

the month ; it was moved by Dr. Ogden, a member of the Board (on Sept. 19th), "That the Committee on School Management be instructed to determine, if possible, the reasons of the continued decrease in the numbers of pupils in attendance on the City Schools, and report to the Board at as early a day as possible."

The Report of the Committee will be found under the heading, "Special Matters Worthy of Record."

In reviewing the attendance for the whole year it is satisfactory to find that, while the aggregate number of pupils on the registers was less by 238 than in 1865 ; the daily average attendance was larger in 1866 than in 1865, to the extent of 143. I regard this fact as furnishing pleasing evidence that no little effort was put forth by the teachers to promote the regular attendance of the registered pupils.

I have the pleasure again to report that the Rev. Mr. Boddy has continued to supply religious instruction at the Park School, on Friday afternoons, his course having been interrupted only during his temporary absence from the city ; and that the Rev. Mr. Baldwin has continued to afford similar instruction at the Victoria Street School, on every Wednesday afternoon.

Brigade Major Denison again furnished, throughout the usual season, suitable instruction in military drill to the senior pupils of the several schools. My conviction of the great benefit of such instruction to the individual, and the community, remains unaltered.