

dertake the task of distributing the prizes, consisting of appropriate Books, selected from those circulated by the Diocesan Committee, to the boys and girls, who had most distinguished themselves by general good conduct, regularity of attendance at Church and School, and proficiency in learning.

Soon after this examination, a series of regulations for the government of the Schools, which had been drawn up with much pains and attention by a Committee appointed for that purpose, was presented to the public ; and it is hoped that these regulations have not been without their effect, in the suppression of irregularities, and the encouragement of orderly conduct. To these valuable ends the indefatigable attention of the Ladies, who have been kind enough to act as Visitors, has also essentially contributed ; and the Committee beg publicly to express their grateful sense of the benefits derived by the Institution from their vigilant superintendence.

On the continuance of this watchful attention, on the part of its patrons, the extension of the advantages of the New System, must, in a great measure, depend ; for experience has shown, that, without this, is but too probable, that the Master and Mistress will not do full and complete justice to the merits of the system. Circumstances, indeed, have already occurred, which have operated to the prejudice of the Institution ; but, though the Committee feel it due to the public not to pass these over altogether in silence, it is merely necessary to touch upon them, and to state that they have taken measures, by which they confidently hope, that every obstacle to the future progress of the children and the advancement of the System will be effectually and speedily removed.

The number of children of both sexes at present attending the Central Schools is—boys, 168—girls, 100—Total, 268. The greatest number, who have attended at one time, since the last report, was on