

seven-eighths of the schools are partly; that 1707 schools are entirely free—being an unprecedented increase of 444.

The returns of school houses appear very imperfect, 87 not having been reported at all, there having been reported 39 stone school houses and 110 brick school houses *less in* 1857 than in 1856. The one or the other of these returns must be incorrect. The aggregate number of stone school houses reported was 278; of brick school houses, 240; of frame school houses, 1425; of log school houses, 1542.

As to the *title* of school premises, the number of houses held as *freehold* was 2738—*increase* 301; held by lease, 444—*decrease*, 25; number rented, 147—*decrease*, 178; not reported, 243.

Of the school houses built during the year, 21 were of brick—*increase*, 7; 26 were of stone—*increase*, 20; 55 were frame—*increase*, 3; 27 were log—*decrease*, 47; not reported, 72; total built during the year, 201—*increase*, 8.

The whole number of school visits in 1857, was 49,196—*increase*, 5090. The number of school visits by Local Superintendents, (many of whom are clergymen.) was 7323—*decrease*, 222; by clergymen, 4025—*increase*, 608; by Municipal Councillors, 1704—*decrease*, 44; by Magistrates, 1634—*increase*, 138; by Judges and Members of Parliament, 366—*increase*, 14; by Trustees, 17730—*increase*, 1460; by other persons, 16,325—*increase*, 3136.

The whole number of educational lectures delivered in 1857, was 2540—*increase*, 117; lectures by Local Superintendents, 2245—*increase*, 250; by others, 295—*decrease*, 133.

The average time during which 3458 of the schools were kept open in 1857, has been reported, and is ten months and 6 days—*increase*, 4 days; an average of two months longer than the schools are kept open in either the State of New York or the State of Massachusetts.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

The establishment of the most of these schools is of recent date—since the vehement agitation of the question—the greater part of those established in former years having been discontinued.

The number of Roman Catholic Separate Schools in 1857 was 100—*increase* 10.

The amount apportioned from the Legislative School Grant to those schools was £2,128 15s. 10d.—*increase*, £730 2s. 9d.

The amount raised by local tax on the supporters of Separate Schools was £2599 10s. 7d.—*increase*, £862 19s.

The amount raised by rate-bill on the children attending the Separate Schools was £1,177 14s.—*increase*, £479 14s. 1d.

The amount subscribed by the supporters of Separate Schools was £2,186 1s. 8d.—*increase*, £901 4s. 6d.

Total amount received for the support of Separate Schools was £8,092 2s. 8d.—*increase*, £2,974 0s. 6d., or nearly one-third. This large increase is highly creditable to the supporters of Separate Schools.