

He was a member of the Normal School Committee of Montreal, and for some years a member of the Committee of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec. He gave life-long service as Secretary of the Bible Society. Its business he completely grasped and gave punctilious attention to its every detail. In addition to being Secretary of the College Board, he became its President and that of the Missionary Society. In 1871, he was made Chairman of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec; he was a representative of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec in the International Council, which met in London, England, in 1891, and a glance at the records of that body shows how heartily and ably he performed his part; all of which offices he filled with the same ability and conscientious attention as that which he gave to every position which he occupied. As a minister he was thoroughly evangelical and earnest. Always willing to fill a vacancy in Emmanuel Church, his voice has been heard as a spiritual teacher with much profit. He lacked the abandon which is essential to popular eloquence, but his mind was robust and his discourses models of strong sense.

It was, however, in his home life that the man was best known to the members of his family and an intimate circle of friends who shared his deepest confidence. He loved to bring his intimates to his library, of which he was proud, and with them discuss the questions of the day, an important book, the great things of life and destiny. Here he was himself; he threw aside reserve; and here he could be best appreciated.

The deceased, who had been a widower for the past six years, leaves one son, Mr. George Cornish. About ten days before his death, Dr. Cornish went for treatment to the General Hospital, Montreal, where he died, August 18th, 1895.