

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The average attendance for the whole year was the same as 1879, being 275 in each year.

The early part of the year shewed a considerably decreased attendance, owing to the prevalence of measles and other infectious diseases, which compelled many entire families to be kept from school during a considerable period.

The four months of September, October, November, and December, shew an increase from 320, which was the average per month in 1879, to 351 in 1880.

The highest attendance for 1880 was 405 on the 28th November—for the first time coming up to the long-wished-for 400. The highest previous attendance had been 393, which was on the 16th and 30th November, 1879.

The number of classes is 39, an increase of one over last year.

The number of scholars in actual attendance is about 525; last year it was 490.

The attendance has been steadily improving for the past five years; but the greatest increase in numbers is shewn in the two first months of 1881,—January, 1881, averaging 396, against 353 in January, 1880; February, 1881, averaging 417 against 346 in February, 1880. The last Sunday, 7th March, was 417, against 358 on 6th March, 1880.

The highest number present on any one Sunday during these two months was 427. This increase is owing to the diligence of the Teachers and to their efficiency.

The Rector has a class of Bible students, averaging from 20 to 25 each Sunday, in the Vestry of the Cathedral. Mrs. Baldwin has a class of from 40 to 50 ladies each Sunday, held in the office of the Synod Hall.

It is not possible, in a general report, to particularize each class; but I may mention that the complaint made in the report of last October, of the scarcity of gentlemen teachers, no longer exists. Our classes are now fully provided for both by ladies and gentlemen teachers, whose full classes every Sunday speak more forcibly than any report can do that they teach the Gospel in its fullness. As the only attraction that will permanently bind children to a Sunday School is, that they are well and faithfully taught on Sundays, and well looked after during the week.

The Library is now in working order again. The old books have