

the inhabitants, getting alive to the great advantage of educating their children, have, in most places, seconded the exertions of the Legislature, with a laudable zeal. What has been already done, is highly creditable to the country, and though much yet remains to be effected, there are no serious impediments in the way, which a little time and attention will not easily remove; the most important improvement in contemplation, the founding of a University at the seat of Government, may very soon take place, and will be of incalculable benefit to the Province.

The present state of education consists of eight District Schools, at which, upwards of 220 boys are now taught the higher branches of education, the Classics, Mathematics, &c. The common Schools, in which upwards of 3500 children are instructed, besides a great number of Schools of a similar description, to which the bounty of Government cannot be extended. Sunday Schools are likewise getting numerous, and religious instruction appears to be moresought after than formerly. In this respect also the common Schools will soon produce a very beneficial alteration, as may be seen from the rules to teachers, published by the Boards of Education for Niagara, and the Home District, and which we subjoin as a proper conclusion to this article.

RULES.

1. The Master to commence the labours of the day by a short Prayer.

2. School to commence each day at nine o'clock of the forenoon, and five hours at least to be taught during the day, except on Saturday.

3. Diligence and emulation to be cherished and encouraged by rewards judiciously distributed, to consist of little pictures and books, according to the age of the scholar.

4. Cleanliness and good order to be indispensable, corporal punishment seldom necessary, except for bad habits learned at home, lying, disobedience, obstinacy, and perverseness, these sometimes require chastisement; but gentleness even in these cases would do better with most children.

5. All other offences in children, arising chiefly from liveliness and inattention, are better corrected by shame; such as gaudy caps, placing the culprits by themselves, not