

many previous years. School Testaments to the value of \$21.87, and ornamentally bound Bibles, Testaments and other interesting books to the value of \$153.34:— (total value \$175.21), have been distributed by Mr. Ketchum, or by his agent, the Rev. Dr. Richardson, among the pupils of the several Schools. A copy of a resolution of the Board expressing its sense of Mr. Ketchum's kindness, will be found in its proper place in this Report.

It is with sincere regret that I report, among the occurrences of the year, the serious indisposition of Joshua G. Beard, Esq., for many successive years the honoured Chairman of the Board. A copy of a resolution, expressing the respect and sympathy of the Board for Mr. Beard, will be found under the heading, "Special matters worthy of record"

A special visitation of the City Schools was made by the Standing Committee on School Management, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 3rd and 4th of May, in order that the members of the Committee might personally observe the condition and working of the several Schools. The Committee embodied the results of their observations and enquiries in a special Report to the Board, which, while expressing the satisfaction of the Committee with the general efficiency of the Schools, indicated a few particulars in which in their judgment, improvement was required. On these the Local Superintendent, was directed to report specially in detail, for the information of the Committee; and that officer reported accordingly.

A report on the special report of the Local Superintendent, was subsequently submitted by the Standing

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