

But Chesley's first School House was built in 1876. The original old School House across the River, which still remains, is now used for other than educational purposes. It consisted of but two Rooms, and it was much later, when these Rooms became too small, and an additional School House on the north side of the River was built. This was here, until 1897, the original hall of learning, and around it cluster the School day associations of most of the present generation, and with it are connected many well-known names. Mr. Walter Bell, who taught in the pioneer School, laboured here also and ruled, not by the rod, but by moral suasion. Mr. Atton acted differently, and frequently applied the "tawse" to delinquent Pupils. Mr. Robb, the present Editor of *The Telescope*, when Teacher, urged the children gently, but surely, along the road of learning. After Mr. Cullen, Mr. Ritchie built up a reputation for the School that caused it to figure frequently at Examinations at the top of the list of Schools of Bruce County. It was Mr. Ritchie who was Principal when the School was removed to its present commodious quarters, where there are nine Class Rooms, a Teachers' Room, a Trustees' Room, and a large Assembly Hall. After teaching for two years in the new Building, Mr. Ritchie resigned his position to remove to Owen Sound, and Mr. MacMurchy, who had been for four months Teacher of the Private High School, was appointed Principal in his place, and the High School was merged in the Continuation Classes which have become such a noted feature in our school work. At first only two High School Teachers were employed. Now a third has been added, and Mr. R. D. MacMurchy, B.A., Mr. W. J. Glanfield, M.A., and Miss McManus, M.A., make a particularly strong combination. The record made by these Continuation Classes is a good one. In 1900, the first Junior Leaving Certificate was taken at the Examination; in 1901, the first part of a Senior Leavings Certificate was also granted; and this year, 1902, Master Bert Halliday secured a complete Senior Leavings Certificate, taking first-class Honours in Classics and Physics, and second-class Honours in Mathematics and French. During these three years a goodly number of Pupils have secured Junior Leavings Certificates, at least four Pupils taking Honours in this connection, and two Students have secured Part I. of the Senior Leavings Certificate; and, as the Town grows, so the School grows, and a much greater interest is taken by the citizens in the Students; and the community is rapidly becoming imbued with the sentiment expressed by the noted James Russell Lowell in a great University in the United States, that "The real value of a Country must be weighed in scales more delicate than the balance of trade. The garner of Sicily are empty now, but the Bees from all climes still fetch honey from the tiny garden plot of Theocritus. On a map of the world you may cover Judea with your thumb, Athens with a finger-tip, and neither of them figure in the prices current; but they still lord it in the thought and action of every civilized man. Did not Dante cover with his hood all that was of Italy six hundred years ago? And if we go back a century, where was Germany outside of Weimar? Material success is good, but only as the necessary preliminary of better things. The measure of a nation's true success is the amount it has contributed to the thought, the moral energy, the intellectual happiness, the spiritual hope and consolation of mankind."

For three and a half years Mr. MacMurchy has been Principal of our Public School, and Head Master in our High School, and the record which he has made during that time is full of honour and encouragement. The energy, pluck and perseverance which were Mr. MacMurchy's characteristics as a Boy, when he