

School work. Before the dismissal of the class discussion was had as to the hour of meeting. Noon seemed to be an inconvenient part of the day for most of the attendants. It was ultimately resolved to hold the class from four to five on Saturday afternoons."



### **S. S. Entertainment at Richmond Street Church, Toronto.**

WE had the pleasure on Friday Evening, the 9th ult., of being present at what we consider a model entertainment, given by the teachers of the Richmond Street Sunday-school in this city to the elder scholars and a large number of invited guests. After a very elegant and tasteful repast, a hour or more was spent in agreeable social intercourse. Our friend, the Rev. J. Doel, presided at a galvanic battery and administered galvanic shocks to any extent to those fond of that sensation. Mr. Morphy and other kind friends had provided a graphoscope, stereoscope, and a thaumascope, with a large number of beautiful pictures for inspection by means of these instruments. The guests seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves; the energetic and courteous superintendent, Mr. Pearson; the teachers, both ladies and gentlemen; and the Rev. Mr. Jeffrey, the pastor of the church using every effort to make the entertainment agreeable. We think that such gatherings might with great advantage be multiplied. The parents and friends of the children have thus an opportunity to be acquainted with each other and with the teachers, and enjoy such social gathering better than formal tea-meeting when the time is largely occupied by set speeches, which impose the restraint of silence on all except the appointed speakers. People for the most

part like to do their own speech making better than having it done for them, and in our large city churches such gatherings may be made a means of grace, by bringing into more intimate Christian fellowship those who might otherwise be comparatively strangers. The latter part of the evening was occupied by a short programme of readings, singing, instrumental music, and a short address of wise and loving religious counsel by the respected pastor, Mr. Jeffrey.

On the previous evening an entertainment was given to the children, embracing several of the features above mentioned, with the addition of a magic lantern exhibition which was immensely popular with the little folks.

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### **Book Notices.**

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*Business Success: What it is and How to Secure it.* A Lecture delivered before the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association by JOHN MACDONALD. Toronto: Adam, Stevenson & Co. S. Rose. 12mo. pp. 70.

We wish that a copy of this book could be placed in the hands of every young man in the Dominion, convinced that it would greatly aid in the formation of a noble type of Christian manhood, and lead, it may be, not a few to attain similar success to that of its author.

It abounds in practical wisdom, based upon long experience, wide observation, and thoughtful reflection. Mr. Macdonald has signally illustrated commercial success in his own career, and here points out its essential elements for the guidance of the young men of this Dominion. He exhibits the dignity, may, grandeur, of Christian commercial life; and shows how true success is based upon the firm foundation of inflexible integrity of character—a high-souled honour that scorns anything that is mean or questionable, even to gain an apparent advantage.

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