

for Jesus," by 11; "Temperance," by 10 little folks, &c., &c.

Mr. Grant says that any entertainment they have attempted has been most kindly received and supported, and is a means of helping their work more and more.

We clip the following extract from a notice of the above as given in *San Fernando Gazette*:

"Not often have we the gratification of confessing to an agreeable surprise more especially at the nature of which the Juvenile Entertainment of Monday evening last partook. This novel and successful get-up took place at the school rooms of the Canadian Indian Mission. The programme comprised Chorus, Songs, Recitations, Dialogues, etc., and we but re-echo the general expressions of all present that the entire proceedings were creditable alike to the teachers as well as to the pupils. The general appearance, discipline and efficiency of the latter prove beyond a doubt that sincere efforts are being bestowed on their improvement, whilst the results as exhibited give ample proof that those efforts have not been fruitless.

A noteworthy and pleasant feature of the gathering was the presence of the elite of the town, many of whose children are under the careful tuition of Miss Copeland (of Canada) and the superintendence of the Rev. K. J. Grant. If hitherto any doubt existed as to the progress of the useful labors of the gentlemen connected with this Mission, Monday's exhibition must have dispelled it; for the competition between the sons of the descendants of India, and their more privileged neighbors was no mean one. An admission fee of one shilling and the sale of some refreshments in the shape of "ices" realized a total of \$46, which amount is intended to assist the Mission funds. We trust this successful attempt will lead to many similar ones, and the patronage so justly accorded and equally justly merited will increase on every subsequent occasion. We heartily wish the zealous Missionaries every possible success in their civilizing work.

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SERMON

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"Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."—Matt. xiii: 52.

The disciples were learning to understand their Master's parabolic method of instruction. At first they could make nothing of it. Even after he had explained to them the parable of the Sower, they had to ask an explanation of the parable of the Tares. But now they began to perceive the principle on which his parables were framed—familiar processes in nature or human life being used as object lessons to represent things belonging to the kingdom of grace—and felt that such a mode of teaching, though obscure to those who would not see, was luminous and attractive to the sincere inquirer. So, when he added other parables—of the treasure, the pearl, the net—and asked them whether they understood, they answered, yea. Their training to be the scribes or pundits of christianity was making satisfactory progress. In recognition of this progress he replies: "Well, then, your method in the future must be like mine to-day; take one more parable to represent it, 'every scribe, which is instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that is an householder which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.'"

The Kingdom of Heaven is God's Kingdom in the hearts of men, as established there by the Lord Jesus Christ. It comes from Heaven and it prepares for Heaven. It is Heaven on earth. It takes visible form, as a more or less definitely organized society, because men are visible, and need each other's help in the cultivation of the Christian life. But its vital characteristic is its heavenliness. A scribe who has been instructed or made a disciple to this kingdom is a scribe who has been educated in Christianity—so educated as to be qualified for his office as a scribe or teacher. Our text, then, is a divine lecture on homiletics. It tells us how a Christian scribe is to discharge his work as an instructor.