

ing school for want of proper garments; could the parents of the 316, for whose non-attendance no reason is assigned, be persuaded to act a becoming parental part; could more strenuous and self-denying parental effort be made on behalf of those 263 who are described as "wanted at home;" there would be an addition to the school attendance in this city of 795, nearly 800 children. We could then be more reconciled to the disadvantages endured by the 453 children of school age who are represented as employed, even though we might imagine that some of that number would be more profitably engaged in preparing, at school, for probably higher and more lucrative employment at a future day. The remaining 384, composed of 128 who were sick, 217 who were considered by their parents as too young, or as living too far from school, and 39 who had recently come to the city, need occasion no anxiety on account of their non-attendance at school.

Of the 7876 children of school age in this city who were under instruction during some portion of the six months ending on June 30th, 2971, or about 3000, were on the registers of our schools at any one time. The aggregate number on our registers throughout that period was much larger, but it would certainly include many pupils who were transferred from one school to another, in the course of the six months; many probably who had left the city, after attending at school for a few days or weeks; and not a few who have been removed by