

written statement to the chairman of the School Commissioners, and to the chairman of the Trustees, giving notice that they intend to support schools under the Trustees. If one who has been a dissentient wishes to return to the control of the School Commissioners, he can do so by giving notice in writing to this effect to the chairman of the School Commissioners and of the Trustees. It has been decided by the courts that if the property of a dissentient is *inherited* by a member of his family, this property continues under the control of the Trustees, until otherwise arranged; but if the property of a dissentient is *purchased* by another person it comes under the control of the Commissioners until otherwise arranged. These statements have a very practical interest for those concerned in the management and support of dissentient schools.

II.—*What are the duties of dissentients?*

They are the same as the duties of those under the Commissioners. They must pay taxes and support schools. If they fail to support schools for one year, they can be dissolved, and replaced under the Commissioners, and the dissentients will be compelled to pay taxes to the Commissioners for the time that they had no schools in operation, according to the rate levied by the Commissioners. Notices of the election in July, and the semi-annual reports must be sent in regularly, in order that they may maintain their legal position.

III.—*Grants and Taxes.*

The Common School Grant to a municipality is divided between the Commissioners and the Trustees in proportion to the number of children attending their respective schools. It is in the interests of dissentients, therefore, to have as large an attendance roll as possible. Great care should be taken by the Secretary-Treasurer in preparing the semi-annual report, to enter all the pupils who have attended schools under the control of the Trustees during the six months, *including Model Schools and Academies.*

The grants to dissentients are usually small, because they form a small proportion of the municipality, and for this reason, I suppose, some sections fail to send any report of their schools to the Superintendent. Now it may be true that the small grant is not worth the trouble involved in making out the report, but the legal standing of the dissentients is worth this trouble and much