

Junior Division, which comprises both boys and girls, in Victoria Street School. Two other Sub-Junior Divisions, one in the Male Department of John Street School, and the other in the Male Department of Phœbe Street School, were placed under the charge of occasional Teachers, and remained so until the end of the year. The aggregate number of pupils entered on the registers of the several schools exceeded by 592 the aggregate number in 1869; the average registered monthly attendance exceeded that of 1869 by 200; and the average daily attendance exceeded that of 1869 by 157.

The unpopular character of the half-day system of attendance in Junior Divisions, which, as an enlightened measure of relief, was introduced into many of the schools in 1869, constrained its abandonment wherever other provision could be made for the reception of younger children both morning and afternoon. In every school in which there was a vacant room or in which a room otherwise used could be adapted to school purposes, additional classes have been formed and the half-day system discontinued. It exists at present only in Louisa Street School, which being situated in the midst of a dense population, is always liable to be crowded with pupils, and especially with younger children; nor can the school premises be enlarged or rendered more commodious. As a necessary sanitary measure, the half-day system is continued in this instance, until further space can be commanded, or temporary accommodation can be found in that locality.

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