

happen to be sending children to it ; as long as the more wealthy and educated persons in the community look upon the Common Schools as a mere matter of concern for the lower classes, the Common Schools instead of being the best, will be the poorest Schools in the country. But let the leading and most intelligent persons in each Township and Section countenance the Common School, and it will soon become as much better and more respectable than any private School of the same class, as it is more important. The Common Schools will be, as they now are in the New England States, the best and most respectable Schools. It was with a view of securing the influence and co-operation of the leading persons throughout the Province that the Clergy, District Councillors and Magistrates have been created School Visitors by the present School Act. It was thought by some friends of general education that these voluntary visits would be "few and far between ;" but we are happy to find that this provision of the law has not proved a dead letter—that the number of visits has much exceeded what had been anticipated during the first year ; and we doubt not their number will be doubled if not trebled the current year, while the public quarterly examinations of each School will create increased interest in every neighbourhood where they are held.

RESOLUTIONS TO SECURE A PROPER ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL SECTIONS, AND TO ASCERTAIN PUBLIC SENTIMENT ON THE MODE OF SUPPORTING SCHOOLS.

The Council of the Colborne District is adopting a judicious plan of placing the Common Schools within its jurisdiction on the best footing. Proceeding in this spirit and manner, the Schools in that District will soon be placed upon the true foundation of public convenience and support, and the structure of an admirable system of Schools will be reared to the honour of its projectors and the benefit of the rising and future generations. We copy the following Resolutions from a handbill which has been forwarded to us by the District Superintendent, and which the Council has ordered to be printed in large numbers to be filled and put up in various places in each Township of the District.

Resolutions adopted by the District Council of the Colborne District, at the Session held in February, 1848.

RESOLVED,—That the several Councillors of this District, shall hold a Public Meeting in each of their respective Townships, of which meeting at least twelve days' notice shall be given, in three or more of the most public places therein, the objects of which meeting shall be,—

To define, and where it may be considered necessary, to enlarge, unite, or otherwise alter, or if judged expedient, to entirely re-model the several *School Sections* in each Township respectively, and to determine the *sites* of the several *School Houses* in such School Section ; and furthermore,—to enable the District Councillors to ascertain as far as possible, the sentiments of the inhabitants respecting