

The doctor has been, and still is, connected with institutions and enterprises of almost every class, being at one time a commissioner of the provincial hospital and poor's asylum; president of the inebriate asylum, Dartmouth; president of the mechanics' institute, Halifax; and director of the Acadian provident association; and he is now a governor of Acadia college; director of the Halifax gas company; president of the Halifax and Dartmouth steam-boat company; and of the Halifax deaf and dumb institution; and a director of the Nova Scotia permanent benefit building society.

Dr. Parker was called to the Legislative Council in 1867; his politics are Conservative; his religious connection is with the Baptists; and he is a deacon of the Granville street church, of Halifax.

He was first married, in 1848, to Eliza Ritchie, daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice Johnston, of Nova Scotia, she dying in 1853, leaving one son, who died while a medical student at Edinburgh; and the second time, in 1854, to Fanny H., daughter of Hon. W. A. Black, member of the Legislative Council, by whom he has had six children, four of them, one son and three daughters, yet living, the former, William Frederick, graduating from Acadia college class, 1881.

Dr. Parker resides at Dartmouth, across the harbor, but has an office in Halifax, acting however only as consulting physician. Besides attending to his professional, and, at certain times, his legislative duties, his connection with numerous other bodies, partially enumerated above, requires a good deal of his attention, and he is a very busy man; he gives no insignificant part of his time to his benevolent work, for which he can look for no compensation except the satisfaction which comes from doing one's duty.

STEPHEN FINCK,

LUNENBURG, N. S.

ONE of the self-made men, prominent merchants, and officials of Lunenburg, is Stephen Finck, a native of the town of Lunenburg, dating his birth on the 8th of November, 1838. His parents are Lewis and Lucy C. (Eisenhauer) Finck, both of German descent, and representing families which settled in this country nearly a century ago.

Stephen Finck received such an English education as the common schools of Lunenburg could furnish, and early went into a store here as clerk, subsequently serving in the same capacity in the city of Halifax. In 1860 he commenced business for himself at Lunenburg, in company with his younger brother, Lewis S. Finck, who died in 1866. Since that date our subject has been alone in business, dealing in general merchandise. He commenced on a very small capital, the fruit of his industry; expanded his stock from time to time, as his means increased, and has for some years been one of the leading merchants in Lunenburg. No business man in the place enjoys a better reputation for prudent management, and straightforward, honorable dealing, than Mr. Finck, whose name, wherever known, is a synonym for integrity and promptness. His is a noble example of what a self-reliant young man can do for himself, by applying himself steadily and with vigor to his calling, and observing the rules of economy and strict business principles. He is a sub-agent for the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and is doing a good business for that institution.