LINDENWOOD IN STRAITS.

Why Miss Thomas Resigned as Principal of the College

Lindenwood College, the Presbyterian school for young women, is in straits.

Disaffection and financial stringency are given as the causes of the change in the faculty of the college made by the Board of Directors at its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Jennie Thomas, principal of the school, submitted her resignation at the meeting and it was accepted.

She became principal in September, succeeding Mrs. McMillan. Miss Thomas had not been in charge long when Dr. Knight, the president of the college, resigned. Miss Thomas then assumed entire charge of the school.

She had her own ideas about discipline and some of the scholars did not like her methods.

Miss Lillian Brandt will succeed her temporarily.

Rev. S. J. Nicolls, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the College, said Thursday: "Financial difficulties and an inability to carry out her ideas in the extension of the school caused Miss Thomas to resign. We had and have the greatest confidence in her ability as a teacher. She was very successful in the East, and we never doubted that if the funds had been adequate she would have been able to increase the efficiency of the college."

"There was some disaffection. Certain of the pupils did not like Miss Thomas because of her firmness in enforcing discipline, but she had the confidence of the board and we did not think her rules too severe. The semester ended Jan. 27. Eight or ten of the scholars went home and refused to return for the second term. This further decreased the funds of the college and aided in discouraging Miss Thomas. She felt that financial and other considerations would not justify her in continuing her connection with the school.

"She insisted that her resignation be accepted. No president will be elected until next term. Miss Thomas' withdrawal will relieve us to the extent of her salary, and it is probable that some at least of the dissatisfied pupils will return to further swell the fund. We hope to tide over until next season."

Lindenwood College is at St. Charles, Mo.