

number in 1870 ; the average registered monthly attendance exceeded that of 1870 by 546 ; and the average daily attendance exceeded that of 1870 by 350.

The cost of the Schools per pupil for the year has been less than in any year since 1853 ; and was, as compared with that of the year 1870, 27 cents, per pupil, less, calculated on the aggregate number registered ; 49 cents, per pupil, less, as per average monthly attendance ; and 40 cents, per pupil, less, as per average daily attendance.

The half-day system of instruction which, at the beginning of the year, notwithstanding much parental dissatisfaction, still lingered in the Junior Division, Male Department, of the Louisa Street School, was discontinued after the summer holidays ; the younger children of that Division, as in other overcrowded Junior or Sub-junior Divisions, being allowed to leave the School at 11 A. M., and at 3 P. M., to their own great relief and to that of their teacher, as well as to the very evident benefit of the elder children, whose remaining hour can be much better improved in the absence of the wearied and restless little ones, whose lessons have already been recited.

The average number of pupils to a teacher was larger in the year 1871 than it has been since the year 1853. It was then 70, and in 1857 it had fallen to 52, but has again risen to 70. Were 70 the actual number in average attendance on each teacher, although considerably too high according to recent estimates on such subjects, it would not be so excessively disproportionate as to do much violence to the general sense of utility and propriety.

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