

British and Foreign School Society. While in this position, in conjunction with Dr. Cornwell, his colleague, he was the author of "The Science of Arithmetic," a book designed to aid teachers in explaining the *rationale* of arithmetical processes. In 1863, on the recommendation of Earl Granville, he was appointed one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, with charge of the Yorkshire district, but has since been repeatedly detached from that office on special and temporary service of a highly important nature. This service has for the most part consisted in making inquiries into the state of primary and secondary education in England, and reporting thereon. He was for ten years examiner in the University of London, in English language, literature and history, and for twenty years was one of the special examiners for the civil service. He is now the senior Inspector of Her Majesty's schools.

— At a meeting of the Edinburgh School Board, the committee reported the result of the conference with the head masters on the subject of home lessons. The head masters had stated that they looked upon these lessons as a most valuable aid to home training. They also considered them specially useful for their moral and educational value, and, moreover, they could not be dispensed with, even if so desired, owing to the greatly increased requirements of the Code. All the members of the Board present took part in the discussion, and there was a general agreement that while home lessons ought to be encouraged, none should be prescribed which could not be prepared by the children without assistance. The head masters state that in the matter of home lessons they had not been exacting in the past, even with the additional requirements expected of them, but the result of the conference would be that they would be even more careful in future to avoid giving any reasonable ground for complaint.

— The teachers' convention at St. John, N.B., has been declared a success by the newspapers of the Maritime Provinces. Among those present were Sir William Dawson of McGill University, Dr. Fitch of London, England, and Colonel Parker of the United States. From the appearance of the programme, we are afraid the committee has been a little too liberal in its arrangements for providing speakers, so liberal that we are told