

to remain near half the allotted time"; their parents informing the teacher, and he believing the cause of the children's removal is "their having large families to support, coupled with the high rate of living this year." Mr. Gill sustains his statements by a list of thirty-one (31) children who have left his school during this year and the latter part of 1865, for actual employment, containing their names, ages, and occupations.

Miss Armstrong, Head Mistress of the same school, states that "since January thirteen girls, from ten to fourteen years of age, have left the school: six to go to service and seven to various trades." She considers that the principal reason for their having left was "the high price of provisions, and the need felt by the parents, of the children's earnings; and adds that "some mothers are compelled to go out to work in the former part of the day, and so keep their children home until their return, in which cases the children become careless about school, and easily find excuses for not attending in the afternoon." Miss Armstrong also says "that since the termination of the war in the States many families have left in hope of finding more lucrative employment on the other side," and and thinks that "the Fenian excitement has had something to do with the decrease of the numbers."

GEORGE STREET SCHOOL.

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