

But my tale must have an ending;
 Long it were in verse to tell
 Of the varied school room trials
 That to us that day befell.

And the day seemed slightly brighter
 At the second recess bell;
 For at three the new Inspector
 Closed his book and said farewell.

Monsieur l'Inspector thrice a welcome
 Here is always given to thee
 When the wind of fortune blows thee
 Hitherward each year to see,

What the work we are subduing,
 How we sound the Roman E
 All in short what we are doing
 In this old Academie.

W. F.

THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF ALLISTON.

The Town of Alliston, situated on the Boyne River, at the adjacent Corners of the Townships of Essa, Tecumseh, Tossorontio, and Adjala, was first settled about the year 1847 by Mr. William Hekher, a Native of Alliston, Yorkshire, England, and others. Upon the South-East Corner of Lot Number One of the Township of Essa, at the Junction of the "Scotch Line" with the present Victoria Street, there was erected in 1860 the first School House for Alliston and vicinity. It was a Frame Building. After another L Frame Building was erected upon the same Site to accommodate the increasing attendance at School. The present School Building was erected in 1887, or 1888, on Albert Street, Tecumseh side,—a six-Roomed School House. This one, with an addition, erected in 1904, or 1905, is still used for School purposes.

The first Teacher employed was Mr. Hugh McKnight. He was followed by Messieurs Louis Hill, — McNayne, and W. A. Strongman, (now the Reverend Doctor Strongman, of Brantford), Doctor Thomas Henderson, Mr. Neil Campbell, now School Inspector for South Grey, and Mr. C. F. Knight, now Banker in Alliston. At present eight Teachers are employed, three of whom conduct a large Continuation School Department, with an attendance in the latter of about 110. The present Principal is Mr. Hugh Davidson, M.A.

ALLISTON, February 10th, 1910.

JOHN W. S. MCCOLLOUGH, *Secretary.*

THE SCHOOLS OF MERRITTON.

The Village of Merritton was incorporated in 1874, and held its first School Meeting on April the 16th, 1874. At that time there was what was known as the Brick School House in School Section Number Seven, nearby, of the Township of Grantham.

On the 14th of January, 1875, a Public School Board, after being elected, held their first Meeting in the School House. At that Meeting it was realized that the school accommodation was not sufficient, and a Committee was appointed to wait on a Mr. Phelps and procure a Building for school purposes for the