

to their children being drilled, but, generally the drill has been equally acceptable and beneficial. It was begun in February and continued until the end of November, when it was suspended, on account of the severity of the weather.

The possibility of communicating religious instruction to the pupils of the City Public Schools, under the existing School Law, has been illustrated by the Rev. Mr. Boddy, Minister of the Church in St. James' Cemetery, at the Park School, during the latter part of the year. By order of the Board of Trustees, the pupils of that school, whose parents are members of the Church of England, are permitted to receive Mr. Boddy's instruction, in a separate room, for one hour in every week. This arrangement first took effect on the 6th of November, and was continued to the end of the year. The action of the Board on the subject was based on an application from Mr. Boddy, and the Report of the Committee on School Management which recommends it, recognizes as advisable, "that the clergy of all Protestant Denominations should be brought into immediate association with the City Schools as much as possible."

At the beginning of the year, and again after the Summer holidays, I deemed it my duty to call the attention of the Board to the over-crowded condition of both the male and female departments of the Louisa-street School, and, in the latter instance, to suggest that a School or Schools be opened in the