

pleased him so much as to get up a war of words, nearly always opposed to the reigning authorities, it was often quite a circus. He could hold his own with our best men and never lost his head. His good temper was conspicuous no matter how keen the shaft that were fired at him. In domestic life both he and Mrs. Allison were retiring. Their home was a modest residence. They had no use for the glitter and fuss that attract so many, but for real substantial worth and true hearted kindness they were unsurpassed. Their christianity was not lip service but they exemplified the teaching of the Master by deeds of charity and beneficence to those who claimed their attention and good-will.

As a medical man Dr. Allison was well up and kept himself in touch with all the latest discoveries in that science during his life-time. His taste led him to a continuous study of chemistry in all its varied branches and up to the last he continued experimenting in that obscure department of study and few in the practical routine of a doctor was equally qualified to analyse and bring to bear on the subjects that required his care, the proper medicines that should be used to meet any given case. Good common sense in the use of remedies and skill in diagnosing disease were his most prominent characteristics. His generosity to the poorer classes of his patients knew no bounds. His sympathy and unremitting attention were given without stint to the humblest of those who sought help at his hands. I know personally that many a family who were braving adverse conditions received from him the greatest care and attention that a physician could bestow without fee or reward. I cannot speak too strongly as to his deep feeling for the distressed and suffering. He has his reward 'for as often as we did it unto the least of one of these my brethren ye did it unto me,' so says the great Physician. Dr. Allison had the utmost detestation for all kinds of quackery and humbug. He was a plain, honest, good man. He led a useful and happy life and to those who knew he and Mrs. Allison best they won personal friends, most highly esteemed.

Dr. Allison filled at one time the important and honorable position of President of the Medical Council of Ontario. This dignity was conferred by the vote of his medical brethren of the Province. Occasionally he wrote for the local press and his articles were always worth reading and displayed scholarship and a keen

insight into the merits of any question he was discussing at the time he wrote.

Mrs. Allison had great brain power and was a diligent student. The doctor used to tell me that few even of our clergymen understood theological topics better than she did. So thoroughly did she become related to her own fire-side that she hardly ever came up town.

Although the Colvilles are not directly Bowmanvillians, still they have been so long and so closely identified with the trade of the place, I must refer to them no matter how shortly. First and foremost they were all without exception clever, intellectual people and had received in the Old Country a good sound training in English and some of them in the classics. Fine scholars, Robert Colville came to this country first in 1838 and taught school at Shaw's school house for one year. The other two brothers James and Alexander Colville followed him in 1836. For some years they farmed on a place belonging to one of the Wilsons, on the lake shore. After a time they bought lands in Clarke; Robert and Alexander on the fourth concession and James on the seventh. They had an aptitude for tilling the soil, prudent and energetic everything prospered. They acquired money with great rapidity and all died reputed to be among the most wealthy men in Clarke. They did not live as so many do almost entirely to themselves. Notwithstanding that they were modest and cautious in their movements all took more or less part in matters of a public nature. Strong Conservatives, they held a good position in the council of their party. Robert Colville on his party's invitation once became a candidate for the Ontario Legislature but sustained defeat at the polls. They were just the right kind of men to aid in developing and building up this new country. Genial and most kindly they made hosts of friends. Jas. married Miss Janet Smith. There were four sons and one daughter. Two of the former are medical men in active practice—James at Tupperville, Ontario and Neil at Orono. The other two, William and Colin are farming on the original place. Miss Mary S. resides on the homestead with her mother.

Robert Colville married Miss Annie Mann, a sister of Mrs. Thos. Bingham, Bowmanville. They had no son but a bevy of eight fine-looking, clever daughters, four of whom are married and are shedding upon their various