

death. As then the census comprised all children of school age actually residing in the city, who had been under instruction for some portion of the six months, and was neither intended to include those who had left the city nor to reckon any child more than once, I conclude that the number of children who were on our school registers at any one time represents the portion of the school population of this city which may be fairly regarded as at that time belonging to our schools. That number for the average of the six months contemplated was 2971; for the average of the whole year it was exactly 3000.

This number represents an increase of 175 pupils, in comparison with the average registered monthly attendance for the year 1862, while the increase of the average daily attendance in 1863, as compared with that of 1862, was 112. The increase in the aggregate number of pupils entered on the registers of the several schools in 1863, compared with that of 1862, was 404. The school attendance for the year 1863, was, in fact, the largest which has yet been recorded; that of 1860 having most nearly approached it.

Early in the year 1863, the Board availed itself of the handsome offer of Brigade Major, R. B. Denison, Esq., to receive the senior boys in the City Public Schools under his orders, for the purpose of their being instructed in elementary drill, for one hour in each week. A few parents have objected

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