

KITCHEN GARDEN.

The Central "Y" conducted, through the Misses Howland and Burritt, one Kitchen Garden class of twenty members during the past year, and united with the Bands of Hope in giving a "May Festival." We also had a cooking class for poor children, consisting of ten members. These were taught plain, wholesome, economical cookery, by Miss Rose; and we are sure the lessons thus learned will be felt in some of the homes of the future, if not in the present.

The North Toronto Union had a Kitchen Garden class in the school-room of the Bond Street Congregational Church, but as I have not received any official report, I cannot say with what success it was attended.

The Girls' Home have requested that a course of Kitchen Garden lessons be given to the little girls this fall if possible.

The Gordon "Y" organized a Kitchen Garden class in Sackville Street Mission Hall, in June, 1889; another was formed in the fall. The two classes, numbering thirty-six children, have been successfully carried on during the year. A series of parlor socials and exhibitions of Kitchen Garden work by the children were given, by these means the utensils were paid for. The Kindergarten chairs, necessary to complete the outfit, were the gift of Dr. Thomas Henderson, whose kindness and liberality we thankfully acknowledge.

BANDS OF HOPE.

The Central "Y's" have taught Scientific Temperance in the Girls' Home, regularly every week, to about sixty children; also in the Truant School, to between forty and fifty. In addition to this, we had about eighty children in our Sackville Street Band of Hope, and eighteen in our Central, making in all, 238 children under our care.

North Toronto carried on a Band of thirty-nine children during the winter.

Willard has a successful Band, numbering sixty, all of whom have signed the pledge. Average attendance, thirty.

Western.—The highest place in this department must be assigned to the Western Union, which carries on successfully three Bands, with a membership of 500 and an average attendance of 215. These are carried on for nine months and are taught by the Superintendent, from the desk, with the help of the blackboard.

It seems to me that in this department we are not at all keeping pace with the growth of our city. When we read of the new schools filled to overflowing, and think of this meagre report, we ought to be