

For the same reason, the School Population of the City cannot be accurately determined ; but, according to the usual proportion between young persons and adults, it may be estimated at 10,000 for 1858.

From 1844 to 1847, the Schools were carried on under the rate-bill system ; in 1848 and 1849, they were altogether free, but open only for six months in each year ; in 1840, the rate-bill was again resorted to ; and from that time to the present, the Schools have been, and are still, *free to all*.

No. 2.—ABSTRACT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE,

In its general features for 1857.

The number of days the Schools were in actual operation was 223.

The number of Teachers regularly employed throughout the year was 36.

The number of Schools was eight, namely, six large Schools, each having a separate Male and Female Department, subdivided into junior, intermediate, and senior classes ; and two smaller Schools of mixed Boys and Girls.

The whole number of Scholars whose names were entered on the School registers, and who were some time or other at School during the year was 4,543, viz., 2,310 Boys, and 2,233 Girls ; and of these 4,543 Scholars, 699 were present less than 20 days ; 978 between 20 and 50 days ; 1,132 between 50 and 100 ; 749 between 100 and 150 ; 634 between 150 and 200 ; and 233 between 200 and 223 days.

The average attendance, per month, on the register, *i. e.*, those who were at School more or less each month, was 2,480, viz., 1,315 Boys, and 1,165 Girls. Of these 2,480 there were present at School (not reckoning half day absences), every school-day during each month on an average, 571, viz., 361 Boys, and 210 Girls.