

Mountain, who had succeeded to the administration of the diocese on the death of Bishop Stewart in 1837, soon began to feel the want of an institution for training candidates for Holy Orders. Writing in 1839, to the S. P. G., he says "it had long been his ardent wish and prayer to establish a college," and in December, of that year, the Society voted £200 per annum towards the maintenance of divinity students. In the following autumn he decided on placing all the recipients of this bounty at Three Rivers, under the charge of Mr. Wood, whose theological as well as classical attainments eminently qualified him for the task. In April, 1841, he informed the society of the completion of this arrangement, adding, 'I have thus paved the way, I hope, for the establishment of that institution—I shall be thankful if I can say that college—the rough project of which I communicated to you in November last.' The rectory house at Three Rivers, which was originally a monastery, seemed to offer some peculiar facilities for his purpose, both from the general character of the building, and particularly from its connection with the parish church, which had been the chapel of the monastery."

(*) Subsequently, however, the Bishop was induced, by local representations, to change the situation of the institution to Lennoxville, the consent of Mr. Wood having been obtained to his removal thither as its principal. This consent, to the great regret of the Bishop, Mr. Wood afterwards saw reason, on more mature consideration, to withdraw. The divinity students, however, remained under his charge till Bishop's College was opened in the autumn of 1845. During this period Mr. Wood was also engaged in the education of his own sons, and those of a few other gentlemen. Among them was a son of the late Chief Justice Sir James Stuart, who, as the writer well remembers, was induced to place him under his care from witnessing the effect of his training on his own sons. Mr. Wood had the true notion of education; a devout Christian, a consistent Churchman, and a genuine English gentleman himself, he aimed at making his pupils the same. He encouraged, and took part in, all manly sports, and in his vacations was accustomed to take long pedestrian tours with his boys. He had married, in 1854, Miss Margaret Mary Hallowell, eldest daughter of the late James Hallowell, Esq., of Quebec, and cousin of the late Mrs. Bethune, wife of the Dean of Montreal. By her he had a large family; and though they met with several distressing bereavements, three sons and five daughters survive him.

In the year 1856, the Bishop of Quebec was induced to yield to the repeated expression of the long cherished wish of his friend and chaplain, and to sanction his return to the eastern townships. He was permitted

(*) Memoir of the late Bishop of Quebec, p.p. 222, 223.

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