cost of building, $28,000.

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