



THE BROOKLYN SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PARADE.—(SEE PAGE 355.)

The great day of the year for the young people of Brooklyn, and a good many of their elders as well, is "Children's Day," as the annual parade of the Sunday-School Union in the City of Churches has come to be designated. The custom was established fifty-three years ago, and has been observed ever since. Wednesday, May 25th, was the day fixed for this year's festival, and it proved, fortunately, one of the most beautiful which the Spring has brought. The public schools were closed, according to custom, and there was but little business trans-

acted in the public offices, courts or stores. The flags were floating gayly from the City Hall, Court House, new Municipal Buildings, United States Court, Post Office, the theatres, and from a thousand private residences in every part of the city. The children assembled at their respective church edifices at two o'clock, and half an hour later the indoor exercises were begun. After brief addresses, singing, prayer, Scriptural reading and benediction, the youngsters were formed in two ranks and marched to their respective stations, where they were reviewed by pastors

and people, and toddled along with bright faces and pretty dresses. There were 51,500 children and teachers on parade. This immense army, which carried the bright, silken and tinsel banners and guidons of 126 Sunday-schools, was divided into seven divisions. The kaleidoscopic effect of the thousands of children, with their variegated attire and many-colored ribbons floating in the refreshing breeze, under the radiant sunlight, formed a scene of rare beauty. Bands of music accompanied the schools. It is estimated that not less than 50,000 people

viewed the parade in Prospect Park. After the parade many of the schools sought the picnic grounds, where upon snowy cloths were spread tempting luncheons to the juvenile appetite. The greater number of the children, however, repaired to their respective church class-rooms, where the weary ones were welcomed by loving relations and friends, who had the feast ready for them. The festival passed off without mishap of any kind, and is pronounced the most successful ever known.