

attractive. He used to find that the children left them of the 24th of May, and other Public Holidays. Have lately had a social or festival on these occasions.—The result good. Very few teachers can command children from the *outside*. The teacher to be really successful must mingle with the scholars, and make them feel that his and their interests are identical.

Mr. Barclay, said, "This subject has caused trouble. Entertainments are necessary, but it is next to impossible to set the limits. At any rate they must in some way conform to the tastes of the young. Has had 20 years experience of pic-nics, &c. At first had Sabbath School exercise in connection therewith, but had to drop them as it was found that the young went for amusement and not for instruction. Should there not be winter entertainments? What about prizes? Are they not very apt to supplant the great objects of the Sabbath School?"

Mr. Coult, rather thought our ministers shirked their duty in regard to giving directions as to what should or should not be done at these entertainments.

By motion of Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Jeffery, a motion for extension of time for 5 minutes was passed, in order to continue the subject.

Mr. Jeffery, said the majority always contrived to avoid the hard work of getting up these entertainments. Some one or two were compelled to do all the hard part of it. There should be a sacrifice made by all. It was unfair to expect that a few should labor for the enjoyment of all. We should also strive to make the children happy. We must sacrifice self for a time. Mr. Burns, thought that in winter, entertainments consisting of dialogues, music, might be held with advantage.

CHOIR: "LOOKING TO JESUS."

QUESTION 5th.—"Is it necessary to close the Sunday School in winter? If so, what may take its place?" Mr. Fawcett considered that this related mostly to rural sections as it was felt to be as necessary in our villages and towns as our common schools were. It was a very great pity that the practice of closing in winter was so prevalent. Some argue that it was necessary on account of the severity of the weather. Why not then also shut the common schools which were generally as distant? He knew a Superintendent who could not think of keeping his school open on the Sabbath in cold weather, but though the thermometers were below zero would be off to market before 7 a.m. on Monday. The Sabbath School was called the "Nursery of the Church." If so, was it not as necessary to take care of it in winter as in summer. It was frequently said that the children had not suitable clothes. Well that did not keep them from the public school. Suppose a minister were to close his Church in winter! The congregation would soon look for another. The fault really lay with the teachers. There were always plenty of children to come; it was the teachers who would not do so. Teachers too were generally healthier and stronger in winter, and had less to engage their time.

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