

and nine dollars per annum:—and one room under the Presbyterian Church in Eutaw street, at the rate of one hundred and forty dollars per annum. No room can yet be procured suitable for a female school in the western part of the city. Miss McConkey has not, therefore, entered on the duty to which she was designated.

The school in Eutaw street, under the care of Mr. Coffin, was opened on the 21st of September last, and within sixty days was full; one hundred and eight pupils having been admitted on paying the tuition fee required by the ordinance, and four on the certificate of the committee of the Board. From the report of the Instructor herewith submitted, and marked A, it will appear that the applications, which it has been necessary to decline, for want of room, have been numerous, since the school was full. This testimony of public approbation cannot but be gratifying to the Council, as it is to this Board. And we cannot here refrain from expressing our decided approbation of the instructor, for the intelligence and persevering industry which he has so successfully developed, in bringing into order, and placing under efficient but mild discipline, so large a school in so short a time; while he has advanced its mental and moral culture beyond our most sanguine expectations. We are now more than ever convinced of the superiority of monitorial instruction over the old method, both for its efficiency and economy, not only from the combined testimony of the most intelligent men, where it has had opportunity to develop its advantages, but from the little experience we have had from this one school. And we do not hesitate to declare our conviction, that, in a suitable room, with such a classification of the scholars as we shall presently take the liberty of suggesting, the same individual could profitably instruct three times the number he now has under his care.

The Schools in the eastern section of the city, both male and female, were opened on the 28th of September, under the instruction of Mr. Randolph and his daughter. To the male School has been admitted since its commencement one hundred and twenty-three pupils: one hundred and twelve on the payment of tuition fees, and eleven on certificate of the committee of the Board. The room in which this School is taught, is far less suited to the purpose than even the one on Eutaw street; and it would not surprise any one who visits it, if little discipline or improvement were found among one hundred and twenty boys, crowded into a space hardly sufficient for fifty. There has however even here been an evident advance in some of the branches of study; and a more suitable room, which the Commissioners have hopes of being able to obtain, would, no doubt, give opportunity for much improvement in the condition of this School.

Miss Randolph has an interesting little School of thirty-four female pupils; twenty-five of whom were admitted on paying tuition, and eight on certificate of the committee. The Commissioners who attended, were much gratified at the examination of this School. The deportment of the Instructress, the clear and perspicuous manner in