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FOR
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1865.


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"To make an Annual Report, and submit the same to the Board, at such time as the Board may appoint, in each year, recording the position of the Schools, in regard to statistics, cost, system of teaching, examinations, and such other matters as may be usefuliy discussed and recorded."

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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## LOCAL SUPERIN'İENDENT

OF

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF TORONTO.

Gentlemen,-I have the honour to submit to you the following Report on the Public Schools of this city, for the year 1865.

In all probability, our School population, like our general population, has not much increased during the year. Our aggregate School attendance has slightly exceeded that of 1864, and our average registered monthly attendance has somewhat increased ; but our average daily attendance, especially during the last four months of the year, has been diminished by an unusual prevalence, first of summer complaint, and afterwards of measles, more particularly among the younger pupils. The extreme precaution which is taken in our schools against the spread of any infectious sickness, often operates to our disadvantage in the matter of attendance, as no member of a family in which such sickness is known to exist is allowed to come to school,
while many parents are perhaps needlessly unwilling to send their healthy children, lest they should suffer from intercourse with others.

It is perhaps necessary that, as in former reports, I should again remark on the unfairness of those persons who, in dealing with our school statistics, lay undue stress on the comparison of our aggregate registered number of pupils with the number in daily average attendance. The aggregate number includes for the year 1865, 300 pupils, whose names have been entered on more than one school in the course of the year. It also includes many who left the city after but a few days attendance at school, several who have died, and others who entered when the year was nearly ended. The average registered monthly attendance and the average daily attendance may be properily and usefully compared; and if, for the year 1865, that comparison is not so favourable as for the year 1864, the probable cause of the disadvantage may be found in the wide spread sickness referred to above.

In the month of February, the Standing Committee on Sitesand Buildings, under authority of the Board, completed the purchase of the four lots on Elizabeth and Sayer Streets, on which it was proposed to erect a school building, which, it was hoped, would effectually relieve the pressure that is still felt in the Louisa Street School. The impossibility of providing desk accommodation for the children in the Centre Street School, the more forward pupils from which must therefore be either allowed to wander on the streets, or transferred to other schools, the nearest of which, that at Louisa Street, is already overcrowded, renders the
provision of further school accommodation in the north-west portion of Saint John's Ward a matter of no small importance.

The High School question has been again and earnestly discussed in the course of the year. So far as the interests of boys are concerned, it seems to have been set at rest by the recently enacted Grammar School Law, which, as explained by the Chief Superintendent of Education in his circular addressed to Mayors of Cities, provides that the Grammar School shall become, what it ought to be, a "High School for the City-an intermediate school between the Common Schools and the University,- -preparing pupils to matriculate into the University either in Arts or Law, or in the department of Civil Engineering, providing for intending surveyors their preliminary education, and imparting the higher branches of an English and Commercial Education to those youths whose parents do not wish them to study Greek or Latin." No Public High School education for girls yet exists in this city, the action taken by the Board of School Trustees in that direction, as recorded in my Report for 1864, having been disapproved by the City Council, and not enforced by the Board.

A careful visitation of the several City Schools was made by the Committee on School management, which began on Tuesday, April 4th, and ended on Monday, April 10th, the results of which were on May 3rd submitted by the Committee to the Board in a three-fold report, the first part of which wasentitled "general"; the second,"detailed"; and the third, "special".

On July 19th, the Committee of the Whole reported as follows: "That the Standing Committee on School Management are entitled to the best thanks of this Board for their report, No. 5, and for the careful visitation recently made by the Committee to the several city schools; and that said report be laid on the table ;" which was carried.

A copy of the " general" report of the committee will be found in this report, under the heading "Special matters worthy of record."

On June 28th, Mr. Brooke, a member of the Board, gave notice that he would move for the appointment of a select Committee of five members to report to the Board :

1. Whether the attendance at the Common Schools of this city has kept pace with the population since their establishment in 1844 ?
2. Whether the character of the attendance has or has not deteriorated?
3. What is the cost per child to the city under the present arrangement, (the same to be stated according to the res-

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On July 19th, Mr. Brooke, seconded by Mr. Milligan, moved that Dr. Adams, Mr. Baxter, Mr. William Armstrong, Hon. Mr. McMurrich, and the mover, be the said Committee.

On November 15th, the Renort of the Committee was submitted, read and received, and considered in Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole rose and reported the following resolution :--" That the thanks of the Board be given to the Select Committee for the important report now presented; that this committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again ; and that the Local Superintendent be requested to communicate officially to the Board his views on the severai matters contained in the said report ; "which was adopted on division.

On December 6th, the Local Superintendent suivmitted and read his report, as required, and the same having been referred to the Committee of the Whole, on its sitting again, by adjournment from the last meeting, the action of the Committee of the Whole, finally approved by the Board, without a division, was embodied in the following resolution:

1. "That, in view of all the evidence now before this Board, it is not, in the opinion of the Board, necessary or expedient to adopt the changes suggested in the Report of the Select Committee."
2. "That, in the opinion of this Board, it is of very great importance that means be early adopted for the education of the many untaught children who are now wandering about the streets of our city ; and that it be an instruction
to the Committee on School Management to ascertain what means are practicable, in order to accomplish that object."

A copy of the Report of the Special Committee, also a copy of the Report of the Local Superintendent on the matters therein contained, will be found under the heading, " Special matters worthy of record"

The military drill of the senior pupils of the several schools, for one hour in each week, was resumed during the first week in May, and continued ${ }_{s}^{\pi} u n t i l$ the end of November. Its effects, as heretofore, have been uniformly beneficial.

The Rev. Mr. Boddy has again very kindly furnished religious instruction, during one hour on every Friday afternoon, to those pupils of the Park School whose parents are members of the Church of England ; and a similar good work has been performed by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, at the

To Jesse Ketchum, Esq, the schools are again indebted for 265 copies of the New Testament, (in value $\$ 23.85$,) which are used in school by those of the senior pupils who receive them, while they remain under our care ; and are taken with them, as tokens of Mr. Ketchum's kindness, when they leave school.

The state of the several School Libraries has long occasioned me no little anxiety. On Junei7th, I submitted to the Board a special report concerning them, a copy of which is inserted in this report, under the heading "Special matters worthy of record."

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## I.-SUMMARY OF SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DAYS, TEACHERS, AND ATTENDANCE AND COST OF PUPILS, FOR THE YEAR 1865.

The following summary shows the number of Schools, of days during which the Schools were open, of Teachers, and of Pupils in attendance ; together with the entire cost of the schools for the year, and the cast per pupil.

## 1. Number of Schools.

The number of Schools was nine, (9,) namely, the Palacestreet, George-street, Park, Victoria-street, Louisa-street, Centre-street, John-street, Phœbe-street, and Givins'street School ; each of which has a separate Male and Female Department.

## 2. Number of School Days.

During the six months, ending June 30th - - 121
During the six months, ending December
31st, in which the Summer holidays were included

Total - - - . $\quad 219$

## 3. Number of Teachers.

There have been employed by the Board during the year :

| Head Masters | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Male Assistant | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Head Mistresses | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |

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\begin{array}{rccccc}
\text { Senior Female Assistants } & - & - & - & - & - \\
\text { Junior Female Assistants } & - & - & - & - & -11 \\
\text { Total } & - & - & - & - & - \\
40
\end{array}
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N.B.-Ten Female Teachers have also been occasionally employed, on account of the sickness of any of the regular
Teachers.

For particulars, see Appendix I. (Table A.)
4. Number of Pupils.

The aggregate number of pupils entered on the Registers of the several Schools, during the year, was,

Males

| Females | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2998 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | - | - | - | - | 2728 |  |
|  | Total, | - | - | - | - | 5726 |  |

Increase, as compared with 1864,-176.
N.B.-For particulars, see Appendix I. (Table B.)

Of these there attended as follows, viz. :
Less than 20 days, - - - 784
From 20 to 50 " - - - . 1098
" 50 to 100 " - . . . 1453
" 100 to 150 " - - . . 1051
" 150 to 200
864

Total, - $\quad \overline{5726}$
N.B.-For analysis, see Appendix I. (Table C.)

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The following is the number of pupils who were transferred to any school trom any other of the City Schools, during the year 1865, and whose names appear on the register of more than one school :

MALES. FEMALEg. TOTAL.

| Palace Street | 3 | 8 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| George " | - 22 | 6 | 11 |
| The Park | - 21 | 11 | 38 |
| Victoria Street | - 23 | 4 | 27 |
| Louisa " | - 40 | 38 | 78 |
| Centre " | - 12 | 15 | 27 |
| John | - 26 | 8 | 34 |
| Phœbe | - 19 | 9 | 28 |
| Givins' | - 23 | 12 | 35 |
| Totals, | 189 | 111 | 300 |

The average registered monthly attendance was,

| Males, | - | - | - | - | - | - | $1730{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{T}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Females, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15171 I |

Increase, as compared with $1864,-126 \frac{9}{\mathrm{~T}}$.
N.B.-For particulars, see Appendix I. (Table D.)

The average of average monthly attendance was,


Increase, as compared with $1864,-68 \frac{1}{\text { IT }}$.
N.B.-For particulars, see Appendix I. (Tables D. and E.)

The average daily attendance was,

| Males, | - | - | - | - | - | $1226 \frac{76}{7 \frac{79}{19}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Females, | - | - | - | - | - | $10255_{218}^{78}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $22511_{294}^{959}$ |

Decrease, as compared with 1864,-149.
The average attendanee of pupils were,
Males,
Females, - - - - - 392
Total, - - 781
Increase, as compared with $1864,-59$.
The average half-day absences were,

| Males, | - | - | - | - | - | $81^{\frac{88}{219}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Females, | - | - | - | - | - | $77 \frac{119}{19}$ |
|  |  | Total, | - | - | $158 \frac{19}{219}$ |  |

Increase, as compared with $1864,-8$.

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The average late attendances were.
Males,

| Females, | - | - | - | - | - | $166_{2}^{203}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | - | - | - | $156 \frac{11}{119}$ |  |
|  |  | Total, | - | - | $323 \frac{1}{21909}$ |  |

Increase, as compared with 1864,-15.
The smallest attendance, on any one day, in the several Schools, during the year 1865, was,

| Palace-street, July 12th, | $\begin{gathered} \text { Males. } \\ 26 \end{gathered}$ | females. <br> 30 | total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| George " " | 122 | 115 | 56 |
| The Park," " | 68 | 115 | 237 |
| Victoria-street, " | 103 | 124 | 127 |
| Louisa " | 144 | 133 | 277 |
| Centre " " | 30 | 25 | 55 |
| John-street, Jan. 4th, | 83 | 57 | 140 |
| Phœebe " July 12th, | 89 | 134 | 223 |
| Givins’ " Jan. 5th, | 53 | 34 | 87 |
|  | 718 | 736 | 1454 |
| Smallest attendance in 1864, | 770 | 759 | 1529 | the 12th whit the day on which the Schools were re-opened, after the Winter holidays ; and in one, on January 5th.

The largest attendance at the several Schools in the year 1865 , was,

| Palace-street, | April 12th, | males. | females. | total. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| George "" | May 1st, | 229 | 92 | 207 |
|  |  |  |  | 184 |
|  |  |  |  |  |


| The Park, | March 29th, | 183 | 136 | 319 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Victoria-street, May 15th, | 219 | 192 | 411 |  |
| Louisa ". May 15th, | 279 | 269 | 548 |  |
| Centre ". | May 3rd, | 87 | 105 | 192 |
| John "" April 3rd, | 142 | 113 | 255 |  |
| Phœbe " $\quad$ June 12th, | 197 | 215 | 412 |  |
| Givins' ". Sept. 13th, | 93 | 79 | 172 |  |
|  |  | 1544 | 1385 | 2929 |
| Largest attendance in 1864, |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1464 | 1367 | 2831 |  |

The largest attendance at the several Schools ranged from March 29th to September 13th, and occurred in one instance in March ; in two instances in April ; in four in May ; in one in June, and in one in September.

## 5. Cost of the Schools.

Regarding the total cost of the Schools for the year as $\$ 26,448.80$, then the cost per pupil, calculated as per aggregate number of pupils registered,
was,
$\$ 462$
As per average registered monthly attendance,
was
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As per average daily attendance, was - 1175
Should we, however, deduct from the gross estimate, the annual interest on sites, buildings, and furniture, namely, $\$ 5,356.80$, then the difference, $\$ 21,092.00$, will represent
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For the net cost of the Schools for the year 1865, which will be only $\$ 9.37$ per pupil, in average daily attendance.
N.B.-See also Appendix I. (Table H.)

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## II. SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION.

Subjects of instruction, and number of Pupils engaged at some time during the year in the study of each : In Reading, namely, First National Reader Second - - $\quad$ - $\quad 1688$ Third - - $\quad-\quad$ - $\quad 1566$
Fourth - - - - 1253
Fifth - -

-     - 505In Arithmetic,
English Grammar, ..... 4547
General Geography, ..... 2379
Canadian Geography, ..... 5330
History, ..... 1678
Writing, (not including writing on slates, ${ }^{-}$ ..... 2240
Book-keeping, ..... 3202
Mensuration, ..... 52
Algebra, ..... 86
Geometry, ..... 170
Natural Philosophy, ..... 179
Vocal Music, ..... 72
Linear Drawing, ..... 1789
Needlework, (Girls) ..... 136
For particulars, sce Appendix I. (Table F.)
III. SCHOOL BOOKS IN USE.The books used have been the National Readers;

Sullivan's Spelling Book Superseded ; Sangster's Elemen-
T'h tary Arithmetic ; Lennie's English Grammar ; Sullivan's Introduction to Geography ; Campbell's School Geography and Atlas ; Edwards' Summary of English History ; The National Book-keeping; The National Mensuration ; Colenso's Algebra; and various editions of Euclid's Elements.

All the Schools are amply provided with Blackboards and Maps.

## IV. SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The number of volumes in the School Libraries, at this date, is -

| Male Departments | - | - | - | 1345 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Female Departments | - | - | - | 668 |
| Total, | - | - | - | 2013 |

The number of volumes taken out during the year, was,

| Male Departments | - | - | - | 3177 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Female Departments | - | - | - | 1193 |
| Total, | - | - | - | 4370 |

For particulars, see Appendix I. (Table G.)

## V. LECTURES.

The Annual Lecture, required by law, was delivered by . the Local Superintendent, in each of the six large Schoolhouses and in the Palace-street School-house, during the latter part of October and the earlier part of November.
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The subject was "Our City Schools; with remarks on certain recently published mis-statements concerning them." The attendance was better than usual, and the Lecture was favourably received.

## VI. EXAMINATIONS.

The three usual Examinations were held in the course of the year, namely, the Combined Examination of pupils selected from each Division of each Department of the several Schools, and the Summer and Winter Examinations of all the Schools.

## 1. the combined examinations.

This Examination took place, by order of the Board (on the recommendation of the Committee on School Management,) at the Victoria-street School-house, on Monday, the 17th of July. The examiners were the Rev. Wm. Gregg, M.A., and the Rev. A. Wickson, LL.D., Head Master of the Toronto Grammar School. As on former similar occasions, the pupils examined were three individuals from each division of each department, male and female, of the several schools, selected by their respective teachers for their general proficiency combined with uniformly good conduct, and approved by the Local Superintendent. They were classed, for the purpose of examination, according to the Divisions to which they belonged in their several schools, as First (or Junior,) Second (or Intermediate,) and Third (or Senior.) There was an exception to this arrangement, in the case of the Female Departments of the Park and John-street Schools, each of which consists of
but two Divisions, (Senior and Junior,) the pupils of the Senior Divisions of which were, therefore, examined as against each other in Third (or Senior) Division work.

There was another exception, in the case of the Palacestreet and Givins'-street Schools, which also have only two Divisions each (Senior and Junior) in either Department, but the pupils of the Senior Divisions of these Schools were not only examined as against each other, but also as against the senior pupils of the larger Schools.

The Examination was partly oral, and in part was conducted by means of printed questions, copies of which will be found in Appendix II. (A.)

For list of pupils arranged in order of merit, who, on the recommendation of the Examiners, received Scholarships, Prizes, or Certificates, see Appendix II. (B.)

As recommended by the Committee on School Management, it was ordered by the Board, that a Public Meeting for the distribution of Scholarships, Prizes, and Certificates of Honour, recommended by the Examiners, be held in the St. Lawrence Hall, on the evening of Friday, July 28th, the arrangements for which should be similar to those of former years. The Mayor of the City, was, as usual, invited to preside and to distribute the honours to the successful candidates. His worship however, being unavoidably absent from the City, his place was occupied by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Hon. John McMurrich.
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The Common Council of the City having made a grant for the year in aid of the County Grammar School, the Mayor, on behalf of the Common Council, was pleased to accept, as beneficiaries of the City, seven of the Senior pupils of the City Schools, who were recommended by the Examiners for such special distinction, and were nominated accordingly by the Board of School Trustees.

The following is a copy of the report of the meeting, as furnished by the Globe newspaper of Saturday, July 29th, which includes the Report of the Examiners at the Combined Examination. A copy is appended of the Report of Dr. Wickson, Rector of the Grammar School, on the conduct and progress of the boys under his charge who had previously been recipients of City Scholarships.

## THE CITY SCHOOLS.

annual public meeting.

A Public Meeting for the purpose of reading the Report of the Examiners, and for the distribution of Scholarships and other Prizes, to the several pupils entitled to receive them, took place last evening in the St. Lawrence Hall. Upon the platform were the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rev. Dr. Willis, Rev. Dr. c

Wickson, Rev. Mr. Porter, Rev. Mr. Frazer, from England, and Messrs. C. W. Cooper, G. A. Barber, C. R. Brooke, W. and R. Armstrong, J. Greenlees, and A. Jardine.

Hon. Mr. McMurrich, was chosen to preside. In taking the position, he remarked that he very much regretted the absence of the Mayor from the city, whose duty and pleasure it would otherwise have been to preside upon the occasion. For his own part, he was happy to be. able to congratulate the citizens of Toronto upon the noble Common Schools which they possessed. (Applause.) They had reason to be proud of them, and thankful for them. Those who were best acquainted with their operation knew how to appreciate the great and noble work which they were performing for the people, and lor the youth attending them. The common schools in Toronto numbered nine in all. Three of them were very large, handsome buildings, well ventilated, and the comfort and covenience of the pupils in every way provided for. In the Ward of St. John they had been obliged to resort to the use of an additional building to relieve the over-crowded state of Louisa-street School, and he believed that if they had another school house in that populous quarter of the city, double the number would be in attendance that there was at present. The number of children attending the common schools of Toronto was in the aggregate, 5,550 . The monthly register of attendance showed 3,121, and the average daily attendance was 2,400. That did not seem a large number compared with the population of the city, but it must be reattending the Roman Catholic Separate Schools, besides

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the numerous private schools that existed in almost every portion of the city. The total cost of the schools for the past year had been $\$ 26,187$. The cost per pupil, taking the aggregate number, had been $\$ 4.70$; taking the average monthly attendance, $\$ 8.39$, and taking the average daily attendance $\$ 10.91$. The average monthly attendance was the correct basis to take, which gave $\$ 8.39$ as the cost of educating each scholar for twelve months. Deducting, however, the appropriation towards the interest and sinking fund for the cost of the buildings, and the $\$ 3,000$ received from Government, and they had $\$ 1 \ddot{3}, 720$ left as the total cost of the year's education to the city. Every effort was being made by the Board of Trustees for reducing the expenses still further, if that could be done without interfering with the efficiency of the Schools. He should, for himself, like to see an improvement in one direction, and that was in relation to educating the poor neglected ones who were daily found upon the streets instead of in the school-room. He was not sure that if they could have the power granted them of compelling that class of children to attend school, it would answer to enforce that power, because he thought it might drive an equal number out of the schools. He thought it would be advisable to have a combination of the free and rate-bill systems--a rate-bill for those who preferred paying it for the sake of having superior schools, and free schools tor the poor ragged ones. He was himself as much as anybody opposed to the common school system before it became the law of the land, but as the people preferred it, he had made up his mind to take hold of it, and try to make it as useful as possible. He did not approve of any agitation for a rate-bill in
opposition to the present free school system, but thought they might be combined together to much advantage in Toronto. Some years ago it was thought by leading educational men of Toronto, that it would be advantageous to have the grammar and common schools more nearly related to each other. The grammar school, he said, was one of the four grammar schools first established, and which were, for a long period, the only ones in the Province. It received its support, at present, from four different sources--from the Government, from the County Council, from the City Corporation, and from school fees. With a view of giving the Corporation a greater interest in the institution, the plan of giving scholarships in it as premiums to the common school scholars, had been adopted. At first, fourteen scholarships were granted, each for one year, but subsequently, in 1860, the number the scholarship extended to two years. These handsome prizes had stirred up both pupils and teachers, as was evident from the great progress making in the schools from year to year. The Rector of the school had given a very complimentary account of the manner in which those pupils behaved themselves in that school, and in some instances, where it was thought to be deserved, the time had been extended over the two years. In concluding, he asked the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Barber, to read to the meeting, first the report of the. Rector with regard to the conduct of the boys sent last year, and then the report of the Examiners of the City Schools. (Applause.)

Mr. Barber, before proceeding, with the reports, remarked, that he had sent out invitations to 125 prominent
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citizens, clergymen, and others, soliciting their attendance upon the platform, and had to regret that other official duties, or absence from town, had prevented so many of them from attending. He then read Rev. Dr. Wickson's report in reference to the city boys of the Grammar School, which spoke of their conduct, industry, and progress in flattering terms. He next read the report of the examiners as fullows :-

## REPORT OF EXAMINERS AT THE COMBINED EXAMINATION OF TORONTO COMMGN SCHOOLS.

The examiners beg to report, that they have examined 132 pupils selected from the different schools. The result of the examination they now submit.

## FIRST DIVISION.

From this division fifty-four pupils presented themselves for examination. Of these, twelve came from Palace and Givins'-street Schools, in which there are only two divisions, taught by two teachers. These where ezamined against each other. The pupils from Palace-street excelled in arithmetic. Those from Givins'-street in reading and spelling. Neither did well in geography. The examiners recommended prizes and certificaies of honour to be given to the following :- .

Prizes-1. Jannet Henderson, Givins'-street, 2 Skane Low, Palace Street ; Ann Wright, Givins'-street ; Arthur
Boyd, Givins'-street.

Certificates-3. Inez McLaughlin, Palace-street ; Emma Lane, Palace-street.

The remaining forty-two pupils came in equal numbers from George, Park, Victoria, Louisa, Centre, John and Phœbe-streets, and were examined orally, like the preceding, in reading, spelling, arithmetic, and geography.

The reading generally was very fair ; that in George, Louisa and Victoria, the best. The spelling was very

## SECOND OR INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONS,

Of this division, 30 pupils were examined as competitors in reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography and history.

The reading was generally very good,Louisa and Phœbestreets, the best. Spelling was generally good, Georgestreet and the Park, the best. The writing was very good, the Park, Victoria, Louisa and George-streets, the best. In arithmetic, there were great varieties, the Park and Victoria, the best. The grammar was but middling, George and Victoria, the best. Geography was very good, the Park, Victoria and George-street, the best. History good, the Park, Victoria and Louisa the best.

The examiners recommended that prizes and certificates of honour be given to the following :-

Prizes-1, Henry Davis, Park-street. 2, William Monro, Victoria-street. 3, Frederick Wood, Park Scbool. 4, John H. Day, George-street. 5, Joseph Dawson, Victoria-street. 6, Thomas M. Smith, George-street. 7, Georgina Winsor, Victoria.

Certificates-8, W. P. Elliott, Louisa-street. 9, Lyman Miller, George-street, and A. F. Middleton, Louisa-street. 10. Rowland Carter, Louisa-street. 11, Bessie Cline, George-street, and Jemima Robertson, Victoria School.

Of the second division, six pupils from the Park and John-street were competitors.

They generally did well in all the branches except
arithmetic, grammar, definitions and derivations. The
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Prizes.-1, Sarah Hawthorn, the Park School. 2, Elizabeth Ryrie, Park School.

Certificate.-3, Georgina Morris, John-street.
It was arranged that six pupils from this division of the Palace-street School should be examined against an equal number from Givins'-street. The latter pupils were found to be fully equal to the senior pupils from the other schools. The Palace-strect pupils were therefore left to be examined by themselves. They did well in reading, writing and spelling, but not so well in the other branches.

The examiners recommended prizes to be given to the following :-

Prizes.-1, John Treloar, Palace-street. 2, W. S. Gill,
Palace street. THIRD OR SENIOR DIVISION.

The subjects of examination in this division were reading, writing, spelling, definitions and derivations, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, mensuration, algebra, and geometry. The senior pupils of Givins'-street School, in
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which there are only two divisions, were sent to be examined as against those of the Palace-street School, similarly situated, but having, notwithstanding supposed disadvantages, acquitted themselves not less creditably than any other school, are classed with the rest.

The reading in most of the schools was very fair--that in George, Victoria, and Louisa, the best. Jennie Spink, of George-street, was the best reader. The writing was very good-that in Victoria and Phobe, the best. The best specimens were those of James Matthew, Givins'street; James F. Marshall, George-street ; and James Rogers, Phobe-street. Spelling was remarkably good-Givins'-street and the Park, the best. With few exceptions, the answers in definitions and derivations were not very good. In arithmetic there were great varieties--Louisa and George-streets, the best. Grammargenerally not very good-George-street and Victoria, the best. Geography was fair-Givins'-street, George, and Louisa, the best. History was very fair-Louisa, Givins', and the Park, the best.

In the departments of mensuration, algebra, and geometry, the girls were not expected to answer. Some of them however, wrote good papers on Algebra. The papers of the boys in mensuration were not good. Many in algebra, were excellent--George-street and Givins'-street, the best. James Wardlaw, of George-street, and James F. Mitchell, of the Park, did all the questions. In geometry, also, many did very well-Givins'-street and the Park, the best. James F. Mitchell, of the Park, and William H. Dean, and John G. Keeler, both of Givins'-street, did all the propositions.

It was remarked in last year's report, that on the whole the answering of the girls, in the departments in which they were examined, was decidedly superior to that of the boys. This year, the boys and girls have answered about equally

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Certificates.-8, Mary Maugham, Victoria-street. 9, Augusta Roddy, George-street.

The Examiners have to observe, in conclusion, that there seems to be a general improvement in the answering of the pupils, especially on the part of the boys.

As on previous occasions, they derived valuable assistance from the Rev. James Porter, the Local Superintendent.

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Toronto, July 19, 1865.

The report was received with applause, and the distribution of the scholarships, prizes, and honour cards was then proceeded with, the pupils being called upon the platform in groups, according to the reward to be given. In presenting them the chairman addressed to the recipients appropriate remarks, calculated to urge them on to still greater attainments and honours in their studies and through life. It was a most pleasing sight to a disinterested beholder, and one highly gratifying to the parents and friends of the girls and boys, to see them come forward to the platform, one by one, as their names were called, in full view of the whole assembly, to receive their prizes, and march off with them to their seats amid the applause of the audience. The books distributed were all got up in most handsome style, and many of their recipients exhibited the value they
attached to them by taking them at once to their friends in the audience for examination. On the girls side of the hall, one of the most valuable prizes was carried off by a young lady of African descent ; and on the other side, a little boy from the Protestant Orphan's Home, occupied an honourable place among the prize takers. The interesting ceremony concluded, the chairman introduced

Rev. Dr. Willis, Principal of Knox's College, who expressed himself as having been so much gratified and interested with the proceedings that he had almost forgotten his purpose of remaining only three-quarters of an hour, in order to be present at another meeting, and was there still. It was one of the most pleasant evenings, to him, that he ever spent in the city. Three or four classes of people, at least, had been made happy by the proceedings of the evening. There were, in the first place, the young people, whose happiness no one could doubt. Secondly, their parents and friends ; thirdly their teachers, and fourthly, all others connected with the common school system of education in an official manner in the city, such as the Chairman, the Superintendent of Education, the Local Superintendent, the School Trustees, \&c. He had himself attended some of the examinations, and had been gratified with the attention paid to orthography. When he first came to Canada, he was very much struck with the want of proper education in orthography. It was a great blessing to be able to read God's Word, and he trusted the children would not fail to read that book often, and seek to turn the information they had acquired to good purpose, in endeavouring to leave the world better than they found it. It had been charged that many pupils of the common
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schools had turned out badly, but he thought that in every case that would be found the exception, and not the rule.

Rev. Dr. Ryerson, was next called upon, and said he was sorry that so many who would have taken pleasure in being present, had been prevented from attending. The chairman remarked that besides the common schools there were numerous private schools, to which he would add, that there was the Grammar School and the Upper Canada College, and the Model School, all of which took part in educating the youths of Toronto. He called attention to the fact, that it was competent for the people of every locality to determine for themselves whether they wonld have the common school system, or, after adopting it, whether they would have a rate-bill school. There was one town in Canada that has never adopted the common school system, and it now desired to adopt it, but through some provision of its Act of Incorporation, it could not do so without a special act. Almost everything in reference to education was in the hands of the people, no application to the Government being necessary. As to prizes, he took pleasure in saying that during the past two months, upwards of twenty townships had sent sums of from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 20$ to him for prizes, to be distributed at competition examinations of the children of the whole township, and he was happy to see that the same principle was being adopted in some counties. He congratulated the city of Toronto that they had adopted the plan, and found it work so well, of appealing to the love of approbation of the children-a principle lying deep within the human constitution, and acted upon in all the colleges, in military life, and in all
well regulated families. It was to be remembered, that these prizes were given for general progress in all the branches of education, and not for what was called mere book reading. Every competitor had to be diligent, punctual, and of good general character. It was also worthy of remark, that these principles applied equally to all classes of people, high or low, rich or poor. It was the same feeling that led the soldiers of England to scale the heights of Alma, that was appealed to in the granting of those prizes. The more this feeling was appealed to, awakened and properly directed, the more would society be elevated to what it ought to be. It had helped materially in raising the standard of general education in Canada, under the common school system. Canada was much in advance of the mother country in her school system. All that could be done in England was through denominational channels. He was thinking that if every corporation in England, were to contrive to afford encouragement to the educational interests of England, such an improvement in educating the masses could soon be made as had been made in Canada. Within the past few months he had sent out not less than 18.000 volumes, to be distributed as prizes throughout the country schools of Canada. He hoped that they would all try to adopt the principle of not depending on mere book learning, but educating the whole mind, and leading the pupils to think. In conclusion, he would say that they had on the platform a gentleman, the Rev. Mr. Fraser, who was deputed by the English Government to visit Canada. in the interest of improving middle-class education in England, from whom, if he would be kind enough to gratify them, he was sure the audience would like to hear.
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Rev. Mr. Fraser said that at the urgent solicitation of his friend, Rev. Dr. Ryeron, he had consented to make a few remarks. He had been sent to America by a commission appointed by the Queen, to inquire into and, if possible, improve the system of schools for the education of the sons and daughters of the middle-classes of England. Those schools were at present in a very unsatisfactory condition. Some of them were Grammar Schools founded two hundred years ago, in which verỳ little improvement upon old methods had taken place. Another class of schools was supported by joint stock associations, and a third were denominated Private Venture schools. He had been but a week in Canada, but had spent three months in the United States, in different parts, examining the working of their school systems. He found his visit here rather inopportune, on account of the vacations, and was afraid he would only have a month to spend in the Province. It was his intention to be present at the Provincial Teachers'Association, which commences in this cityshortly, and to visit as many of the schools through the country as possible. very light, after having come from New York, where it was $\$ 20$ per scholar. Knowing something of the cost of other descriptions of schools, he could say that, to him, the expense of the common school education seemed very light. Again, in measuring the expense of different systems, one must remember the old maxim, that there is a sort of economy which is penny-wise and pound-foolish, which looks after cheese-parings and potato-peelings, and takes no notice of great oceans of waste in other parts of the establishment. And, in looking at what their schools cost,
they should consider also what they saved in policemen, gaols, penitentiaries, poor-houses, \&c. (Hear, hear.) He believed the efficient masters of Louisa-street and Victoriastreet schools, which he had visited yesterday, were worth nearly a hundred policemen. Another objection to the American and Canadian system, which he had heard before coming here was, that it was a godless system, by which it was meant that the teaching of religion was excluded from those schools. He must say that he, for one, as a clergyman of the Church of England, did regret that in the United States and here, it was not possible to introduce something more of direct religious teaching-he did not mean sectarian or even doctrinal teaching, but something to bring children more under spiritual influences, and to make them realize their relations to God their Father, Christ their Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit their Sanctifier. But the blame for the exclusion of religious teaching must not be thrown on the school system-it was the Christian communities which could not agree among themselves, that must bear the burden and the blame of that. (Hear, hear.) It bad struck him as a remarkable thing, in looking over the report of the Local Superintendent for 1864, that even the provisions of the law which allowed a very considerable proportion of religious instruction to be given in their schools, were rarely complied with. And he was told as a fact, that, though every school in this city was open to the teaching of ministers of religion for one hour of the week, and that one of the school hours, if they chose to come and occupy it, there were only two ministers of religion in this city who used the opportunity thus placed within their reach. He concluded, therefore, that it was
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not for clergymen, to whom the doors of the schools were open but who did not enter them, to turn round and say the system was godless and irreligions. (Applause.) Mr. Fraser went on to remark, that even the mere cultivation of the intellect was favourable to religion rather than otherwise, and that if religious differences did not allow much religious teaching to be given in the common school, the cultivation which the intellect of the child received in the day school made it more fit for profiting by the instructions of the Sabbath School teacher, and the ministrations of the pulpit. He proceeded to express his high opinion of the excellence of the Canadian educational system as a whole, some parts of which he thought might be transferred with advantage to the mother country, and concluded with some eulogistic remarks on the energy and ability which had been displayed by the Chief Superintendent in bringing it to its present state of completeness. He resumed his seat amid loud cheers.

Rev. Dr. Fuller being next called upon, addressed the meeting briefly. He said he had entered the hall during that portion of the chairman's speech, in which he said the school system had not as yet succeeded in reaching the lowest class of the community. Some years ago, when visiting the Penetanguishene Reformatory, he (Dr. F.) was struck by the fact, of which he was there informed, that, out of 92 inmates of that institution, 72 professed to be Protestants, although he knew the country well enough to know that the majority of the class from which offenders of that kind generally came, were not Protestants but Roman Catholics. He felt, therefore, that there must be a
deficiencysomewhere in our system, in so far as it did not reach the lowest class of the community, and be quite agreed with the remarks of the chairman on that point. The Rev. Dr. went on to address some words of encouragement to the children, showing that the highest positions in the land were open to industry, ability and merit, and might be won by the poorest boys now before him, and was warmly applauded as he resumed his seat.

The Chairman said he had received no other names of speakers, but if any other gentleman wished to address the meeting, he would now have an opportunity.

Rev. Dr. Ryerson availed himself of this opportunity to allude to a point which he had previously omitted. He urged the importance of having, in a city like Toronto, a High School, in which the common school education might be carried to its highest perfection. He thought, for that purpose, one of the Ward Schools might be selected, to which pupils might be drafted from the other schools, and carried to a much higher stage of advancement than could be attained in the ordinary common schools.

Mr. C. W. Cooper, barrister, next availed himself of the chairman's invitation. He spoke of the pleasure it had given him to witness the interesting proceedings of the evening, and said he had listened with especial interest to the remarks of the Rev. gentleman, from England. He particularized some points in that gentleman's speech, which were very suggestive of matter for reflection, particularly his observations on religious teaching, which, he thought, supplied an effective answer to the position which
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Mr. R. Armstrong, one of the School Trustees, also spoke briefly. He claimed for the Board, that they had attended well to the educational interests of the community, and that they had kept down the expenses as much as possible.

The benediction was then pronounced, by Rev. Dr. Fuller, and the meeting separated.

## REPORT OF REV. DR. WICKSON.

Toronto Grammar School,
July 19, 1865.
To the Trustees of the Public Schools of the City of Toronto:
Gentlemen,---I beg leave, in accordance with established usage, to present the following report of those boys formerly pupils in the public schools, who during the past year attended.thisinstitution. Of those to whom sholarships were awarded at the examination in 1863 and in 1864, the whole number, with the exception of two, viz : John Brown and James Boomer, were present during the session, and in addition to these, Alfred Baker and W. Coulter, scholars of previous years, who were kindly permitted by the trustees of this school to continue their studies with the same privilege as before the expiration of their term.

I am happy to be able to refer to these boys in terms of commendation. Several of them maintained the foremost rank in their several classes during the year, and highly distinguished themselves at the examination, by carrying off a goodly share of the prizes and honours.

Their conduct has for the most part been very satisfactory.

> I have the honor to remain,

Your most obedient,

## AR'THUR WICKSON, LL.D.

## 2. the usual summer examination.

The usual Summer Public Examination of all the City Schools, was held on Thursday, the 27th of July, as ordered by the Board. The attendance of visitors was small in the morning, but large in the afternoon. At the close of the Examinations, the Local Trustees distributed to male punils 122 , and to female pupils 122 , total 244 Certificates of Honour, for regularity and punctuality of attendance, combined with uniformly good conduct, throughout the Session, which began on Wednesday, January 4th, and ended on the day of the Examination.

A summary of the Certificates distributed in the several schools will be found in Appendix II. (C.)
3. the usual winter examination:

The Winter Public Examination of the Givins'-street School, as ordered by the Board, took place on Thursday, Dec. 21st, and that of all the other City Schools on Friday, Dec. 22nd. There were distributed in the several Schools 460 Certificates of Honour, namely, 214 in the male departments, , and 246 in the female departments, for regularity and punctuality of attendance combined with uniformly good conduct, throughout the Session, which began on Monday, September 4th, and ended on the day of the Examination. The attendance of parents and visitors was, as usual, small in the forenoon, but much more numerous in the afternoon.

A summary of the Certificates distributed in the several Schools will be found in Appendix II. (D.)

It will be remembered that the Term which precedes the Winter Examination is of but four months' duration, while that which precedes the Summer Examination lasts for seven months, including the coldest and warmest school months in the year. It is evident, therefore, that the test of regularity and punctuality of attendance is much more severe in the longer term than in the shorter ; and hence arises the fact that the Certificates of Honour distributed after the Examinations, are much more numerous in the winter than in the summer.

## VII. SPECIAL MATTERS WORTHY OF RECORD.

1. PURCHASE OF LOTS ON ELIZABETH AND SAYER-STREETS.

On February 15th, Mr. Jardine, seconded by Mr. Greenlees, moved as follows: "Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Sites and Buildings be authorized by the Board to complete the arrangements, for the purchase for school purposes, of the four lots on Elizabeth and Sayerstreets, Ward of St. John, on the terms offered to this Board last year," which resolution, having passed the Board, has been duly carried into effect.
2. ONE ATTENDANCE AT SABBATH SCHOMOL PIC NIC
SANCTIONED.

On March 1st, pursuant to notice, Mr. Jardine, seconded by Mr. Greenlees, moved, and it was resolved by the Board, "That the children attending the several Public

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Schools under the control of the Board, beg to report as follows, viz :-

## First, General Report.

The Public Schools of this City were established in 1844 ; and have consequently been in operation 21 years. During this period no official general inspection has been made by the various Boards, until last year. This has doubtless had a depressing effect upon Teachers, many of whom have laboured to the very best of their ability, and with a conscientious zeal which deserves the commendation of the Board and of the public, in whose service some have spent the best portion of their lives. The Schools have indeed been visited at various times by individual members of the Board, who have, for the most part, walked through the departments, without coming into direct personal contact with the system. They have thus obtained, it is true, some slight appreciation of the general excellence of the system adopted, but have not had the opportunity of actually mastering its details. Efforts have also been made, at different times, to create a spirit of emulation, and to rouse both Teachers and Pupils to redoubled exertions, by the establishment of Combined Examinations, in which certain Schools are brought into comparison with others of the same grade-by the granting of Certificates of Honour and Prizes to successful candidates-by the founding of Grammar School Scholarships for the boys, and the presentation of these distinctions at a public meeting. Still, your Committee deemed that all had not been done that was possible to be accomplished; and, therefore, in May, last year, as a preliminary step, they
determined to make a combined visitation of the Schools, with the view of ascertaining for themselves the actual condition of their trust. The result of their observations was duly reported to the Board at the time, and subsequent action taken thereupon.

That Visitation was so beneficial to the Schools, and was so interesting, as well as instructive, to those who took occupied five entire days; it has embraced every division in each School, and has been conducted with more definite objects in view, as well as with greater care and preparation.

There are altogether 9 Schools under this Board; and the Committee found, in actual attendance, 2,708 pupils (an average of 300 to each building), who are classified into three divisions-Primary, Intermediate, and Senior.

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| Senior | $"$ | .$،$ | $\ldots .382$ | 296 | 678 |

They are taught by 40 Teachers, viz., 14 Primary, 10 Intermediate, and 16 Senior.

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Each of these Divisions is again sub-divided into classes, according to attainment, viz :

The Primary, generally into 5,6 or 7 classes.

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| Senior |  | " | 2 or 3 | " |

It will be observed that the Primary and Intermediate Divisions comprise about three-fourths of the whole number of Pupils ; and the efficiency of the Senior Divisions very greatly depends upon the training given in the lower Divisions. Hence your Committee deemed it advisable on this occasion to direct their special attention to the Primary and Intermediate Divisions ; for if the foundation be not well and securely laid, the superstructure cannot be substantial. Education may be either mechanical or intellectual : the best education has a proper amount of both : it should be intellectual from the very beginning, then every step the pupil takes will not only become easier to him, but will be a constant source of delight. But no important lesson should be unaccompanied with such an amount of mechanical drill as will enable every pupil in each class to master thoroughly every part of the subject, in every way in which it can be viewed, whether it be in the first Book of Reading, or the highest proposition in Geometry. No other education than this is suitable for teaching en masse; and that teacher is always the most successful who possesses the greatest power of patient and unremitting drill. In the study of Mathematics this accuracy of drill is, from the very nature of the subject, absolutely necessary ; and why should not the same principle be applied in teaching the First, Second,

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or Third Books of Reading? Unfortunately, however, it is seldom put into rigid practice in teaching the purely English branches. The teacher, thoroughly understanding the subject himself, is apt to become wearied with the constant drill required, and too apt to think that by keeping his pupils back till every one in the class has mastered the lesson in all its details, parents will complain of the slow progress made; but he should remember that so long as he has an intelligent Superintendent, and a Board of Trustees, capable of appreciating his efforts, he will be entirely and fully sustained. Good teaching consists, not in the amount of work gone over, but in the accuracy with which every thing is acquired; and an examination is to be valued not by the number of lessons gone through, but by the accuracy, readiness and universality of the replies. These principles were steadily kept in view by the Committee in the inspection just now completed : their object was, not so much to see the Schools at their every day work, as to incite the Teachers of the lower Divisions especially, to put these principles more extensively into practice-to shew them what the Committee will expect in future, and to assure them that their efforts in this direction will be properly estimated, and rewarded by promotion.

To accomplish this object your Committee issued a programme, ten days before the inspection, in order to allow time to the Teachers of the First and Second Divisions to create a model for their own future imitation, and as a test of their individual ability. Of course the Committee are well aware that the classes examined in the lower Divisions, having been prepared with more than usual
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care, exhibited a condition far in advance of the usual training given ; but the Committee trust that the Teachers will at least aim to introduce the same intellectual system as far as possible in every class, being confident they will find the time-honoured proverb, " the more haste the less speed," absolutely and universally true in all matters of education.

The following is the Programme issued by the Committee:

## I. primary and intermediate divisions.

Lesson 1st, Section 2nd, of the Second Book of Reading, and Lesson 4th, of the Third Book of Reading, to be treated as a Reading and Spelling Exercise, with the meaning of the words, and the sense of the subject ; the same lessons to be used in each school, in the corresponding classes, so that comparison may be instituted. The Examination to be conducted by the Teacher, in presence of the Committee, as a test of the system, the acquirements of the pupils, and the ability of the Teacher. The Examinations in Arithmetic, Grammar, and Geography, will, for the same reasons, be conducted by the Teacher.

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Simple Equations ; and the First Book of Euclid's Geometry. The Examination of this division to be conducted by the Committee. The Teachers to have in readiness, for Exhibition, the writing books, and any efforts of mapping or drawing the pupils may have made.

The Primary and Intermediate Divisions were, according to the above programme, examined by the Teacher, in presence of the Committee, except in one instance, where the Teacher was suffering from indisposition; and the Committee have to express their entire and unqualified satisfaction with regard to the manner in which the Exercises were conducted, except in two instances, which will be noticed in a special report. Allowances must be made for a very natural timidity on the part of some of the younger Teachers at being required to examine before the Committee ; and, in some instances, on account of the recent appointment of the Teacher. The Examinations were conducted with calmness and self-possession, especially by those Teachers who have for some time been in the employment of the Board. The questions were of an intellectual character, in some instances they were rapidly put, and the replies were, very generally, prompt and correct.

In the Senior Division, the Dictation was fairly done in every case, and in some was very excellent-the spelling and punctuation being generally correct, the writing good, and the matter neatly arranged. In Grammar, the pupils every where displayed a very commendable ability in analysing and parsing. The Geography was fair generally; in some cases good. In History, the period was much too
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extensive for a detailed examination ; a few general questions, however, were put and answered promptly. The Arithmetic was well done every where, and in some cases with more than usual rapidity and correctness. The Geometry in the boys' department was very satisfactory indeed : propositions were indiscriminately selected from the First Book of Euclid, and subjected to the severest tests, authorities being required and given for every step in demonstration. The Writing was in general cleanly, and, in one or two instances, superior. In one instance the Committee noticed some mounted maps, the work of girls ; and in another instance, an illustration of mapping on slates by a large class. These remarks apply to all the Senior Divisions except two, for which see Special Report.

Your Committee found the School Houses in good repair, and the furniture well kept. The appearance of the pupils was, in all cases, respectable ; so much so, that during the whole five days only one boy was observed who had a solitary rag, which was probably an accident. The Committee observed the crowded state of some of the galleries and intermediate divisions, a single female Teacher having to instruct from 80 to 130 children--far too many for efficiency, unless some more perfect organization could be obtained-for when the age and acquirements of these children are considered, it will be readily seen how utterly impossible it is for a single Teacher to keep the greater number in the gallery employed, while she instructs each class separately, and what a large proportion of the school hours the great bulk are expected to remain quiet without any adequate occupation for their
minds. The attention of the Committee on Sites and Buildings is respectfully invited to the desirability of lowering the seats in some of the galleries, so that the children when unemployed may be able to rest their feet, which wouldadd much to their comfort as well as to the order of the division. The possibility of employing a corps of girls from the senior division, a short time each day as monitors, to the lower classes of these divisions, will shortly occupy the attention of the Committee.

The Committee observed that considerable importance had been attached by some of the teachers of the Intermediate divisions to proficiency by their pupils in Roman Notation. In the opinion of the Committee this is correct
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the history of the last two centuries. Ancient History is chiefly useful as a basis, and the most prominent points only should be dwelt upon, while the history of the last two centuries, especially English History, is interwoven with that of the entire world, and intimately connected with events daily crowding upon us ; and the Committee recommend that the historic period, for each term, be very much limited.

The Committee observed that a very general uniformity of method prevails throughout the Schools; this they consider to be owing, in a great measure, to the indefatigable labours of our excellent Superintendent, Rev. Mr. Porter, who is himself, as he should be, a model of correctness and punctuality in all his engagements.

In concluding this portion of their report, the Committee trust that these general inspections will encourage the teachers, and incite the pupils, to redoubled exertions ; and that the lively interest now felt by the Committee, will be extended to the Board, and through them to the public at large, until the value of our Schools shall be fully recognized.

> (Signed,) JOHN BAXTER, Chairman of Commiliee.

Toronto, 2nd May, 1865.

## 4. report of mr. brooke's select committee.

Report of Select Committee, appointed 19th July 1865.
The Select Committee appointed by the Board to
J. Whether the attendance at the Common Schools of this City, has kept pace with the population, since their establishment in 1844 ;
2. Whether the character of the attendance has or has not deteriorated ;
3. What is the cost per child to the city, under the present arrangement, (the same to be stated according to the respective existing divisions of Primary, Intermediate and Senior ;)
4. Whether in view of the present depressed state of the finances of the city, some change cannot be made in the administration of the schools, by which considerable saving may be effected, consistent with efficiency ;

Beg leave respectfully to report as follows :
That the schools were established in 1844, and were conducted on the rate-bill system during the first fou: years, viz., 1844, 5, 6 and $7 ; 1848$ and 9, were broken years, the schools being free, but as they were open only six months of each year, they are not taken into accouut in this Report. From 1850 the schools have been conducted

That the attendance in proportion to the population under the rate-bill system (throwing out of the calculation the Roman Catholics who were known to attend the Schools) was as 1 in every $20 \frac{1}{2}$ of the population; during the first five years of the free system, about 1 in every 25 ; and since that time the average has been about 1 in every 22 ; a slight improvement in numbers since 1856. In comparing the attendance with the population, some allowance must be made for the fact that the Roman Catholic part of the population has increased somewhat more rapidly than the Protestant, yet the difference this would make in the calculation is comparatively slight.

In this connection the Committee would express some surprise that, according to the returns sent in to the Education office, the attendance at the Roman Catholic Separate Schools should appear to have been so much larger in proportion to the population than it has been at the City Schools ; they having apparently increased since 1855 nearly 110 per cent ; while the City Schools have increased only about 45 per cent. The Committee did not anticipate such a result, but this becomes of some importance, inasmuch as the subdivision of the Legislative grant is in proportion to the relative attendance.

That, under the rate-bill in 1844, 5, 6 and 7, the Committee has reason to believe that there was a greater proportion of larger and more advanced pupils in attendance at the schools, than there has been under the free system; probably not more than three-tenths being pupils corresponding to our present first division, and that were appears to have been a gradual change in the character of
the attendance, by the increase of the Primary divisions, which now number about one-half of all in attendance. The attendance of girls has also very much increased under the free system, the proportion between the sexes being now nearly equal.

That, under the rate-bill system, your Committee has reason to believe the attendance was more regular than it has been under the free system. The irregularity under the latter system has been not less than twenty per cent daily ; this is probably owing to the fact that the attendance now consists in a greater degree of smaller children and girls, who are more frequently prevented from attending by the weather and other causes, than were the larger boys, and partly perbaps because what is not paid for in a direct way is not so highly appreciated.

That, in considering the cost per pupil according to the respective existing divisions, the Committee found no difficulty in coming to a conclusion so far as the actual teaching is concerned, but as there still remains a balance of expenditure amounting to $\$ 12,500$ to be distributed proportionately over the different divisions, the Committee found it almost impossible to agree upon what should be a true basis for the distribution. The cost of the actual teaching in each division last year wạ, per child : Primary, $\$ 2.89$; Intermediate, $\$ 6.08$; Senior, $\$ 11.86$. To each of these must be added a proportion of the current expenditure ; when this is done, an approximation to the total cost per child would probably be, for the Primary, $\$ 5.50$; Intermediate, $\$ 11.50$; Senior, $\$ 22$.
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That it appears to your Committee that any proposal contemplate-

1st. Some increase of teaching power in the Primary Divisions, if possible without additional expenditure.

2nd. Some effort to increase the attendance in the Senior Divisions, and extend their efficiency, and so indirectly diminish the proportionate cost per pupil.

With regard to the first point, the attention of the Board was called to the increasing requirements of the Junior Divisions by the Committee on School Management, in their Report of the last Visitation, in the following words: "The Committee observed the crowded state of some of the galleries, a single Teacher having to teach from 80 to 130 children-far to $0^{\circ}$ many for efficiency, unless some more perfect organization could be obtained; for when the age and acquirements of these children are considered, it will be readily seen how utterly impossible it is for a single Teacher to seep the greater number in the gallery employed while she instructs each class separately, and what a large proportion of the school hours the great bulk of these pupils are expected to remain quiet without any adequate occupation for their minds."

In the present state of the city finances additional outlay should, if possible, be avoided ; but some relief must be afforded to these divisions in some way. With regard to

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the second point, (viz., some effort to increase the attendance in the Senior Divisions), it occurs to the Committee that something may be accomplished by a somewhat different combination. If, for example, the Senior Divisions could be assenibled in some building by themselves, or as nearly so as circumstances will permit, it appears to your Committee that many advantages would arise from such an arrangement. A much better classification would become possible ; it would become easy to introduce still higher branches of education, which would give a character to such a school as would tend in a great degree to overcome some of the prejudices which now (rightly or wrongly) exist against the schools as they are now indiscriminately assembled; the attendance would naturally be largely increased, and the Common Schools would draw a correspondingly larger proportion of the Government grant. It is also known to your Committee that some of the present Teachers are capable of teaching the Classics; and it occurs to the Committtee that their services may be utilized in this direction without any increase of expenditure, and thus provision be made for a higher education within the schools themselves.

In consideration of the foregoing facts, the Committee would propose-

## 1. That the Senior Pupils of the Louisa-strect, Victoriastreet and George-street Schools be massed in the Victoria-street School-house, to form the nucleus of a Central High school.

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2. That provision be made in the then vacant rooms in the Louisa-street and George-street School-houses for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions, now assembling in Victoria-street.
3. That additional branches of higher education be provided in this Central High School ; and to enable the Board to accomplish this and still effect scme reduction from the public taxation,
4. That a small weekly fee of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per pupil be charged on the pupils attending this Central High School.
5. That the product of this fee in the Central High School be applied, 1st. To provide the additional higher branches aforesaid ; and 2 nd. To provide a few additional Teachers for the Primary Divisions.
6. That, in order to give still further relief to the Primary Divisions, the boys and girls of these divisions be united, so that one Teacher may be limited to the teaching of the First Book, and another to the teaching of the Second Book, which arrangement would, in the opinion of your Committee, enable the Teachers to adopt the simultaneous system more extensively, to the increased benefit of the Schools.

In conclusion, your Committee would remark, that other improvements suggest themselves ; but they do not deem
it advisable to propose too many changes at once. Subsequent experience will develope the direction of future steps.

All which is respectfully submitted to the careful consideration of the Board.
(Signed) CHAS. R. BROOKE,
Chairman of Special Committee.
Toronto, Nov. 15th, 1865.

## 5: LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT'S SPECIAL REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the City of Toronto.

RERORT (No. 15) OF THE LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT.
Gentlemen,-At the last meeting of the Board, held on the 15th of November, it was resolved-"That the Local Superintendent be requested to communicate officially to the Board his views on the several matters contained in the Report of the Select Committee, appointed on July 19th, 1865, now submitted to the Board."

In discharging the duty thus devolved upon me, I have to notice,
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II. The remarks it contains on attendance at the Common Schools, and at the Roman Catholic Separate Schools of the city.
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IV. The suggestions it offers as to certain essentials in any proposed improvements.
$V$. The particular measures it proposes.
I. The Chronological Summary with which the Report begins. This may be verified by reference to the Historical Report, published by the Board in 1859. I find in it only one inaccuracy, or rather omission. It does not state that the Schools were supported, as they were, by a ratebill in 1850 ; but says, "from 1850 the Schools have been conducted on the free principle." The fact is, that they have been so conducted from 1851, inclusive.
II. The remarks the Report contains on attendance at the Common Schools, and at the Roman Catholic Separate Schools of this city. 1st. The Report states, "That the attendance in proportion to the population under the ratebill system (throwing out of the calculation the Roman Catholics, who were known to attend the Schools) was as 1 in every $20 \frac{1}{2}$." This, I find, was the actual proportion for 1850, the last rate-bill year. During the first five years of the free system, namely, from 1851 to 1855 inclusive, I find that it varied from 1 in $22 \frac{1}{2}$ to 1 in $28 \frac{1}{2}$, the last year of the five being 1 in 27 ; and the average of the five years being 1 in $26 \frac{1}{2}$. Since then, however, it has
slowly hut gradually descended from 1 in 24 in 1856, to 1 in $19 \frac{1}{2}$ in 1864, under the free school system, which is a larger proportion than that assigned in the Report to any rate-bill year ; the most favourable of which, as there given, is 1 in $20 \frac{1}{2}$, in 1850 . The average for these nine years is correctly stated at 1 in 22 ; but I submit that the above statement more justly shows the actual improvement in the proportion of attendance to population under the free school system. Perhaps the fairest estimate of the improvement in proportionate attendance that can be made is by comparing that attendance for 1853, in May of which year the first three of the six large school houses were opened, and that of 1854 (in which the other three were being built) with that of the subsequent years, to 1864 inclusive. It then appears that there has been a gradual improvement from 1 in $28 \frac{1}{2}$ in 1853 and 1854, to 1 in 191 in 1864, under the free school system.
2. The Report expresses surprise "that, according to the returns sent in to the Education Office, the attendance at the Roman Catholic Separate Schools should appear to have been so much larger in proportion to population than it has been in the City Schools : they having apparently increased since 1855 nearly 110 per cent., while the City Schools have increased only about 45 per cent." In my inquiries into this matter I have been allowed free access to documents in the Education Offic and have been politely favoured with all desired information by the Very Rev. Mr. Jamot, the Local Superintendent of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools of this city.

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the increased attendance at the Roman Catholic Schools, from 1855 inclusive, has not been " nearly 110 per cent.," as stated in the Report, but about 91 per cent ; and that the increased attendance at the Common Schools for the same period has not been. "only about 45 per cent.," but has been $57 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.* The difference that remains between these rates of increase may be partly accounted for by the statement in the Report, "That the Roman Catholic part of the population has increased somewhat more rapidly than the Protestant ;" but it seems to me that it is much more to be attributed to the ecclesiastical character of the Roman Catholic Schools, and to the ecclesiastical agencies, superior and subordinate, which are constantly and unitedly at work with a view to their advancement. Such agencies are not and perhaps cannot be exerted on behalf of our City Schools, which, being common to the members of so many churches, are the charge of none in particular, and receive but little of that fostering religious care which, were its earnest, extensive, and harmonious exercise possible on the part of churches and individuals, might rectify that balance of school attendance which probably no substitute, except compulsory legislation, would be able to adjust.

[^1]I find that the divisors used in the Roman Catholic Separate School returns, as furnished by the Education Office for the purpose of ascertaining the average attendance at those schools, are the same as are furnished to the Common Schools ; and while I know that great pains are taken to carry out our school regulations on the subject of school attendance, I am convinced that the means of moral suasion brought to bear on such attendance by Roman Catholic clergymen, and their assistants and subordinates, are incomparably more influential than any which we can command.
3. The Report states that, "under the rate-bill system in 1844,5,6, and 7, the Committee has reason to believe that there was a greater proportion of larger and more advanced pupils in attendance at the schools than there has been under the free system : probably not more than three-tenths being pupils corresponding to our present First Division; and that there appears to have been a gradual change in the character of the attendance by the increase of the Primary Divisions, which now number about one-half of all in attendance. The attendance of girls has also very much increased under the free system, the proportion between the sexes being now nearly equal."

It will be observed that no documentary evidence is referred to as warranting some of the statements contained in this paragraph. Such statements, therefore, can only be regarded as unsustained opinions. It is further evident that such opinions, founded on a comparison of two conditions of things separated by an interval of from eighteen. to twenty-one years, should be viewed with very great
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caution. That a greater proportion of larger pupils than now attend the schools attended them twenty years ago, appears very probable, when we recollect that elementary education was by no means so general then as now. Many, probably, were then passing out of childhood into youth in a state of lamentable ignorance, and as either they or their parents began to be ashamed of such ignorance, they went to school to acquire some necessary rudiments of knowledge.

A few of these might make rapid improvement at school; but that there was any considerable proportion of pupils in those days who were more advanced than the senior pupils in our schools are at present, is, to say the least, exceedingly unlikely. Many of our recent senior pupils, though comparativ́ely small and young, have passed through our first and second into our highest divisions, with capacities gradually enlarged and abilities increasingly trained, until they have received, as they have deserved, the commendation of able and disinterested examiners, on their competing for the highest honours which the Board of Trustees could confer

We are not, however, altogether without documentary evidence on the subject now under consideration. In the Report of the Past History and Present Condition of the City Schools, written by the Secretary of the Board, revised by a Committee and adopted by the Board, under date May, 1859, I find the following (on page 73) :
"In the school times of 1844 , the school buidings, if they indeed merited the term at all, were small, incom-
modious, badly ventilated; and ill adapted for the purposes of social or moral advancement through the agency of popular education : children of both sexes assembled in one school room, and mingled together in one common play-yard, in several cases as many as a hundred young persons were huddled together in a space not fit to accommodate, far less teach, two-thirds, or it might be said onehalf, of the number: the pupils attending the schools, from the child learning its $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}$, up to those far advanced, were all taught, boys and girls, by one male Teacher, so that there could be little if any system or classification ; and much that was attempted could not fail to be done otherwise than in a hurried and superficial manner. It is true that the Teachers of that day worked, or rather slaved, amidst these contending difficulties with an earnestness of parpose and an industry of action which merits all praise, and that they were able under such circumstances to impart so much knowledge to the pupils, as they confessedly did, is a matter as much to be wondered at as it deserves to be admired. But, at the same time, it would be simply absurd to compare the City Schools of 1841, or even 1852, with those of 1858."

Again (page 74) : "Nor does the comparison, or rather contrast, end with the school buildings and appliances; for while, in the olden time, boys and girls were taught together by a male teacher, now they have distinct and separate departments, and the girls are in charge of female teachers: then there existed no opportunity of classification, while now, the pupils being arranged and divided according to a recognized standard of proficiency, are advanced from one division to another according to
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Whatever then may have been the age or size of some of the pupils in the schools from 1844 to 1847, or what. ever the attainments in particular branches of knowledge of a few pupils in the several schools, it is so probable as to be almost certain, that the schools could then contain no considerable numbers or classes of pupils who could be compared otherwise than very disadvantageously with the classes in our present senior divisions, however small or young the members of those classes may appear.
It is obvious, too, that as the benefits of education are diffused over any community, they will be increasingly partaken by pupils of a tender age, and thus the "gradual change in the character" of our school attendance which is spoken of in the report, is really an occasion for intelligent rejoicing. Nor should it be overlooked that many parents are necessitated and glad to avail themselves of the earnings of their children, as early as they are qualified for any kind of employment in which ordinary school attainments are available and remunerative. Youth are earlier fitted now for several modes of active life than they were twenty years ago, and more methods of making a living are open to them now than were even dreamt of then. That "the attendance of girls has also very much increased under the free system, the proportion between the sexes being now nearly equal," is indeed a high eulogium on'that, as it would be on any system, and affords indubitable proof that civilization and christianity have really advanced in our land.

Yet it is probable that the spread of education over the younger and the female portion of our population during the last twenty years is less to be attributed to any mere pecuniary system of school support than to the growing demand for intelligent juvenile labour, which is incidental to a rapidly advancing condition of society, and which, it may be remarked, is happily coincident with a great extension of that school and university culture without which, whatever the talents of individuals, they now, less frequently than was formerly the case, aspire to the labours and honours of a professional career.
4. The report next states " that under the rate-bill system, your committee has reason to believe the attendance was more regular than it has been under the free system."

It estimates the irregularity under the latter at not less than twenty per cent. daily, and says that " this is probably owing to the fact that the attendance now consists in a greater degree of smaller children and girls, who are more frequently prevented from attending by the weather and other causes, than were the larger boys; and partly because what is not paid for in a direct way is not so highly appreciated." On the question of the comparative regularity of attendance under the rate-bill and free school systems, no evidence is furnished in the report ; nor can I find any documentary evidence on the subject. There is no record of the average registered attendance under the rate bill system, which ended with 1850 . In 1851, the first free school year, however, the average daily attendance was 107 more than in 1850 ; having been 1366 , as compared with an average registered attendance of 1843 .

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According to the proportion thus furnished, when the free school system was novel and popular, as compared with the average registered attendance of 1864, which was 3121, the now much depreciated free school system should have given an average daily attendance of 2313 . The actual average daily attendance for 1864 was 2400 .

It is true that, notwithstanding much and earnest effort to prevent it, the irregularity of attendance in 1864 was not less than 20 per cent. daily ; but it is also true that in 1851 it was nearly 25 per cent. Thus an improvement of nearly 5 per cent. has unquestionably taken place under the free school system. The existing irregularity, as the Local Superintendent's report for 1864 slearly shows, (see „page 12) is equally divided between boys and girls, and is, in my opinion, much more the effect of parental indulgence or indifference than of any other cause. Of course, sickness, want of suitable clothing, weather, distance, or other causes, will inevitably affect school attendance, just as business attendance and church attendance are similarly affected; bat the statement recorded on this subject in the Historical Report already referred to, (see page 76) is as appropriate now as it was in 1859 :-"It is frankly admitted that the proportion of absentees and irregular attendance is much greater than it ought to be ; but the fault rests not with the Board, not upon the schools, not upon the free principle, but altogether with parents, and with them alone."
III. I have next to notice the estimate which the report supplies of the cost per pupil in attendance at the Common

To this subject I have given very particular and protracted attention, and my conclusions, frequently and variously tested, differ from those of the committee.

I find that the nearest approximation which I can make to the actual cost for teaching, during the year 1864, was for junior pupils, each,. $\$ 271$ Intermediate, 594 Seniors, 1191


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being 71 cents more for each junior pupil, 12 cents more for each intermediate, and $\$ 163$ less for each senior, than the estimate of the committee.

I beg to observe, however, in this connection, that the method of estimating the cost per pupil of the children in school attendance, by their position in junior, intermediate, or senior divisions, especially so far as the cost of teaching is concerned, seems to me exceedingly unfair and deceptive. It is a fact that the teacher of the senior division, whether it be a third or a second division, in either department of each school, sustains an important and appreciable relation to the entire department of which that teacher is the recognized head. This remark will more
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especially apply to the head master of each school. He holds a responsible relation to the whole school, and his influence for good or for evil can easily be traced throughout it. He has to admit pupils, communicate with parents and guardians, keep the school records, and oversee the general school discipline and the promotion of pupils from a lower to a higher division in his own department ; and, in addition to this, to take charge of school requisites, make the regular and all other required returns to the Local Superintendent, and exercise a watchful care over the school building and premises. His aptness or inaptness in these and kindred matters will be soon and ever apparent to those who understand them, and the absence of a responsible head master from any of our larger schools would, at once, I believe, place that school under a serious disadvantage. Thus, fairly regarded, the pecuniary value of a head teacher to the subordinate divisions, as well as to that which such teacher personally instructs, and, more obviously, the value of a head master to the whole school, is very considerable; a remark which will be better understood, if it be applied, as it justly may, to the head master of a grammar school, the principal of a college, or the president of a university.

On the fairness of calculating the cost, per pupil, on the basis of daily average attendance, I beg to quote the following from the "Historical Report," with which I en-
tirely agree.

It says (page 76), "This very/ strict and narrow view of the question of expense, is certainly not the fair light in which it should be viewed, inasmuch as in every public
institution, and in every private business establishment, a reasonable per centage is always allowed for absence occasioned by sickness, weather, or other unavoidable causes."

Again, it says, "The machinery of the schools is and will be going on steadily whether every pupil be present or not, and the cost of maintaining the schools cannot well be diminished according to a sliding scale, dependent upon indifferent or neglectful absentees." And again: "The average registered attendance (calculated by months) ought to form the basis on which the cost of education, per child, should in fairness be calculated, because, although it is true that a proportion of not less than say 20 out of every 100 were, on an average, absent every day, yet it by no means follows that the same children were absent on all these occasions ; on the contrary, this per centage of absence was distributed over the whole number, and sometimes one and sometimes another was absent, according to circumstances; so that every one of the absentees did more or less receive instruction, and, in some degree, participated in the benefits conferred by the schools; and it is, consequently, no more than right that they should be included in the average cost." That average cost for 1864, of 3,121 pupils, (the average registered monthly attendance, ) was $\$ 839$; as compared with $\$ 1091$ per pupil, on the basis of average daily attendance.
IV. The next portion of the report consists of suggestions which it offers, as to certain essentials in any proposed amendments.

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These suggestions are two. With reference to the former, viz. : some increase of teaching power in the primary divisions, if possible, without additional expenditure," there seems little room for any difference of opinion. But while, in certain cases, additional teaching assistance has long been urgently needed, and has often been asked for by the Local Superintendent, he has never supposed that it can be obtained, or that the additional accommodation that would be required for its exercise can be procured, without additional expenditure. That expenditure, indeed, needs not be heavy, as the accommodation of junior and intermediate divisions does not require to be of a very costly description, nor are the salaries of suitable teachers excessively high.

The latter suggestion relates to " some effort to increase the attendance in the staior divisions and extend their efficiency, and so indirectly diminish the proportionate cost per pupil." I do not regard that proportionate cost as unduly large, especially in view of the modifying considerations which I have advanced above. The average attendance in our senior divisions, last year, was 49 pupils; and when the programme of studies for these divisions is taken into account, that number should not be greatly increased. In Boston one Teacher is allowed for every fifty-six pupils on the register, which allowance evidently contemplates a smaller average attendance than our own. An average attendance of about 50 in any of our senior divisions would, I think, be as large as should be desired or permitted. The suggestion of the Committee, regarding the assembling of our senior divisions, or of
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candidates who could pass a similar examination. The indiscriminate mass of superior Common School pupils would be but inferior materials for a High School that would be worthy of the name.
3. The new Grammar School Act provides for all necessary High School culture in the cities of Upper proposal of the Committee. It provides that, on the 1st of January next, this city shall, for all Grammar School purposes, be a county, and its municipal council shall be invested with all the Grammar School powers now possessed by county councils. As described by the Chief Superintendent of Education, in his circular dated Nov. 12, addressed to mayors of cities in Upper Canada, "The object of the Act and of the recently revised programme of studies is, to make the Grammar School what it ought to be, a High School for the city, an intermediate school between the Common Schools and the University : preparing pupils to matriculate into the University, either in arts or law, or in the department of civil engineering, providing for intended surveyors their preliminary education, and imparting the higher branches of an English and commercial education to those youths whose parents do not wish them to study Greek or Latin." No necessity much less for one of so very doubtful a nature as that which the Committee has proposed.
2. The second measure proposed by the Committee may be regarded as necessarily dependent on the first. It is, "That provision be made in the then vacant rooms
in the Louisa-street and George-street school houses for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions now assembling in Victoria-street. The adoption of this measure would, I consider, involve great inconvenience to many parents and children who are at present accommodated at the Victoriastreet School ; nor can I imagine a single compensating advantage to be obtained by them or added to our existing school arrangements by such a change. Both of these measures, if carried out, would involve a certain but needless expenditure ; at the same time they would unquestionably degrade the Louisa-street and George-street Schools from the high position which they have long occupied, while seemingly, though not really, elevating the Victoria-street School at their expense.
3. The third measure is the provision of additional branches of higher education in the projected High School. What I have submitted in connection with the first proposal, may be referred to with respect to this. Better and more suitable provision of the kind here contemplated has recently been made by the law of the land. But for this fact I might have thought it necessary to remark on the inexpediency of pretending to provide classical teaching, especially in Common Schools, in competition with the regularly organized and properly officered Grammar Schools of the city. If the Common Schools could be wisely used as a basis for any other kind of school, it would be for one of a specially commercial character ; but it seems that the new Grammar School programme provides for imparting a highér commercial as well as classical and scientific education.
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4. The fourth proposed measure is the charging of a the Central School ; and
5. The fifth is, that the product of this fee in the Central School be applied, 1st, to provide certain additional higher branches ; and, 2nd, to provide a few additional teachers for the primary divisions. Without reference to the total probable returns of such a charge, were it levied on some three hundred pupils in one particular school, it may well be questioned whether its imposition would not immediately occasion the leaving our school or schools by the children of many who could not bear that seemingly slight addition to their inevitahle expenditure. Probably many a child who could earn from a dollar to a dollar and a half per week, is still kept at school because of his or her parents' sense of the value of early education, who, were those parents required to pay the small sum in question, would be at once removed from school, and, in some way or other, actively employed. I fear that we should soon lose in numbers and in educational results, more than we should gain in dollars and cents. Perhaps the average attendance, in proportion to the numbers on the registers, might be, slightly improved ; but what is theoretically probable in that respect, might not prove to be the actual consequence. I learn from recent correspondence with J. B. Boyle, Esq., 'principal of the Central School in London, C. W., "that no school fees are charged for admission to the English course in the Central or Ward Schools" of that city ; that, "for admission to the French classes, the pupils are charged 75 cents, per quarter ;" and that "for
admission to the Grammar School department, a small fee of $\$ 1.50$ per quarter, is charged." A. Maccallum, Esq., principal of the Central School in Hamilton, also informs me, that each of the pupils in the primary schools of that city pays $12 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per month, all books and stationery being provided by the Board of Trustees. The pupils attending the Central Schools pay 25 cents each, per month, every thing in the shape of books and stationery being provided for them. In the classical department, the fees are $\$ 3.00$, per term, everything except classical books being furnished. At first the fees were only $12 \frac{1}{2}$ cents, per month, for all the grades, and this arrangement of the Board was intended to pay for the books and stationery used, classical books and all being provided free of expense to all the pupils. Somerfour years ago the present plan was introduced, and (so far as Mr. Maccallum has been able to judge) has given the greatest satisfaction. The Board receives tenders for every thing, the books, \&c., are furnished at the lowest possible rates. Each pupil is held responsible for his or her book, and, if any book is misused or lost, the pupil has to procure another in its stead. The latest published report of the Hamilton Schools, for 1863, shows that, in that year, $\$ 4,525.92$ was received for fees, and $\$ 903.34$, was paid for text books and stationery. The respective amounts for last year, Mr. Maccallum states, were nearly the same. It is but fair to add Mr. Maccallum's opinion, that "the payment of a small monthly fee in advance secures more regular and punctual attendance."

As regards the provision, by means of fees, of additional higher brancees of education; I beg to submit that the New Grammar School Act altogether supersedes the necessity
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for the making of such provision by the Board of Common School Trustees.

In the above quoted circular of the Chief Superintendent of Education, addressed to the Mayors of cities, it is said, "Many of your citizens have never sent their children to the Common Schools, though their property has been largely taxed to provide for the accommodation and support of those Schools. It is but just, therefore, to such citizens, apart from other higher and more public considerations, that a portion of your future school assessments should go to provide for the accommodation and support of your public Grammar School." It is, I respectfully submit, in the city Grammar School, and by such means as the legally constituted authorities of that school shall devise and adopt, that the higher branches of instruction are to be sought after and attained. Additional accommodation and additional teachers are unquestionably required for some of our primary divisions; nor can there be any more honourable and useful undertaking than that of promoting sound and thorough primary education.
6. The last measure proposed by the Committee is, that the boys and girls of the primary divisions be united, so that one teacher may be limited to the teaching of the first book, and another to the teaching of the second book. This measure is proposed in order to give relief to the divisions, and to enable the teachers to adopt the simultaneous system more extensively. Such a designed mingling of the sexes in our primary schools would, in my view, be exceedingly inexpedient. We have had to submit to it, in certain cases, as a temporary necessity, but have always considered it desirable to discontinue it as early as possible.

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Of this I have frequently complained, and relief from it I have repeatedly sought.

I have thus, to the best of my judgment and ability, complied with the direction of the Board, as expressed in its resolution of the 15 th of November. If I might venture to offer a suggestion on a matter not comprised in the Report of the Committee, it would be that, as the High School requirements of the city are now, as argued by the Chief Superintendent of Education, amply provided for by the New Grammar School Law, to be administered by the City Council, through the Trustees whom it may appoint, there is still one vacant field of educational effort which, if it seem good to this Board, it may very usefully occupy. I refer to the uncultivated hundreds of children in our city whom parental neglect, partly perhaps parental poverty, and their own consequent habits, indispose for attendance at our city Common schools. A few of this class attend occasionally, but they will not long submit to wholesome restraint at school, which is not confirmed by parental influence at home. For these children some special educational provision seems to be yet required, supplemented by such private or public benevolent care as will provide, in part at least, the food and clothing which are indispensably necessary in order to their attendance at school. Without such provision, even compulsory attendance, if required by law, might be in some instances, a grievous hardship.

All which is respectfully submitted, (Signed,) JAMES PORTER, Toronto, Dec. 6th, 1865.

## 6. REPORT ON SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

## To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the City of Toronto.

REPORT (No. 7) OF THE LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Gentlemen,-It has occurred to me that the condition of the Libraries of the several City Schools requires grave consideration, in order to their being renovated, centralized or allowed to sink into comparative disuse, as the Board in its wisdom may deem fit.

It will be in the recollection of several members of the Board that six (6) of the larger libraries were formed in the year 1857, when 1594 volumes were distributed among the six principal schools, for the use of the senior pupils of both departments. In 1858, 1243 more volumes were purchased, and separate libraries were appropriated to the female departments of the same schools. The total number of volumes thus became 2837. The value of these books, irrespective of their extra covers, and of the cases in which they were deposited, was $\$ 1,600$; viz,, $\$ 800$ furnished by the Board, and $\$ 800$ added by the Province, through the Department of Education. In the year 1860, additional, though smaller libraries were provided for the use of both departments of the Palace and Givins'-street schools, comprising 304 volumes, at the cost of $\$ 122$, of which $\$ 61$ were paid by the Board, and $\$ 61$, by the Province. Thus the total cost of the books in all the school libraries has been $\$ 1,722$, namely, $\$ 861$ to the Board, and $\$ 861$ to the Province.

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In April, 1861, on the motion of Mr. Brent. then a member of the Board, I obtained from each Head Master and Head Mistress of the six large schools a return of the number of books at that time in the library under the care of each, as compared with the original number of which each library was composed. In July of the same year, I procured from each Head Master and Head Mistress of those schools, and from the Head Masters of the Palace and Givins'-street schools, respectively, a copy of the catalogue of the books which were then in each of the several fourteen libraries. And, every successive year, a statement of the number of volumes in each library, and of the number taken out during the year, has been returned to me by each principal Teacher, to be reported to the Education Department, and recorded in my Annual Report to this Board.

All this time, however, the work of diminution and decay has been going on, and I have therefore thought it necessary, in connection with a special personal inspection of all the libraries, to request from each principal Teacher such facts as enable me to make a particular report of the present condition of the several libraries, under the following headings, viz. : "Original No. of volumes in library," "No. at present in library," "No. still serviceable," and "No. seldom, if ever, used."

The accompanying Tables contain all these particulars, and shew that of 1823 volumes still serviceable, there are 561 which are seldom it ever read.

Of the 304 vols. selected in 1860 for the Palace-street and Givins'-street libraries, none are on this list, but all have been acceptable to the pupils. I presume that the explanation of this fact is to be found in the facility with which so small a number of books could be selected from the stock of the Education Department, in comparison with the difficulty of selecting in 1857-8, the large number of 2837 books from the same or any ather ordinary stock, without including among them many works which are unserviceable to children, being of a historical, scientific, philosophical, or ethical character.

The most popular books have been, of course, the most injured by wear and tear, ; while, of the large number that have disappeared, some have literally fallen to pieces, while many have been irrecoverably taken by pupils and -parents who have moved from the city. In one or two instances, the loss of book-case keys or locks may account for the subsequent loss of inadequately protected books.

But for the careful manner in which the books were originally covered by the female Teachers, they could not have been nearly so serviceable as they have proved ; the boards in which they were bound when purchased having been, for the most part, very slight; so that the books,

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In order to make the best possible use of those which remain, I would respectfully suggest that they be brought together to some central place; that all which are yet serviceable be classified and catalogued anew, by some

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Teacher or other person to be appointed and paid by the Board as Librarian ; and that after the summer holidays, books be issued to such senior male and female pupils, on alternate Saturdays, as may receive tickets from their respective Head Masters or Head Mistresses, which shall entitle them to such a privilege.

Should it be the pleasure of the Board to add to the Library in any future year, it would be much easier to maintain one library in a useful condition than to accomplish the very difficult task of keeping fourteen libraries above the level of contempt.

Most of the pupils in our schools attend some Sunday School, from the library of which they draw entertaining as well as religious books; and I respectfully submit that all among them who, after attending to their home duties, and preparing their home lessons, have leisure and inclination for further reading, would gladly avail themselves of the privileges of the School Library, in the form which is now suggested.

## Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JAMES PORTER,
Toronto, January 7, 1865.

Local Superintendent.

ORIGINAL No. OF BOOKS (VOLS.) IN LIBRARY.


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| Victoria-street | 53 | 16 | 69 |
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| John | 60 | 30 | 90 |
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## 7. LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON OVERCROWDED STATE OF JUNIOR DIVISIONS.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the City of Toronto.
RÈPORT (No. 6) OF THE LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT.
Gentlemen,-I beg to submit the following Report concerning the Junior Divisions of the City Schools, with especial reference to the approaching summer weather.

I have frequently been asked by school authorities what numerical proportion the three usual divisions of a well organized city or town common school should bear to each other. My reply has uniformly been, that the senior divisions should comprise about fifty pupils, in average attendance ; the intermediate divisions, about 60 ; and the junior, about 70. During the month of April last, the average attendance in the fourteen distinct junior divisions of our city schools was 90 pupils ; in eight of which schools there were from 90 up to 127 . In all these divisions the attendance is increasing, during the present month ; and will probably continue to increase, until the heat of the weather shall gradually reduce it. In all these divisions, too, the children and their Teachers suffer not a little, as the summer advances, and a fair amount of school work can scarcely be performed under such circumstances.

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second recess of ten minutes for the pupils of our junior divisions, both forenoon and afternoon ; a measure decidedly beneficial to such pupils, but greatly disturbing to the business of those senior divisions, through whose rooms the juniors have to pass and re-pass on their way to and from the play grounds.

In the John Street school, indeed, an occasional Teacher has been employed for two or three of the summer months; and that measure has afforded considerable reliet. I am fully convinced that the most effectual practicable method of dealing with the general difficulty of overcrowding in junior divisions is that which has been adopted in the Uity of Detroit, and in some other cities, namely, "The half-day system, by means of which from 50 to 60 scholars are taught in the fore part of the day, and the same number of different scholars of the same grade in the after part of the same day, by the same Teachers." "By this system," reports the President of the Detroit Board of Education, "from 100 to 120 scholars will receive instruction for three hours each day, and have sufficient room to be at ease ; while, under the former plan, from 75 to 100 scholars" (our numbers are still higher) "were crowded into one room for six hours; and the cramped, confined condition of the scholars, and the rigid discipline necessary to be enforced by the Teacher, to maintain order, neither tend to increase the love of the scholar for school, nor stimulate him to study and progress; nor do they tend to cultivate and improve the temper of the Teacher, and the Teachers, in whose schools it has been adopted, concur
in the opinion that they can advance 100 pupils, or even 120 , by the three hours rule, as rapidly as 75 pupils by the six hours rule."

On this subject the Special Report of the Detroit Committee on Schools, and that of the School Superintendent for that city, are well worthy of full consideration.

Meanwhile, I have to request that the usual appointment of a temporary Teacher for the John-street School, and of any other temporary Teachers whom the Board may deem necessary, may be made for the ensuing summer.

Respectfully submitted.
JAMES PORTER,
Local Superintendent.
Toronto, May 17, 1865.

Subsequent to the submission of the above Report, the Standing Committee on School Management, in their Report No. 6, reported as follows: "Having had under consideration the difficulty of keeping a very large number of young children employed during the long afternoons of hot summer days, your Committee are of opinion that the attendance of such might be advantageously dispensed with, some time before the regular hour (four o'clock) of closing school ; and thus, while relieving the very little

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Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the Local Superintendent should be authorized, in his discretion, with regard to numbers and the heat of the weather, to relieve such of the gallery pupils as are not further than the first Reading Book from attendance after three o'clock, p. m., until otherwise ordered." This recommendation was adopted by the Board on June 6th, and afforded no little relief to the children in the lower classes of the junior divisions.

## 8. ADOPTION OF CAMPBELL'S GEOGRAPHY AND ATLAS.

The Committee on School Management at the same date (June 6th) reported "That the Council of Public Instruction for Canada West, having withdrawn its sanction to the use of Morse's, or any other American Geography, in the Common Schools of this Province, and as a violation of this regulation will subject the school or schools concerned, to the loss of its legislative apportionment from the school grant, your Committee recommend that, after the ensuing summer vacation, 'Campbell's School Geography and Atlas,' prepared for the use of schools in the British Provinces, be recognized as the text-book in this 'branch of study in our schools." This recommendation was adopted by the Board, and has been duly carried out.

## 9. REV. DR. WICKSON'S COMMUNICATION RESPECTING THE SUCCESS OF CERTAIN SCHOLARS, ORIGINALLY FROM THE CITY SCHOOLS.

Toronto Grammar School, Oct. 19, 1865.
To the Chairman and Members of the Board of School Tiustees of the City of Toronto.

Gentlemen,-It affords me much pleasure to inform you that at the recent Matriculation Examinations in the University of Toronto, two of the former pupils of the City Schools, to whom Scholarships were awarded by you, acquitted themselves with great credit. I refer to Daniel Ryrie and Alfred Baker.

The former having pursued a satisfactory course in this school for three years, carried off, in 1863, the highest Scholarship in Upper Canada College, from which institution he has just proceeded to the University, and has gained the rare distinction of being placed first in the first class in every subject of examination, becoming entitied thereby to several Scholarships.

Alfred Baker, the junior in educational standing by one year, has passed an examination, which though less brilliant than that of his too formidable competitor, was yet highly satisfactory : his standing is that of first class in mathematics, and second class in classics, history, and English, and he has obtained a Scholarship for general proficiency in all the subjects of examination.

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It is gratifying to observe, how, by means of the various educational institutions of this city, facilities are presented to deserving boys, of all classes, for advancing from the lowest stages to highest distinctions in learning. By the establishment and maintenance of the systems of free schools and scholorships we, in our favored day, scarcely feel the force of the maxim of older times: "Haud facile emergunt quorum virtutibus obstat Res angusta domi." I remain, genilemen,

Your most obedient, ARTHUR WICKSON, Rector.

I cannot close this Report without expressing the gratification I have felt on observing that the efforts of the Board of School Trustees and of the Municipal Council of this city for the promotion of higher and free education, in the case of such deserving youths as come under their immediate notice, are not overlooked by the Chief Superintendent of Education.

In his Annual Report to His Excellency the Governor General for 1864, he remarks: "The Municipal Council and Board of School Trustees of the City of Toronto have set a noble example of encouraging diligence among the Teachers and pupils of their schools, by not only procuring and giving prizes, but founding seven free Scholarships, each tenable for two years in the Grammar School. These prizes and scholarships are competed for by a paper and oral examination, before examiners appointed by the Board of Trusters. At these examinations the pupils of the various City Common Schools compete, and
the prizes and scholarships (signed by the Mayor with the corporate seal of the city) are distributed at an annual meeting held in the city hall. In this manner meritorious and promising pupils of the Common Schools earn a free grammar school education through the liberality of the municipality, and thus make their way to the University, where the education is almost free."

Nor can I forbear to quote the language of Mr. Justice Hagarty, in his recent charge to the grand jury at the fall Assizes for the County of the City of Toronto, with respect to the uninstructed and vagrant children who are seen in every part of our city. "It is to be earnestly hoped that some attempt may be made to work downward to reach the grade of children apparently below the influence of our present system : to gather them in their rags and squalor, (if necessary) apart from those of their own age, who shrink from their contact." I cannot but anticipate that the recent resolution of the Board, which bears on this particular subject, will lead to some good result in this very important direction. Respectfully sukmitted. JAMES PORTER, Local Superintendent.
Office of Local Superintendent of Public Schools.
Toronto, January, 1866.

Submitted to the Board, January 17, 1866, and referred to the Committee on School Management. Reported on by said Committee on February 7th, and ordered by the Board to be printed for the information of the rate-payers.

## APPENDIX I.

TABLE A.

| Schools. | Name of Teacher. | Certificate Held. |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Mrs. Henderson |  |  |  | 1 C |  |
| George Street. | Miss Boddy | 1 A |  | 1578 |  |  |
|  | Richard Lewis. |  |  |  | 1 A |  |
|  | Miss S. B. Quinn. | 1 |  | 232 |  |  |
|  | Miss Susan Hamilton. |  | 2 A | 399 |  |  |
|  | Miss A. L. Armstrong |  | 2 A | 1218 |  |  |
| The Park | Miss Catharine Scarlett. |  | 2 B | 1139 |  |  |
|  | Miss Amelia Henning . | 1 B |  | 1682 |  |  |
|  | William Anderson. Miss A. Richards . . |  | 2 A | 566 | 1 A |  |
| Victoria Street | Miss J. Armstrong |  |  |  | 1 C |  |
|  | Miss M. Buik.... | 1 A | . 9 | 1676 |  |  |
|  | Miss M. A. Anker | 1 B |  | 1969 |  |  |
|  | William Spotton. |  |  |  | 1 C |  |
|  | Miss G. Round. |  |  |  | 1B | $\ldots$ |
|  | Miss E. Kennedy |  | 2 | 340 |  |  |
| Louisa Street | Miss C. Ryan |  | 2 A | 413 |  |  |
|  | Miss A. M. O'Flaherty . Miss M. Rolinson. | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & B \\ 1 & B \end{array}$ |  | 1683 <br> 930 |  |  |
|  | Henry Browne .... |  |  |  | 1 A |  |
|  | Robert McCauslend |  |  |  | 1 A | $\ldots$ |
|  | Miss J. S. Morrison. |  |  |  | 1 B | .... |
|  | Miss M. A. Kennedy |  |  |  | 1 B |  |
|  | Miss Agnes Hall . ...... |  | 2 B | 1134 |  |  |
| Centre Street | Miss Margaret Greenlees. | 1 A |  | 1589 |  |  |
|  | Miss S. McBride |  |  |  | 1 B |  |
| John Street | Miss P. S. McGee <br> Norman McHardy | 1 C |  | 932 | 1 A |  |
|  | Mrs. Patterson . | 1 A |  | 1293 |  |  |
|  | Miss Kelloch.. | 1 C |  | 1116 |  |  |
| Phœebe Street | Miss E. J. Lloyd |  |  |  | 1 C |  |
|  | Samuel Coyne ...... |  |  |  | 1 A |  |
| Givins' Street . | Miss C. M. Churchill .... | 1 B |  | 364 |  |  |
|  | Miss Rebecca Thompson. |  | 2 A | 658 |  |  |
|  | Miss M. L. Garden. . . |  | 2 A | 1034 |  |  |
|  | Miss Olivia H. Dunn | 1 B |  | 1579 |  |  |
|  | Miss Jessie Rogers. | 1 B |  | 1684 |  |  |
|  | Samuel McAllister |  |  |  | 1 A |  |
|  | Miss M. J. Keown . |  |  |  | 1 B |  |
|  | Total. |  |  |  |  |  |

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## TABLE B.

Number of Pupils entered on the Registers of the several Schools, during the year 1865.

| Name of Sohool. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Palace Street | 209 | 172 | 381 |
| George ${ }^{\text {Palace }}$ | 414 | 360 | 774 |
| The Park | 323 | 284 | 607 |
| Victoria Street | 428 | 349 | 777 |
| Louisa " | 573 | 541 | 1114 |
| Centre " | 190 | 221 | 411 |
| John " | 303 | 256 | 559 |
| Phæbe " | 393 | 395 | 788 |
| Givins' " | 165 | 150 | 316 |
| Total in all the Schools | 2998 | 2728 | 5726 |

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TABLE C.
Analysis of the Attendance at the several Schools.

| Name of School. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lees } \\ \text { than } 20 \\ \text { Days. } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { From } \\ 2000 \\ 50.0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { From } \\ 50 \text { to } \\ 10 ग . \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { From } \\ & 100 \text { to } \\ & 150 . \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { From } \\ & 150 \text { to } \\ & 200 . \end{aligned}$ |  | From 201 to whole year. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | M. | F. |  |  | M. F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. F. |  |
| Palace Street | 25 | 10 | 313 | 305 | 5136 | 41 | 46 | 42 | 35 | 1915 | 381 |
| George " | 41 | 52 | 836 | 649 | 9595 | 68 | 72 | 73 | 52 | 5425 | 774 |
| The Park. | 31 | 55 | 575 | 53 | 8677 | 57 | 46 | 56 | 36 | 3617 | 607 |
| Victoria Street | 58 | 37 | 72 | 6511 | 1788 | 73 | 76 | 81 | 54 | 27.29 | 777 |
| Louisa " | 59 | 80 | 112 | 9815 | 50144 | 85 | 84 | 92 | 76 | 7559 | 1114 |
| Centre | 37 | 44 | 29 | 52 | $45 \quad 50$ | 49 | 43 | 21 | 27 | 65 | 411 |
| John | 46 | 45 | 62 | 60 | 8364 | 52 | 45 | 37 | 33 | $23 \quad 9$ | 559 |
| Phoebe | 55 |  |  | 72 |  | 70 | 80 | 47 | 59 | 2425 | 788 |
| Givins' | 18 |  | 26 | 32 | $53 \quad 32$ | 32 | 32 | 18 | 22 | 1810 | 315 |
|  | 370 | 414 | 5725 | 5267 | 777676 | 527 | 524 |  | \|394 | 282.194 | 5726 |
| Totals in all the Schools. |  | 84 | 1098 |  | 1453 |  | 51 |  | 864 | 476 | 5726 |

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TABLE D.
Average Registered Monthly Attendance, and Average of Average Monthly Attendance.

| 1865. | Registered. |  |  | Average. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
| January | 1672 | 1413 | 3085 | 1304 | 1034 | 2338 |
| February | 1736 | 1414 | 3150 | 1334 | 1068 | 2402 |
| March . | 1770 | 1501 | 3271 | 1379 | 1128 | 2307 |
| April | 1801 | 1601 | 3402 | 1445 | 1232 | 2677 |
| May . | 1833 | 1720 | 3583 | 1411 | 1256 | 2667 |
| June . | 1795 | 1648 | 3443 | 1379 | 1220 | 2599 |
| July . . . . | 1678 | 1572 | 3250 | 1306 | 1175 | 2481 |
| September October. | 1732 1718 | 1561 | 3293 | 1347 | 1154 | 2501 |
| November. | 1718 | 1539 | 3257 | 1285 | 1090 | 2375 |
| December | 1676 1598 | 1431 1297 | 3107 2895 | 1293 1274 | 1013 1013 | 2306 |
| Divided by 11 months | 19039 | 16697 | 35736 | 14757 | 12383 | 27140 |
|  | $1730{ }_{11}^{9}$ | $1517 \frac{1}{1}$ | $3248{ }^{\text {¢ }}$ 8 | $13411_{\text {Ti }}^{6}$ | 1125 | $2467{ }^{3}$ |

TABLE E.
Average Monthly Attendance in the respective Divisions of the several City Public Schools ; nanely, First or Junior, Second or Intermediate, and Ihird or Senior, both Male and Female.

JANUARY.
Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.

| Name of School. | Males. |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D.1. | 2. | 3. | Total. | D.1. | 2. | 3. | Total. |  |
| Palace Stree | 43 | 60 |  | 103 | 24 | 42 |  | 66 | 169 |
| George <br> The Park. | 70 | 51 | 65 | 186 | 58 | 45 | 40 | 143 | 329 |
| Victoria Stree | 67 | 43 | 51 | 161 | 60 | 56 |  | 116 | 277 |
| Louisa | 107 | ${ }_{80}$ | ${ }_{69}$ | 193 | 50 | 49 | 52 | 151 | 344 |
| Centre " | 61 |  | 6 | 253 61 | 89 76 | 66 | 60 | 215 | 468 |
| John " | 28 | 42 | 40 | 110 | 35 | 44 | $\cdots$ | 76 | 137 |
| Phœbe " | 74 | 51 | 48 | 173 | 53 | 42 | 48 | 143 | 189 |
| Givins' | 26 | 38 |  | 64 | 17 | 28 |  | 143 45 | 316 109 |
| Totals. | 560 | 415 | 329 | 1304 | 462 | 372 | 200 | 1034 | 2338 |
| January, 186 | 463 | 364 | 309 | 1136 | 461 | 330 | 196 | 987 | 2125 |
| Differences; all in favour of 1865.\| | 97 | + 51 | +20 | $=168$ | $1]$ | +42 | +4 | $=47$ | 215 |

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## FEBRUARY.

Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.

| Name of School. | Males. |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. |  |
| Palace Street | 44 | 61 |  | 105 | 26 | 41 |  | 67 | 172 |
| Palace Street ... | 68 | 57 | 67 | 192 | 58 | 41 | 40 | 139 | 331 |
| The Park............................ | 62 | 46 | 58 | 166 | 63 | 65 |  | 128 | 294 |
| Victoria Street ................. | 89 | 56 | 57 | 202 | 56 | 49 | 52 | 157 | 471 |
| Louisa ، .... ......... . | 110 | 84 | 63 | 257 | 9 |  | 5 | 78 | 139 |
| Centre " ................ | 61 | $\dddot{44}$ | $\dddot{43}$ | 112 | ${ }_{32}$ | 52 | ... | 84 | 196 |
| John " ................ | 25 | 44 | 43 | 165 | 49 |  | 48 | 146 | 311 |
| Phœbe " ................ | 73 <br> 34 | 40 | 48 | 165 74 | 21 | 34 |  | 55 | 129 |
| Givins' " ........ ........ | 34 | 40 | ... | 74 | 21 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 566 | 437 | 331 | 1334 | 475 | 396 | 197 | 1068 | 2402 |
| February, 1864 | 529 | 373 | 317 | 1219 | 519 | 340 | 209 | 1068 | 2287 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text { Difference ; } 115 \text { males more } \\ \text { than in } 1864 \text {.............. } \end{array}\right\}$ | 37 |  |  | $=115$ | -44 |  |  | $=0$ | 115 |

## MARCH.

Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.

| Name of School. | Males. |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. |  |
|  | 48 | 60 |  | 103 | 23 | 51 |  | 74 | 182 |
| Palace Street ................... | 81 | 56 | 64 | 201 | 68 | 47 | 42 | 157 | 358 296 |
| Theorge Park....... ................... | 68 | 46 | 55 | 169 | 65 | ${ }_{50}^{62}$ | \% 5 | 127 | 296 364 |
| Victoria Street ......... .... .. | 92 | 56 | 55 | 203 | 60 | 64 | 58 | 215 | 479 |
| Louisa " ................. | 117 | 84 | 68 | 204 | 84 |  | ... | 84 | 155 |
| Centre " ................. | 71 31 | 45 | 75 | 121 | 40 |  | $\cdots$ | 93 | 214 |
| John " ................. | 74 | 50 | 44 | 168 | 62 | 52 | 50 | 164 | 332 |
| Phoebe "، ....................... | 34 | 40 |  | 74 | 20 | 33 | ... | 53 | 127 |
|  |  | 437 | 326 | 1379 | 515 | 412 | 201 | 1128 | 2507 |
| Totals | 577 | 390 | 314 | 1281 | 572 | 348 | 201 | 1121 | 2402 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Differences ; the totals being } \\ \text { in favour of } 1865 \text {......... }\end{array}\right\}$ |  | +47 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 105 |

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## APRIL. Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.



## MAY.

 Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.| Name of School. | Male. |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D. 1. |  |  | Total. | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. |  |
| Palace | 50 | 59 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| George '" | 84 | 56 | $\cdots$ | 109 | 39 | 46 | $\dddot{46}$ | 85 | 194 |
| The Park ....... | 75 | 37 | 40 | 152 | 75 | 47 | 46 | 168 | 368 |
| Victoria Street | 106 | 51 | 49 | 206 | 88 | 45 | $\ldots$ | 123 | 265 |
| Louisa " | 130 | 79 | 60 | 269 | 120 | 76 | 51 | 180 | 386 |
| John | 88 | $\ldots$ |  | 88 | 89 | ... |  | 89 | 516 |
| PhœbeGivins' | 44 | 39 | 45 | 128 | 56 | 49 | ... | 1095 | 177 |
|  | 91 |  | 47 | 186 | 87 | 58 | 43 | 188 | 233 374 |
|  | 44 | 29 | ... | 73 | 38 | 33 | ... | 71 | 144 |
| Totals $\qquad$ <br> May, 1864 | 712 | 398 | 301 | 1411 | 665 | 401 | 190 |  |  |
|  | 644 | 357 | 289 | 1290 | 643 | 371 | 195 | 1256 | 2667 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Differences; all the totals } \\ \text { being in favour of } 1865 . . .\end{array}\right\}$ |  |  | - |  |  |  |  | 1209 | 2499 |
|  |  |  | +12 | $=121$ | 22 | +30 | 5 | 47 | 168 |

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## JUNE.

Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.

| Name of School. | Males. |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  | $\mid$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. | D. 1. | 2. | 6. | Total. |  |
|  | 48 |  |  | 105 | 27 | 50 |  | 077 | 182 |
| Palace Street ................... | 80 | 55 | 70 | 195 | 80 | 47 | 45 | 172 | $\stackrel{367}{ }$ |
| George " .................. | 76 | 36 | 39 | 151 | 66 | 39 |  | 105 | ${ }_{367}^{256}$ |
| The Park....... ................ | 104 | 49 | 44 | 197 | 80 | 45 | 45 | 170 | 367 511 |
| Victoria Street ................... | 135 | 77 | 54 | 266 | 124 | 72 | 49 | 845 | 511 173 |
| Centre ، .................. | 92 | $\cdots$ | 5 | $\stackrel{92}{ }$ | 85 | 47 |  | 102 | 224 |
| John " ................. | 41 |  | $4{ }^{4}$ | 184 | 85 | 59 | $\dddot{49}$ | 193 | 377 |
| Phœbe " ................ | 96 40 | 27 | 4. | 184 67 | 43 | 32 |  | 75 | 142 |
| Givins' " ................ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Totals ..... ...... ........ | 712 | 382 | 285 | 1379 | 641 663 | 391 369 | 188 | $\begin{aligned} & 1220 \\ & 1216 \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{2599}{2503}$ |
| June, 1864 ...................... | 649 |  | 287 | 1287 | 663 |  |  |  |  |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { Differences; ; all the totals } \\ \text { being in favour of } 1865 \ldots . . \end{array}\right\}$ |  |  |  | $=92$ | -22 |  |  |  | 6 |

## JULY.

Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.

| Name of School. | Maleg. |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. | D. 1 | 2. | 3. | Total. |  |
|  | 45 |  |  | 99 | 51 | 27 |  | 78 | 177 |
| $\mathrm{P}_{\text {clace }}$ Street ................... | 85 | 54 | 32 | 191 | 77 | 44 | 41 | 162 | 353 |
| George " ................... | 77 | 33 | 40 | 150 | 74 | 40 |  | 114 | ${ }_{330} 26$ |
| The Park.......... | 97 | 40 | 36 | 173 | 75 | 40 | 42 | 157 | 330 |
| Victoria Street .................. | 128 | 75 | 53 | 256 | 121 | 65 | 45 | 232 80 | 488 169 |
| Centre " | 89 | $\cdots$ | 7 | 89 | 80 | 73 |  | ${ }_{93}$ | 209 |
| John " ................. | 41 |  | 41 | 164 | 84 | 54 | 48 | 186 | 350 |
| Phœbe " ................. | 83 40 | 28 |  | 68 | 46 | 27 | ... | 73 | 141 |
| Givins |  |  |  |  | 658 |  | 177 | 1175 | 2481 |
| Total ................... | 685 540 | 358 225 | 268 | $\begin{aligned} & 1306 \\ & 1133 \end{aligned}$ | 607 | 334 | 177 | 1118 | 2251 |
| July, 1864 ..................... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ls be |  |  | -5 | $=173$ | 51 |  |  | $=57$ | 230 |


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## SEPTEMBER.

Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each Schoul.

| Name of School. | Males. |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D. 1. | 2 | 3 | Total. | D. 1 | 2. | 3. | Total. |  |
| Palace Street | 34 | 51 |  | 88 | 24 | 42 |  | 66 | 154 |
| George " ...... | 99 | 50 | 57 | 206 | 77 | 48 | $\ddot{42}$ | 167 | 373 |
| The Park........... . | 77 | 41 | 44 | 162 | 63 | 43 |  | 106 | 268 |
| Victoria Street | 97 | 50 | 43 | 190 | 65 | 48 | $\cdots 3$ | 156 | 346 |
| Louisa " | 140 | 82 | 52 | 274 | 121 | 68 | 55 | 106 244 | 346 518 |
| Centre " | 71 | ... | $\ldots$ | 71 | 82 | ... | ... | 82 | 153 |
| John " ..... ............ | 43 | 41 | 40 | 124 | 42 | 49 |  | 82 91 | 153 |
| Phœbe ، ................... | 68 | 39 | 39 | 146 | 72 | 46 | ¢2 | 170 | 215 |
| Givins' " | 58 | 28 | ... | 86 | 36 | 36 |  | 172 | 326 158 |
| Totals .................. | 687 | 385 | 275 | 1347 | 582 | 380 | 192 | 1154 | 2501 |
| September, 1864 | 650 | 384 | 295 | 1329 | 623 | 377 | 195 | 1195 | 2524 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Differences; being } 18 \text { males } \\ \text { in favour of } 1865 ; \text { and } 41 \\ \text { females in favour of } 1864\end{array}\right\}$ | 37 | +1 |  | $=18$ | -41 | +3 |  | $=-41$ | 23 |

## OCTOBER.

Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.

| Name of School. | Males |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 3. | Total. | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. |  |
| Palace Street George | 40 85 | 54 |  | 94 | 26 | 44 |  | 70 | 164 |
| The Park.............................. | 85 | 48 | 53 | 186 | 75 | 41 | 40 | 156 | 342 |
| Victoria Street | 93 | 47 | 38 | 151 | 41 | 59 | $\ldots$ | 100 | 251 |
| Louisa "، | 184 | 76 | 49 | 179 259 | 65 | 46 | 42 | 153 | 332 |
| Centre " | +63 | 76 | 49 | 259 63 | 108 | 65 | 49 | 222 | 481 |
| John ، ... | 49 | 42 | 40 | 131 | 7 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 75 | 138 |
| Phœbe " ......... ..... | 70 | 39 | 41 | 150 | 46 | 47 | $\cdots$ | 93 | 224 |
| Givins' " | 40 | 42 | $\ldots$ | 150 | 70 | 41 | 47 | 158 | 308 |
| Tetals ................... | 551 | 373 | 261 | 1285 | 536 | 376 | 178 | 1090 | 2376 |
| October, 1864..... .............. | 668 | 381 | 292 | 1341 | 612 | 373 | 185 | 1170 | 2511 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { Differences; being } 56 \text { males } \\ \text { and } 80 \text { females: total, } 136 \\ \text { in favour of } 1864 . . . . . . . . . \end{array}\right\}$ | 17 |  |  | $=-56$ |  | +3 |  | $=-80$ | 136 |

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## NOVEMBER.

Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.

| Name of School. | Males. |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. | D. 1. | 2. | 3. | Total. |  |
|  |  |  |  | 89 | 21 | 38 |  | 59 | 148 |
| Palace Street .............. | 85 | 54 | 53 | 194 | 75 | 38 | 40 | 153 | 347 |
| George " ............... | 89 | 52 | 40 | 153 | 56 | 42 | $\ldots$ | 98 | 251 |
| The Park ..... .............. | 85 | 49 | 48 | 189 | 50 | 42 | 41 | 133 | 315 |
| Victoria Street ........... | 80 | 74 | 54 | 262 | 99 | 64 | 46 | 209 | 471 |
| Louisa " | 184 | 7 |  | 55 | 56 | ... | $\cdots$ | 56 | 111 |
| Centre " | 50 | $\dddot{40}$ | 43 | 135 | 49 | 47 | ... | 96 | 231 |
| John " ........... | 71 | 42 |  | 160 | 64 | 40 | 46 | 150 | 300 |
| Phobe " | 71 39 | 34 |  | + 73 | 26 | 33 | ... | 59 | 132 |
| Givins' " |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1013 | 2306 |
| Total .............. | 634 | 384 |  | 1293 1220 | 496 593 | 344 372 | 183 | 1148 | 2468 |
| November, 1864........... | 647 | 386 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { Differences, all in favour } \\ \text { of } 1864 \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . \end{array}\right\}$ | -13 | -2 |  | $=-27$ | -97 | -28 | -10 | $=-135$ | -162 |

## DECFMBER.

Average No. of Pupils in each Division of each School.


## TABLE F.

NUMBER OF PUPILS INSTRUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS :


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TABLE G.-School Libraries.

| Name of School. | No. of Vols. in Library. |  |  | No.taken out during Year. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Department. |  | Total. | Department. |  | Total. |
|  | Male. | Female. |  | Male. | Female. |  |
|  | 130 |  | 130 | 420 | 209 | 629 |
| Palace Street ........... | 162 | 166 | 328 | 1011 | 199 | 1210 |
| George '، ............\|| | 193 | +66 | 259 | 429 | $\cdots$ | 429 |
| The Park...... .. ........ | 193 | 153 | 321 | 102 | 168 | 270 |
| Victoria Street ......... | 168 | 135 | 389 | 778 | 280 | 1058 |
| Louisa "، ....... | 100 | 184 | 164 |  | ...... | $\cdots$ |
| John "، ${ }^{\text {a }}$ (...... | 193 | 84 | 278 | - 205 | 110 | 315 |
| Phœebe "، ........ | 193 144 | 84 | 144 | 232 | 227 | 459 |
| Givins ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1345 | 668 | 2013 | 3177 | 1193 | 4370 |

N.B.-The Palace Street and Givins' Street School Libraries, though kept in the Rooms occupied by the Male Departments of these Schools, are accessible the Centre Street School, consisting of only Junior Pupils, requires no Library. Female Departments. The Centre Street school,
TABLE H.-Comparative Statement of the City Schools, under specific headings, from 1864 to 1865 , both inclusive.


## APPENDIX II.

A.

Examination Papers at the Combined Examination, Monday, July 17th, 1865.

In the first or junior, and in the second or intermediate Division, the examination was entirely oral; with the exception of one paper, namely, that on Arithmetic, in the second or intermediate Division.
In the third or senior Division, the examination was conducted altogether in writing ; reading, of course, excepted.

## ARITHMETIC.

## 2nd Division.

1. What is meant by the terms "Notation," "Arabic Notation" Values.
"Roman Notation?"
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2. Write two millions three hundred and sixty-four thousand three
hundred and twenty-three, both in Roman and Arabic characters 10
3. If 2167290 be divided by 345 and quotient multiplied by 7698 , what is the product?
4. How is multiplication proved by casting out the 9 's ?. ........... 10
5. Write the tables of land and cloth measure...................... 15
6. Multiply 67 lbs .4 oz .5 drs. 1 scr. 11 grs. by $975 . . . . . . . .$.

7. A farmer owned 247 acres of land and disposed of it as follows : he gave 1 a .1 r . 17 per. for a school site, sold 17 a. 23 per., gave 21 a .1 r . to his wife, and divided the remainder equally among his three sons: how much did each son receive?............. 20

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## ARITHMETIC.

3rd Division.
Values.

1. Reduce $\frac{6}{7}$ of $4 \frac{3}{4}$ of $\frac{9 \frac{1}{4}}{16 \frac{1}{2}}$ of $\frac{33}{3}$ of an acre to the fraction of $\frac{3}{7}$ of a square yard..
2. What is the value of $\left(9 \frac{1}{2} \times 8_{4}^{3} \times 6 \frac{2}{7}\right) \div\left(\begin{array}{l}8_{7}^{2} \\ 6_{5}^{4}\end{array} \frac{6 \frac{2}{7}}{4_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}}\right)$
3. What is meant by a "Pure Repetend" and a "Mixed Circulating Decimal?" Express the following decimals in vulgar fractions:-

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\cdot 123 \dot{47} ; \cdot \ddot{816} \text {; and } \cdot \ddot{2} \dot{3} 4 \dot{5} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
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# DEFINITIONS AND DERIVATIONS. 

3rd Division.

Derive and define the following words:-

## Values.

1. Somnambulist.. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5

2. Subjugate .. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5
3. Necropolis. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5
4. Fortnight. . .................................................................................. 5
5. Bread............................................................................ 5
6. Wrong . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5
7. Alone..................................................................... 5
8. Husband..................................................................... 5
9. Atone. ................................................................... 10
10. Expatiate....................................................................... 10
11. Chivalry .................................................................... 10
12. Psychology .................................................................. . . . 10
13. Marvellous ................................................................ . . . 10
14. Hemisphere

## ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

## 3rd Division.

1. Mention the different kinds of Pronouns, giving examples. Values.
2. What is an Adverb? ..... 5
3. The Verb agrees with its subject in number ; mention the exceptions 10 ..... 10
4. Define the Nominative absolute, and the Nominative of address
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5. Under what conditions only should the Subjnnctive Mood be used?
6. Under what conditions only should the Subjnnctive Mood be used? ..... 10 ..... 10
7. How many kinds of Subordinate sentences are there? Specify them and give examples
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8. Distinguish between-This is my friend's fancy, and this is a fancy of my friend's
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9. He eats to live. What is here the function of the infinitive? I heard him speak. Parse the last word
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10. Analyse the following passage, and parse the words in Italics :- Cloud-atoms, sparkles of a falling star, Dew-drops, or films of gossamer we are; What can the state beyond us be ? Life ?-Death ?-Ah ! no a greater Mystery ! What thought hath not conceived, ear heard, eye seen ; Perfect existence from a point begun ; Part of what Gop's eternity hath been : Whole immortality belongs to none But $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{Im}}$, the first, the last, the Only One!
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11. Write down the above passage, arranging the words as in prose ..... 10
GEOGRAPHY.
3rd Division.*
12. Define the various branches of Geography Values.
13. Explain the term oblate spheroid, as applied to the form of the earth. ..... 10
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14. What proofs can you give of the earth's sphericity ? ..... 10
15. What are the boundaries of Canada? ..... 10
16. Name the Islands and Lakes of S. America
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17. Mention the principal Rivers of France, and the towns situated upon any of them
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18. Give the general divisions of N. and of S. America
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19. Mention the principal Gulfs, Capes, and Rivers of Italy ..... 10
20. Define accurately the geographical position of Florence, Marsailles, Cordova, Malaga, Liverpool, Bristol, Birmingham, Chicago, Brockville, Detroit, Ottawa ..... 20

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## HISTORY.

3rd Division.

Values.
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1. Mention the eras into which Modern History has been divided.

## MENSURATION.

3rd Division.

Values.

1. What length of a piece of timber will make one solid foot, being 2 feet 9 inches deep and 1 foot 7 inches broad?
2. What is the capacity of a right cylinder whose height and the circumference of its base are each 20 feet?
3. The spire of a church, of a conical form, measures 37.6992 feet round its
base ; what is its solidity, its perpendicular height being 100 feet? $\ldots 20$
4. What is the content of a hexagonal frustum whose height is 6 feet and the side of the greater end 18 inches and of the less 12 inches?
5. What will the slating of a house cost at $£ 15 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. Fof square, the length being 43 feet 10 inches, and the breadth 27 feet 5 inches on the flat; the eaves projecting 16 inches on each side, true pitch?1. Divide2. Resolv-83. Find $t$( $2 x-$
6. A book more than
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8. Draw a st from a

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## ALGEBRA.

## 3rd Division.

Values.

1. Divide $a^{2}+a b+2 a c-2 b^{2}+7 b c-3 c^{2}$ by $a-b+3 c \ldots . .10$
2. Resolve into elementary factors $x^{2}+6 x+5, x^{2}+9 x+20, x 2$
$-8 x+15, x^{2}+8 x+7$, and $x^{2}-10 x+9 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .20$
3. Find the value of $x$ from the equation $\frac{1}{27}(2 x+7)-\frac{1}{15}$ $(2 x-7)=1 \frac{5}{6}-\frac{1}{20}(3 x+4)$
4. A bookseller sold 10 books at a certain price, and afterwards 15 more at the same rate, and at the latter time received 35 s . more than at the former. What was the price of the book ?......... 25
5. How much tea at 4 s .6 d. must be mixed with 50 lbs. at 6 s. , that the mixture may be sold at 5 s .6 d . ?

## GEOMETRY. <br> 3Rd Division.

1. Draw a straight line, perpendicular to a straight line of unlimited length,
from a given point without it $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . . . \begin{aligned} & 10\end{aligned}$
Prove that if from the ends of the side of a triangle there be drawn two

## Values.

2. Prove that if from the ends of the side of a triangle there be drawn two
straight lines to a point within the triangle, these shall be less than the other two sides of the triangle, but shall contain a greater angle.
3. Prove that if any side of a triangle be produced, the exterior angle is equal to the two interior and opposite angles, and that the three interior angles of every triangle are together equal to two right angles. ... 20
4. Prove that in any right-angled triangle the square which is described upon the side subtending the right angle is equal to the squares described upon the sides which contain the right angle.
5. Prove that in obtuse angled triangles, if a perpendicular be drawn from any of the acute angles to the opposite side produced, the square of the side subtending the obtuse angle is greater than the squares of the
sides containing the obtuse angle, by twice the rectangle sides containing the obtuse angle, by twice the rectangle contained by the side upon which, when produced, the perpendicular falls, and the straight line intercepted, without the triangle between the perpendicular and the obtuse angle a Scholarship.

## B.

Lists of Pupils recommended by the Examiners to receive Honours, as the result of the Combined Examination, July 17th, 1865 ; arrranged in the order of merit.
I.-Third (Senior) Division.
(boys) scholarships.

| 1. William Henry De | Givins' Street | School. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. John George Keeler. | do | do. |
| 3. David Elder | George Street | School. |
| 4. James Fleming Marshall | do. |  |
| 5. James T. Mitchell | Pe Park | do. |
| 6. James Wardlaw | George Street | do. |
| 7. Frederick Manley |  |  |

8. A Prize, instead of a Scholarship No. 6, to which he was entitled, but which he could not conveniently receive.

James Matthew.
Givins' Street School.
N.B.-No. 6, having to leave the City, afterwards received a Prize instead of
8.

1. Maria Jones. ............................... . Phœebe Street School.
2. Jennie Spink
George do. do.
3. Christina Kenney Louisa do. do.
4. Margaret Matthew
Givins' do. do.
5. Ellen Harney Louisa Street School.
6. Henrietta Williams
Victoria do. do.
7. Susanna E. Foster Louisa do. do.

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## CERTIFICATES OF HONOUR.

1. John Treloar............
2. William Stuart Gill ......
III.—Second (Intermediate) Division.

PRIZES.

1. Henry Harris
2. William Munro
The Park School.
3. Frederick Wood
Victoria Street School.
4. John Hampden Day The Park
do.
5. Joseph Dawson
George Street do.
6. Thomas M. Smith. Victoria do.
7. Thomas M. Smith George do. do. Victoria do. do.
CERTIFICATES OF honour.
8. William Henry Elliot
9. $\{$ Hyman Miller
10. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Alexander T. Middleton.................... } \text { Louisa } \\ & \text { do. do. do. } \\ & \text { do. }\end{aligned}$
Louisa Street School.
11. Georgina Winsor
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o.
10. Rowland Carter.
11. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Bessie Clyne....... } \\ \text { Jemima Robertson. }\end{array}\right.$
do. do. do.
George do. do.
Victoria do. do.

CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR.
3. Georgina Morris $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$........................... Street School.

PRIZES.
8. Mary Maugham
9. Augusta Roddy
Victoria Street School.
George do. do.
II.-Second (Senior) Division.

The Park School and John Street Female Departments.
PRIzES.

## Palace Street School.

1. John Treloar......................... Palace
2. William Street
School.
2ill $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$.
do.
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IV.-First (Junior) Division.

PRIZES.


CERTIFICATES OF HONOUR.

| $\text { 6. }\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { William Benson } \\ \text { James Thomson } \\ \text { Margaret Ross. } \end{array}\right.$ | George Louisa Centre | Stree do. do. | Schoo ${ }^{1}$. do. do. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\text { 7. }\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Sarah E. Love. } \\ \text { William Louden } \\ \text { John Cudhie ... } \end{array}\right.$ | Victoria Centre Phœbe | Stre do. do. | School. do. do. |

Palace and Givins' Street Schools.

PRIZES.

| 1. Jannet Henderson. | Givins' | Street | School. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Palace | do. | do. |
| 2. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Skan Wright } \\ \text { Ann }\end{array}\right.$ | Givins' | do. | do. |
| Arthur Boyd... | do. | Street | School. |
| $\text { 3. }\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Inez McLaughlin } \\ \text { Emma Lane . . . } \end{array}\right.$ | Palace do. | Street do. | $\begin{gathered} \text { School. } \\ \text { do. } \end{gathered}$ |

3. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Inez McLaughlin } \\ \text { Emma Lane .... }\end{array}\right.$ do. do. do,

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Phœbe Givins'

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## School.

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Summary of Cerificates of Honour for Regularity and Punctuality of Attendance, \&e., granted to Pupils in the several Public Schools, at the Summer Examination.

| Name of School. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Palace Street |  |  |  |
| George " ......... ........ ................................. . | 2 | 13 | 15 |
| The Park ........................................... ... ........... | 22 | 21 | 43 |
| Victoria Street................................ . ............. ........ | 16 | 18 | 34 |
| Louisa " .............................. ........ ............... | 24 | 5 | 29 |
|  | 37 | 35 | 72 |
|  | $\cdots$ | 1 | 1 |
| Phœbe " ............................................................ | 16 | 13 | 29 |
| Givins' ، ....... ....... .......... ............................ | $\cdots$ | 11 | 11 |
| .............. ......... ....... ....... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Total ........ . ...... ........ .. ............... ........ | 122 | 122 | 244 |

## D.

Summary of Certificates of Honour for Regularity and Punctuality of Attendance, \&c., granted to Pupils in the several Public Schools, at the Winter Examination.

| Name of School. |  | Males. | Females. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Palace Street |  |  |  |  |
| George " | .......... | 21 | 20 | 41 |
| The Park | . ......... | 35 | 37 | 72 |
| Victoria Street | .......... | 22 | 18 | 40 |
| Louisa " | ... .............. | 29 | 27 | 56 |
| Centre " | ... .-.,. | 51 | 66 | 117 |
| John "6 | ... | $\cdots$ | 3 | 3 |
| Phœebe " | , | 29 | 37 | 66 |
| Givins' | ..................... | 15 | 23 | 38 |
|  | , | 12 | 15 | 27 |
|  | ............................. ................. | 214 | 246 | 469 |

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## E.

Standard for the Attainments of the Pupils in the respective Divisions of the City Public Schools, having reference to the transfer of Pupils from a Lover to a Higher Division, and to the Periodical Combined Examination of Selected I'upils.

## I.-READING AND SPELLING.

Division 1.-1st and 2nd National Reader.
" 2.-Sequel to 2 nd and 3rd National Reader.
" 3.-4th and 5th National Reader.
Sullivan's Spelling Book superseded.
N.B.-Pupils in 3rd Division to be exercised in Spelling, by means of Dictation.
II.-writing.

Division 1.-Pupils in 2nd Reader to write on Slates, to the extent of combining three letters without capitals.
" 2.-A plain text hand, including capitals and figures.
" 3.-A good commercial hand. ".

## III-ARITHMETIC.

Division 1.-Notation and Numeration, to nine places of figures. Simple Addition and Subtraction. The Multiplication Table. Simple Multiplication as far as by 12 ; and Simple Division (Long Division excepted).
" 2.--Sangster's Elementary Arithmetic, to page 80 inclusive.
" The remainder of Sangster's Elementary Arithmetic.

## IV.-ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

Division 2.-Lennie's Grammar, to the end of Etymology ; (page 52 inclusive). The parsing of simple sentences.
" 3.-Lennie's Grammar, to the end of Syntax ; page 164 inclusive). The parsing of simple and compound sentences. Analysis of sentences, to be communicated by Teachers, according to Morell.

## V.-GEOGRAPHY.

Division 1.-General Definitions, illustrated by the Map of the World.
" 2.-In addition to the foregoing, an acquaintance with the Maps of Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, to the extent of the countries they contain, their capitals, and their principal rivers, lakes, and mountains; also, Johnston's Map of the British North American Provinces, their chief cities, and their principal rivers, lakes, and mountains.

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Division 3.-Text Book; National Treatise. The whole of Sections 1st and 2nd. Section 3rd, (Conic Sections,) omitted. Section 4th to Problem 13, inclusive. Also, from page 144 to page 164, on "Artificer's Work."

## VIII.-ALGEBRA.

Division 3.-Colenso's Algebra, to Simple Equations, inclusive.
IX.-GEOMETRY.

Division 3.-1st and 2nd Book of Euclid.
N.B.-The Study of Subjects VII., VIII., and IX., is optional, but credit will be given at the Combined Examination for proficiency in them, which will be taken into account in the award of Grammar School Scholarships.

## X.-BOOK-KEEPING.

Instead of the last named three subjects, or, in addition to them, Book-keeping may be taken by any Senior Pupil, at the wish of his parent or guardian. The National Book-keeping to be used for this purpose.

Vocal Music and Drawing are regarded rather as School Recreations than as School Work to be required.

## JAMES PORTER, Local Superintendent.

Sanctioned by "Board of School Trustees," as revised and amended, October 11, 1861, and June 6, 1865.

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Books, \&c., required for the use of Pupils in the respoctive Divisions of the

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## JAMES PORTER, <br> Local Superintendent.

Sanctioned by Board of School Trustees, October 11, 1861, and June 6, 1865.

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## APPENDIX III.

Secretary's Abstract Statement of the Estimated Cost of Maintaining the
City Schools, for the year 1865.

1. Annual Interest, at 6 per cent., on permanent Investment of say $\$ 89,280$, for the 9 School Sites, Buildings and School Furniture,


$\$ 5,35680$
2. Salaries of Superintendent, Secretary, and 40 Teachers; pay-
ments to Auditors and Examiners; and allowances to 10 Caretakers ( 10 schools and 1 office)

16,59000
4. Rents and Taxes

34000
5. Election expenses

8000
6. Coal, wood, and cutting wood (winter 1864-65) .................... $\begin{array}{r}80 \\ 1,400 \\ 00\end{array}$
7. Insurances on 8 School Buildings, Furniture, \&c. 33200
8. Printing and Advertising; Maps; Prize Books; Pens, Ink and Stationery for the Schools ; and Stationery for the Board and the Offices

26,44880

## APPENDIX IV.

Secretary's Statement of the estimated value of the School Premises, Sites and Buildings, belonging to the Board of Trustees, of the City of Toronto, the 31st December, 1865, namely:-
Ward of Saint \{The Park School.......... $\$ 8,25000\}$
David \{George St. do.
$\left.\begin{array}{r}8,250 \\ 90\end{array}\right\}$
$\$ 17,50000$
Ward of Saint Lawrence-Palace Street School
5,350 00
Ward of Saint James-Victoria Street School
15,00000
Ward of Saint $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Louisa Street School.......... } \\ \text { Addition to same. }\end{array}\right.$ 9,000 00
John $\left\{\begin{array}{ll}\text { Addition to same............ } & 1,381 \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Additional School Site, Eliza- } \\ \text { beth and Sayer Streets. }\end{array} & 1,280\end{array}\right\} \ldots \quad 11,66150$
$\begin{gathered}\text { Ward of Saint } \\ \text { Patrick }\end{gathered}\left\{\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Phoebe Street School } \ldots \ldots . & 15,000 & 00 \\ \text { Givins' Street } & \text { do. } \ldots \ldots & 3,350 & 00\end{array}\right\} \ldots . \begin{array}{ll}18,350 & 00\end{array}$
Ward of Saint George-John Street School...................... 16,250 00
Total.
$\$ 84,11150$
The same being exclusive of inside fittings-up, Furniture and School Apparatus, \&c.

> Certified, G. A. BARBER,

Toronto, January, 1866.

Secritary.
B. S. T.

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## APPENDIX V.

Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Common School Purposes, City of Toronto, for the Year ending December 31st, 1865. Published by the Board of School Trustees for said City, as required by Statute.

## Income for 1865.

Balance over from 1864, as per last published Statement
$\$ 2,27771$
Legislative Appropriation for 1865
3,453 00
Municipal Assessment, as per School Estimates, of 1865
23,000 00
Total Income, 1865
$. \$ 28,73071$

Expenditure for 1865.

1. Salaries for the year, namely :-

$\$ 16,58649$
2. Rents and Taxes, viz :-

The two Offices and Board Room, $\$ 160$; and taxes on the same, $\$ 36 ; \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . . \$ 19600$
Centre Street Auxiliary School, Ward of St.
John .......................................... 14000
33600
3. Instalments on School Sites; with Interest on the same, and on School Mortgages, viz:-
First Instalment, \$256; and Interest, \$102 40
ou Principal, new Site Ward St. John..... \$358 40
Conveyancing charges for the above............ 3750
John Street School Mortgage. .................. 18000
Louisa Street " " $\$ 80$; and Commission on renewal of same for a further period $\$ 30 \quad 11000^{\circ}$
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dings and Furniture, viz:
Imperial (Lerica Company...$\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$............. \$132 30
Royal (London and Liverpool), Co, ......... 8705
Western Co'y Canada................ 6250
6. Fuel for the Schools and Offices, viz :- $\quad 32560$

Coal, 1865
$\$ 42852$

6. Pri.................. 17808
6. Printing, Advertising, Prize Books; Maps, and Sta-
tionery for the Schools, the Board and Offices,
viz:-
Guardian Office, Printing School Report. ..... $\$ 5764$
H. Rowsell, Stationery, Printing, \&c........... 20015

Department Public Instruction. .................. 6343
Globe, Advertising and Printing................ 5533
Leader, Advertising......................................... 4050
Buntin Bros, Pess for Sh
Buntin Bros, Pens for Scholars................. 12157
Bibles, $\$ 9$ 32; Lithographing $\$ 2000 \ldots \ldots$.... $\begin{aligned} 12157 \\ 32\end{aligned}$
Engraving Labels, \$350; Mounting Lessons, $\$ 65$; Miscellaneous, \$4 $75 \ldots \ldots . .$. ..... 1480
7. Repairs to School Buildings, \&c., viz.:-
A. Greenlees, Contract for general repairs .... $\$ 75270$
A. Greenles, Contract for general repairs ....
Insurance, Carpenter's Risk, 1 month, ditto....
$\$ 75270$
72

Gundry \& Langley, Architects' Commission, ditto $\quad 4310$

A Greenlees, sundry miscellaneous repairs .... | 4310 |
| :--- |
| 67 |

Boxall Bros., Stove, Stovepipes, \&c............. 36 67
4412
C. Reed, $\$ 28.80$; R. Bell, $\$ 8.90$; Glazing .... 3770
N. Piper, Pails, Drinking Cups, \&c. ........... 2095
W. Faircloth, Painting, Palace Street School .. 1150
W. D. Carlyle, Alterations Palace Street School
and sundry miscellaneous repairs......... 4282
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { J. Morphy, Stove and Pipes, Palace Street School } & 4282 \\ 7 & 79\end{array}$
Clock, Phoebe Street School, $\$ 6.50$; Repairs to
Clocks, $\$ 5.25$; Thermometers, $\$ 3.00 \ldots$. ... 1475
Repairs to Pumps, $\$ 5.15$; Repairs to Fences,
Gates, Locks, \&c., $\$ 8.75$; Hardware, $\$ 9.97$
Sundry miscellaneous small


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Brought forward
$\$ 20,87891$
8. Miscellaneous, viz:-

Election School Trustees.................... $\$ 9050$
Furniture, $\$ 1396$; Lectures $\$ 1470 \ldots \ldots . . \quad 2866$
Gas account, Board Room, \&c..... ..... ... 1960
Postage, Drawer and Stamps ................ 2364
Cab-hire and Sundries........................ 6870
Sundry small requisites
995

Total General Expenditure, 1865.................. \$21,119 96
9. School Debentures, Sinking Fund, and Interest, 1865......... 5,251 50

Total Expenditure
\$26,371 46

Balance to Credit School Fund, 1st Jan., 1866
$\$ 2,35925$

Toronto, January, 1866.
G. A. BARBER, Secretary, B.S.T.

SAMUEL SPREULL, WILLIAM R. ORR,

Auditors.


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[^1]:    * Since this Report was read at the Board, I have learned that the return which was made to Mr. Brooke at the Education Office differed from that which I received at the same office. Both, I believe, were given in good faith, but by different persons. That which was given to me was marked probable; the one handed to Mr. Brooke is now pronounced authentic. According to it the increase of attendance at the Roman Catholic Schools, for the period stated, has been "nearly 110 per cent." Even this increase may be regarded as amply explained by the causes assigned in my Report. But, as the return given to Mr. Brooke for the City Schools in 1855 (namely, 1570) exactiy corresponds with the return of the average daily attendence given in our own School Reports (see Table H), therefore it should, in all fairness, be compared with our own return of the average daily attendance for 1864 . If this be done, it will appear that the actual increase in our own School attendance for the specified period has been not $45 \frac{1}{2}$, but nearly 53 per cent. J. P.

[^2]:    Palace Street
    George
    The Park
    Victoria Stree
    Louisa "
    Centre ،6
    John "،
    Phœbe "،
    Givins' "،

