HISTORICAL SKETCH OF PROGRESS OF EDUCATION IN SUSSEX.

Counting the two Indian Colleges and the school in operation near Trinity Church in 1859 this building of 1865 was evidently the fourth structure devoted exclusively to school purposes. The Misses Raymond, John Toland, Eldon Mullin and S. C. Wilbur are known to have been teachers here, and here many competitive examinations were held. Penobsquis, Millstream, Berwick and Sussex Corner also had at this time excellent teachers and schools and as to material, it may be noted that in one or other of these schools there were at one time as boys, the Hon. G. E. Foster, the Hon. Wm. Pugsley, the Hon. Mr. Justice McLeod and Dean R. C. Weldon of Halifax.

1873.—On June tenth of this year a new school site was purchased from Mr. Isaac Bunnell and later the building on Main Street was sold and removed and a new structure erected on the site now being discarded.

1793.—The building above referred to was burned and in 1893 the structure now standing vacant and silent was erected on the same site as its predecessor.

1908.—September the Seventh of this year saw the formal opening of the new brick building erected at a cost, including land and equipment, approximating \$50,000. So far as can be determined it is the seventh school house erected inside the limits of what is now the town of Sussex. A matter of interest in connection with the location is the fact that the site was selected at a meeting of one hundred and twenty-one ratepayers by a majority of one.

Regarding the new building little comment is necessary. It is on a foundation deep, broad and sure; its walls are solid and substantial, the system of ventilation is simple and thorough and the whole is practically fire proof. No money has been spent on mere ornament and if there be any lack of embellishment this has been more than made up in general solidity and commodiousness.

With respect to this latter feature it may be said that the builders of this new hall of learning have shown themselves possessed of a larger measure of faith than has usually characterized the citizens of our town. The vexed question of the enlargement of our buildings both public and private—a question ever with us in Sussex—has been push-