

When he left the city this Census was given to the lowest bidder, like a job on a highway, and he declared that it was no longer reliable.

Mr. Philbrick employed me to collect the statistics of educational institutions in Boston for the Vienna Exposition, and the display was awarded the palm over every other in America. But it is for me to describe him and not tell my own merits.

He was perfectly regular in his business habits, and very systematic, being always ready to hear every one that approached him. There was no need of ceremony or delay. His reply always came instantly, and plainly, and good naturedly. He loved to praise rather than to blame. Still he never flattered any one.

I saw him at his Quincy School in Boston when I was a teacher myself, and afterwards at the Normal School in New Britain. I had read of him in his grandfather Dudley's letters, where the old gentleman praised his young grandson. It was probably from him that Mr. Philbrick took advice to adopt the profession of Educator. His picture in front of this number is a good and correct likeness; but his expression was commonly less stern.

During the eight years after resigning the office of Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools, he lived in retirement at his beautiful home in Danvers, where hosts of the great educators visited him. He did not waste his precious time and talents, but continued to write on schools and education till his eye-sight failed,—and even after that he dictated the most complete report of the city school systems of the United States that has ever been produced. It is perfect in style, detail and comprehensiveness. My daughter Gertrude, mentioned on page 102 of his "Memorial," read and wrote, at his direction, for a year after he lost his sight, and this great work was one of the productions of his active mind while she was with him. She says he required an immense amount of reading, not only of his authorities but of general literature, science and current topics of the press. When dictating he was deliberate, careful, and thought intensely and profoundly.

The splendid Memorial of his Life and Services, edited by Larkin Dunton, LL.D., contains a vast amount of well-digested data about Dr. Philbrick to which I can only briefly refer in this sketch. I admire all parts of it, but especially the account of the early life and education of Dr. Philbrick, written by his