

course of years he grew not less but much more sympathetic with ways of thought that differed from his own, and after the death of his wife the mellowing process in his whole nature was so complete that he constantly seemed to grow more true a saint.

The facts of his public life and service are briefly these. Educated at the Cornwallis schools, and at Herton Academy, in his seventeenth year he entered the profession of teaching, and for fourteen years was a highly successful teacher, especially of mathematics and classics. In 1854 he was appointed a Commissioner of Schools, which office he held, except during an interval of three years, for the rest of his life. In 1865 the Government, acting through the Council of Public Instruction, conferred upon him the important office of Inspector of Schools for Kings County, in which he was succeeded by the Rev. Robert Somerville, now of New York, in 1868. At the time of his appointment the Free School Act had just come into force, and his pacific temper and his courteous treatment of the people of the county did much towards allaying the discontent it had aroused.

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