

# GENERAL REVIEW.

## Public Schools.

The operations of the Public School department during the past year, have exhibited the same progress and prosperity as that of former years. It should be gratifying to every citizen to know that while the material wealth and prosperity of our city have been seriously retarded by financial embarrassment and business depression, the general progress and attendance of the Public Schools have been greater than any preceding year.

The average school attendance at this date (Mc'h 28th, 1871) is 20,000, showing an increase of nearly 5,000 since the report of the Superintendent, June 30th, 1870, when it was 15,394. About one-third of this number attend the Cosmopolitan Schools in which the German and French languages are taught in addition to the ordinary English course of study.

One of the most notable features in the progress of the Department, is the erection and completion during the year 1870 of five large and convenient school buildings which will afford, for some years to come, ample accommodation for the growing wants of the Department in the southern section of the city. Provision for the payment of the expenses of these additions was made by the last State Legislature by the passage of an act, authorizing the Mayor, Auditor, and Treasurer to issue from time to time in such sums as may be required, School Bonds, not to exceed in the aggregate \$300,000, the proceeds thereof, after paying the deficit in the school fund of 1869-70, to be used exclusively for purchasing lots and erecting school houses.

The Lincoln School Building which was partially destroyed by fire on the evening of the twenty-second of February last is to be restored to its original condition at an expense of \$25,000.

The law for the election of the Superintendent of Common Schools having been changed by the Legislature of the State, 1869-70, Mr. James H. Widber was elected in September last to that office and in accordance with the provisions of the general school law, Mr. John Swett, ex-State Superintendent has been appointed Deputy Superintendent. Few gentlemen have rendered more efficient services in promoting our system of school education than the present Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, and there is scarcely a doubt but that the operations of the Public Schools during their administration will exhibit the same gratifying progress as they have during any former period of their history.

## General Statistics, June 30, 1870.

Number of children under 15 years of age, (increase for the year 4,129) .....	45,617.
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, (increase for the year 1,270) .....	27,055.
Number of pupils enrolled in the Public Schools, (increase for the year 2,267) .....	22,152.
Average number belonging to the Public Schools, (increase for the year 2,237) .....	16,371.
Average daily attendance of pupils, (increase during the year, 2,281) .....	15,394.
Average daily absence of pupils, (increase for the year, 64) .....	1,043.

Number of School Houses, High, 2; Grammar, 10; Mixed, 3; Primary, 35; Total, 50, of which 17 are rented at an annual expense of ..... \$13,868.50.

Number of Teachers, 369; Classes, 489.

Expenditures. Salaries, Teachers, \$321,091.45; Janitors, \$22,446.32; Secretary's \$1,355.00; Carpenters, \$1,800.00; Total Salaries, 346,692.77; Census Marshals, \$1,505.25; Fuel and Lights, \$7,077.17; Books and Supplies, \$15,861.65; Rents, \$13,868.50; Sundries, \$3,730.30; Total (actual running expenses) \$388,735.64.

The following is a comparative statement of the daily attendance of all the public schools from 1852 to 1869, being a period of seventeen years: 1852, 445; 1853, 703; 1854, 1,011; 1855, 1,484; 1856, 2,516; 1857, 2,153; 1858, 2,521; 1859, 2,829; 1860, 2,837; 1861, 3,377; 1862, 3,794; 1863, 4,389; 1864, 5,470; 1865, 6,718; 1866, 8,131; 1867, 10,177; 1868, 11,871; 1869, 13,113; 1870, 15,394. Subjoined is a statement of the yearly expenditures of the department since 1852 to the present time:—1852, \$23,125; 1853, \$35,040; 1854, \$159,249; 1855, \$136,580; 1856, \$125,064; 1857, \$92,955; 1858, \$104,808; 1859, \$134,731; 1860, \$156,407; 1861, \$158,855; 1862, \$134,567; 1863, \$178,929; 1864, \$228,411; 1865, \$346,862; 1866, \$361,668; 1867, \$507,822; 1868, \$376,392; 1869, \$400,842; 1870, \$543,519, making a total expenditure, in seventeen years, of \$4,205,826.

## LOCATION OF SCHOOLS.

*Number of Pupils Enrolled, the Average Attendance, Average Number to each Teacher, and the Monthly Expense of Tuition, based upon the Teachers' and Janitors' Salaries of School Month ending May 27, 1870.*

**BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL** (location east side of Powell Street near Clay).—Pupils registered, 107; average attendance, 106; percentage of attendance, .99; number to each teacher, 18; monthly tuition of each pupil, \$9.38.

**GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL** (location south side of Bush Street near Stockton).—Pupils registered, 155; average attendance, 152; percentage of attendance, .98; number to each teacher, 25; monthly tuition of each pupil, \$4.90.

**CITY TRAINING SCHOOL** (location south side of Bush Street near Stockton).—Pupils registered, 232; average attendance, 203; percentage of attendance, .95½; monthly tuition of each pupil, \$1.70.

**LINCOLN GRAMMAR SCHOOL** (location east side of Fifth Street near Market).—Pupils registered, 960; average attendance, 924; percentage of attendance, .97; number to each teacher, 44; monthly tuition of each pupil, \$1.80.

**DENMAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL** (location northwest corner of Bush and Taylor streets).—Pupils registered, 676; average attendance, 630; percentage of attendance, .967-10; number to each teacher, 40; monthly tuition of each pupil, \$2.14.

**RINCON GRAMMAR SCHOOL** (location Vassar Place, leading from Harrison Street between Second and Third).—Pupils registered, 543; average attendance, 500; percentage attendance, .98; number to each teacher, 39; monthly tuition of each pupil, \$2.15.

**BROADWAY GRAMMAR SCHOOL** (location north side of Broadway, between Powell and Mason