

parents have omitted or neglected to take care that their children were regular in attendance, or properly supplied with the books necessary for their improvement."

But further, my own experience more than corroborates these statements. In my immediate neighbourhood, I should say, the expense of the school upon actual attendance was about £2 10s. per child. While in the village near me the returns, as accurately as I could get them, for the last year but one are as follows: Number of children of school ages 255; the number attending 108, far short of half. The average cost of education per child £1 12s. 3d. And this, be it remembered, is in a large village, where of course the average of expense ought to be much less than in the country. (I have given the attendance from that year's average, as I could not get that of the succeeding year.)

Surely Mr. Editor, Denominational Schools are not going to "cost the people five-fold" *this average*, or verily, I grant, they will be a ruinous affair. Truly, however, I think we need be under no apprehensions but that the ministers and members of the different denominations will manage their schools at least as economically as the Chief Superintendent of Education.

I think I have also fairly shown that Dr. RYERSON'S second assertion—that if Denominational Schools were established "the youth of minor religious persuasions would be left without any means of education save at the expense of their religious faith"—is totally without foundation; since they would be admitted into the schools of the larger denominations without the slightest interference with their own religious principles. Indeed, on the contrary, I have proved, as I stated I would, that such youth would be in a far more desirable condition, as respects their education, than at present: for that they would be members of a school, the intellectual status of which would be more efficiently looked after than under the present system, while its moral securities would be incomparably greater than is possible on the non-religious plan: