

lowly, nor the tall archangel before his throne too great.

"Neath cloistered boughs each floral bell that swingeth,

And tolls its incense on the passing air,
Makes Sabbath in the field, and ever ringeth
A call to prayer.

Your voiceless lips, O flowers ! are living preachers,

Each cup a pulpit, and each leaf a book.
Supplying to our fancy numerous teachers
From lowliest nook.

Floral apostles ! that in dewy splendour

Weep without woe and blush without a crime,
Oh, may we deeply learn and ne'er surrender
Your lore sublime."

And in the tender regard for everything that God has made—for tiny wren and robin, for chipmunk and field-mouse, for tadpole and newt, for insect and creeping thing, we may learn not merely interesting lessons of natural history, but a recognition of the moral truth that

"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things, both great and small,
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

Communications.

ELM STREET CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

THE annual picnic of this large and flourishing School took place on the 8th July at the Humber Grove. The Scholars, Officers and Teachers assembled at the Church, and after responding to the call of the Superintendent of the School, the Scholars fell into line and proceeded two and two in the most orderly manner, (the infant class leading) down Terauley St., along Queen and Yonge Sts., and joined the safe and commodious steamer "Watertown," which steamed off at 12.30 p.m., with its precious freight of youngsters all joyous and happy. It was one of the finest sights that

could be desired, to witness between 500 and 600 children marching down the street ; surely in them we see portrayed the element of national greatness, and the mainstay of Victoria's Royal Throne.

On arriving at the Humber grounds it was found that everything that could contribute to the happiness of the occasion had been provided by the energy and forethought of the Refreshment and Amusement Committees. The grounds were gaily decorated with Loyal Banners, Swings erected, Base Ball and Croquet provided, Races entered into with great spirit, and altogether the children spent one of the pleasantest days of their life. There were camp stools in abundance on which the weary might rest. A good band of stringed and wind instruments accompanied the School, in the music of which the children joined, and sang many of their Sweet Sunday School Hymns. Nothing but S. S. music was rendered. The weather was delightful, and many of the city friends availed themselves of the two o'clock boat and joined the picnic, so that at one time there were not fewer than one thousand people on the grounds. The most ample provision was made in the refreshment line.

The Steamer returned to Toronto in the evening at nine o'clock, and seldom carried a heavier load. All felt thankful to a kind Providence for preserving the children from accident, nothing having occurred in any way to mar the happiness of the day. COM.

WE had the pleasure of being present on the 27th of July at the very successful picnic of the Richmond St. Sunday School, any detailed account of which would be almost identical in its features with the above. We understand that the Queen St. and Spadina Avenue Schools have had their annual picnic at the same delightful grove. The Berkely St. School went by rail to Markham, and there joined the festivities of the Markham Sunday School. Great praise is due the Teachers and Officers of our Schools for the amount of self-imposed labour that they undergo in providing for the enjoyment of the scholars as well as for their religious instruction. It was especially gratifying to witness the large attendance of the parents and friends of the scholars on these occasions, evincing as it does their practical sympathy with this important department of church operations.

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