

“fidelity of those who execute them.” The Superintendent, in page 83 of his Report, recommends an important alteration in the powers of dissentient trustees, which, however, he appears to have already neutralized, by the amendment he proposes in page 80, which is to authorise him to refuse to receive a report from School Commissioners, who have not been approved by three visitors, which visitors are by Sec. 33, first, *clergymen or priests*, who are not likely to report favourably of schools they have no religious communion with. It is clear then, that before this Act can be made safe or satisfactory to Protestants, the 26th sec. should be freed from all ambiguity, and more clearly define the duties and privileges of dissentients, there being no safety for them as it, with the 27th and 29th, stand at present.

The 30th section ought to be made imperative, except that all Girls’ Schools, established by religious communities, should be considered as dissentient Schools, and subject to the same regulations, visitations, and control; else, the Protestant inhabitants are called upon to support Schools of a very questionable description, in which anything but an intelligent education, suited to the common affairs of life, is communicated.

The 31st section makes evidently too uncertain an allowance to the Secretary-Treasurer, and one liable to great abuse. It might very beneficially be altered to a certain amount, dependent upon the number of children, and the expences to be under the control of the Commissioners, only such as are allowed by them being to be paid out of the School fund.

The 32d section should prescribe the visits quarterly, and make them compulsory, under a penalty.

The 33d section is a most important one, because it proposes such an oversight of the Schools as shall satisfy the public that they are so conducted, as to answer the purposes for which they are assessed;—and, first, in order to remove all suspicion and apprehension from the minds of the people, should absolutely exclude all priests and ministers of religion, the schools