

interpretation of the commission under which they were acting. The Committee regard this as conclusive evidence that the change proposed was never contemplated by the Association.

At the same time, the Committee recognize the propriety of the official Head of the Education Department being connected with the project of a Memorial to a distinguished predecessor, and had they been aware of your personal interest in the matter, would gladly have availed themselves of your countenance and aid.

I am therefore instructed by the Committee, hereby, to invite the favor of your co-operation in their future proceedings.

I am, yours obediently,

J. PARSONS, *Secretary F. M. C.*

The Committee then waited nearly four weeks, giving the Government ample opportunity to make the *amende honorable*, by quietly withdrawing their veto on the erection of the Monument on the Normal School Grounds, leaving the issue between the two Committees to the decision of the Educational Convention, the only competent authority in the case.

The Committee were disappointed in their reasonable expectations of an amicable settlement of the difficulty. They felt however, bound in honour to complete the work in accordance with the original arrangements. This was due to the Public, the Educational Association, and the Contractor, who was pressing the Committee to fix the site so that he might have the foundation completed and the monument erected before the time publicly announced for the inauguration. Permission was sought and obtained from the Supervisors of Public property in Truro, to erect the Monument in the centre of the Square just in front of the County Court House, and some eight feet from the Elm Tree planted in commemoration of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, in 1860.

In view of the unfriendly attitude assumed by Mr. Hunt towards the enterprise, and the manner in which he had treated the Committee's invitation to co-operate, they believe they would have been justified in declining all further communication with him on the subject. They preferred, however, to go to the utmost verge which courtesy might seem to require, and, accordingly, in arranging for the inaugural ceremonies, resolved to extend to Mr. Hunt's official position the last act of respect that was in their power to render, by requesting him to offer the Dedicatory Prayer on the occasion, as will be seen from the following letter of the Secretary sent to Mr. Hunt by order of the Committee.