

Boy.—“It is a foot long, sir.”

Socrates.—(Drawing another line)
“How long is this line?”

Boy.—“It is two feet long, sir.”

Socrates.—“How much larger would be a square constructed on the second than on the first line?”

Boy.—“It would be twice as large, sir.” Under the direction of the boy the squares are then constructed.

Socrates.—“How much larger than the first did you say the second square would be?”

Boy.—“I said it would be twice as large.”

Socrates.—“But how much larger is it?”

Boy.—“It is four times as large.”

Socrates.—“Thank you my boy, you may go. Meno, that boy came to me full of confidence, thinking himself wise. I told him nothing. By a few simple questions I led him to see his error and discover truth. Though really wiser, he goes away feeling humbled.”—*Normal Teacher.*

EDITORIAL.

HERE WE HAVE NO CONTINUING CITY.

THE late Mr. Robert Little, Public School Inspector in the County of Hatton, who died at his own residence in Acton on the 8th inst., was born at Woolwich, England, in 1835. His father was a native of Berwickshire, Scotland, and his mother was born in Edinburghshire. Mr. Little received his education in Edinburgh, where he spent his boyhood. So satisfactory was his early progress that in his thirteenth year he was employed as an assistant teacher in the Lancasterian night school of the Scottish capital. He afterwards taught in one of the Edinburgh Sessional Schools, where under an accomplished rector the foundation of his success as a teacher was laid. While in this situation he was a successful student in the Academy of Arts. He also received instruction in the elements of Latin, and afterwards carried on his studies therein until he became a respectable scholar in that language.

On the arrival of the family in this country in 1852, Mr. Little presented a letter of introduction from the Rev. Dr. Crawford, of Edinburgh, to the Rev. Dr. Barclay, of Toronto, who

introduced him to the late Rev. Professor Gale, of Knox College, by whom he was recommended to the late Rev. Peter Ferguson, of Esquising. Through the latter gentlemen he was engaged as teacher in one of the schools of the Township, where his abilities so displayed themselves that trustees soon competed for his services. Next year he was induced to remove to another school in the neighbourhood, in which he remained nine years. He took charge of Acton Public School in 1863, and notwithstanding various advantageous offers, he remained in that position until in 1871 he was appointed Inspector of the schools of the County, in which position he continued till the day of his death.

Mr. Little was a noble specimen of honour, integrity, industry, and steadfastness. He was faithful and trustworthy, both in his private and public capacity. He was so devoted to his own duties that he had neither time nor inclination to meddle with other people's affairs. Few men exemplified the character of a Christian gentleman more than he did; for though his was a well informed and clear mind, he received instruction from the public preaching of the word of God with the