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titude of the meeting. The ratepayers present were adopting this method of showing their opinion of the school law. Possibly they did not rightly understand it, and their objections were based on some supposed features which did not really exist. He had arranged to be present for the purpose of explaining the provisions of the Act, but he would not allow himself to address an unorganized meeting. They were numerically strong enough to refuse him a hearing; but he trusted they were not so lacking in moral courage but that they would listen to the truth with open mind. Whereupon he sat down.

After a short pause the School Commissioner was unanimously chosen as chairman of the meeting, and after a few remarks he called on the Inspector to address the meeting. His remarks were substantially as follows:

“It affords me great pleasure to meet you here this evening in this one of the most delightful sections of our county. And I want to tell you that I am fairly well acquainted with every part of it. It was my good fortune last summer, in company