

practical refutation of all the calumnies which he has heaped upon me for the last twenty years and more, and a proof demonstrative that he does not believe one word of them himself.

E. RYERSON.

Toronto, December 30th; 1868.

*Copy of Letter of Recommendation and Resignation of the Reverend Dr. Ryerson, refused insertion in the Globe.—See pages 31, 32.*

At a meeting of the Educational Committee of the House of Assembly, on Wednesday, the 16th December, Dr. Ryerson addressed the Committee about an hour and a half, and at its conclusion, by the permission of the Attorney-General and the Provincial Secretary, he read to the Committee the following copy of a letter which he had addressed to the Government, in regard to the Department of Public Instruction, and his retirement from it:—

“EDUCATION OFFICE,

“Toronto, 7th Dec., 1868.

“Sir.—I have the honour to submit to the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, what, some three weeks since, I submitted to individual members of the government, namely, that—

‘The Department of Public Instruction shall be under the management of a member of the Executive Council, to be designated ‘Minister of Public Instruction,’ who shall be *ex-officio* member of the Toronto University, and of the Council of Public Instruction, and who, in addition to the powers and functions vested in the Chief Superintendent of Education, shall have the oversight of all educational institutions which are, or may be, aided by public endowment or legislative grant, to inspect and examine, from time to time, personally or through any person appointed by him, into the character and working of such institutions; and by him shall all public moneys be paid in support or aid of such institutions, and to him they shall report at such times and such manner as he shall direct.’

“With a view of giving effect to the foregoing recommendation, I hereby resign into the hands of His Excellency my office as Chief Superintendent of Education, an office which I have filled upwards of twenty four years, during which I have employed my best years and utmost efforts to devise and develop our present system of public instruction, and have been favoured with the cordial support of successive governments and parliaments, and with the liberal co-operation of the people of Upper Canada at large. I shall not dwell upon the developments or characteristics of that system; but I feel thankful that they are such as have received the highest approval, both at home and abroad.