

ably proved the stronger argument." "Another cause that has operated against us, in some degree, is the volunteer movement: there are instances where the brothers being sent to frontier duty, the younger lads were taken home to supply the place. Not only have many who took refuge here during the late war returned to their homes, but many of our own population, tempted by high wages, tried their fortunes on the other side, and, after the close of the war, returned for their families."

Miss Morrison reports of the Female Department of this School "that, as the average attendance for the time under view, has been in the Senior Division, only one less than last year, while in the whole Department, it has been larger by two pupils; she feels it unnecessary to offer any further remark."

CENTRE STREET SCHOOL.

Miss McBride, of the Male Department, says that "in her opinion the unhealthy locality of the School, the want of proper School accommodation, and the want of a second Division for the more advanced pupils, are the causes of the greatly diminished school attendance this year." Miss McBride submits "that in June and July, 1865, the average attendance in her room was over 90, and that, during those two hot months, she was frequently obliged to close the back door and windows, on account of the offensive smell from the play ground, while it was impossible to keep the front door or windows open, because of the annoyance of rude boys from the street." "From that time the attendance rapidly diminished; and though the

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