

ment attended every Sunday in the year, except when sickness prevented, for which they were awarded Band of Honour Certificates. In the senior department 5 scholars have been present every Sunday during the year, although no prize or inducement was offered. These scholars are worthy of honourable mention:—Miss E. Ditchburn, class B., Miss Alice Sale, class F., Joseph A. Skirrow, class 12, W. T. Equi, class 14, and Walter Lugdin, class 19.

The amount collected by the scholars for the cause of missions, (not including \$30 collected on one Sunday for the sufferers of the St. John fire), was \$308.13 with the bank interest \$37.77, making \$345.90, being \$118.86 more than in 1876.

Information slips have been introduced for the purpose of informing each class at the end of the month, of the amount of Mission money collected.

The amount of money paid for the running expenses of the school was \$339.85.

The library is felt to be very inadequate to the wants of the school, although a few volumes have been added during the year.

HE who doeth all things well has taken to Himself four of our scholars, two from each department.

In closing, let us not think the victory won, nor lay our armour down, but be up and doing, labouring while the Master gives us strength.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. HEWITT,
Secretary.

Toronto, Jan. 8th 1878.

NEW YEAR'S FESTIVALS.

JARVIS ST. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The *Junior Department* had its New Year's entertainment on Friday evening the 4th inst. Bro. Wesbroom the superintendent of the department provided a very acceptable bill of fare for the little folks in a series of instructive and comic dissolving views, followed by short addresses by the pastor and the superintendent of the school, and last but not least, a liberal supply of good candies and oranges.

The distribution of over 100 Band of Honour Certificates among the scholars for punctual and regular attendance during the year was a very gratifying feature of the evening's enjoyment.

The *Senior Department* enjoyed a very happy evening on Friday the 11th. A bountiful tea was served in the basement between half-past six and half-past seven. The after exercises were conducted in the Sunday School Hall, the body of which was closely filled with the scholars, and both galleries crowded with spectators. The superintendent occupied the chair, the pastor and Bro. Speller, superintendent of the Brock street school also occupying seats on the platform. Miss Elliot presided at the piano with her usual grace and ability; and the following programme was successfully carried out:—Opening hymn by the school—*Pull for the Shore*; Prayer by Bro. Speller; Remarks by the Superintendent; Annual Report read by the Secretary; Address by the Pastor; Vocal duet by Misses Lugdin and Davis, ac-

companied by Mr. Wm. Lawson; Recitation by Mr. Jenner; Instrumental duet by the Misses Gilmore; Reading by Mr. Arthur Castle. *Intermission*. Hymn *Only an Armour-Bearer*; Reading by Mr. W. A. Taylor; Address and Reading by Mr. Craig; Hymn—*There'll be no parting*; Closing prayer by the pastor. Thus a very pleasant and successful entertainment concluded shortly after nine o'clock.

QUEEN STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The annual New Year's entertainment of this school took place on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst. There was a large attendance of teachers, scholars, and friends. Rev. J. W. Mitchell, pastor of the church occupied the chair, and spoke very cheerfully of the progress and prospects of the school. The programme of exercises, though lengthy, was varied and interesting, and afforded very much pleasure to all present. This school numbers about fifty children of our coloured brethren.

ALEXANDER ST. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The annual festival for the scholars of the Sabbath school of Alexander street church in this city was given on Tuesday evening 8th inst. The ladies provided a bountiful store of good things, of which the scholars partook at six o'clock. The parents and friends of the little folks came to share in the evening's enjoyment, and altogether the company comfortably filled the basement. A musical and literary programme followed what is usually considered the more substantial portion of the entertainment. "Llanorfe" selections by Mrs. James Wright and Miss Evans; a song by Mr. C. A. Morse, (who ably acted as chairman); and readings by Messrs Alfred Reeve, Thomas Bengough, and Arthur Lobb, were given. The latter had just finished a reading entitled "The night before Christmas" when a knock was heard at the door, and a request for admittance was made by an old man, who said he wanted to join in the fun. On a vote of the young folks being taken he was admitted. He was a frail old man, with shaggy locks and long grey beard, looking something like the 'Ancient Mariner', or 'Kip Van Winkle'. He tottered in, leaning upon a heavy sugar-cane. The bundle he carried suggested that he was not entirely destitute, and a closer inspection developed a resemblance to the Santa Claus of the picture-books; and after the excitement had subsided he explained that his name was St. Nicholas, and that he had come to help the young folks enjoy themselves. He fulfilled his promise by distributing sweetmeats and picture books; and when he was about to leave the room there were most uproarious demonstrations of desire that he should remain; but he explained that he had other visits to make, and promised to come back next year. The company dispersed about 9.30 p.m., the entertainment having proved exceedingly enjoyable.

YORKVILLE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This school held its annual New Year's entertainment on the evening of Friday the 4th inst. After partaking of the usual

bountiful supply of material comforts—some of them to a decidedly uncomfortable degree—the scholars were provided with other pleasant and suitable entertainment, including an address by Mr. Millard, on the Tabernacle illustrated by models, until the adjournment. One circumstance tended to render this year's Festival more quiet and subdued than usual,—the absence for the first time since the history of this school, of its founder and very constant friend, the late Mr. Buchanan.

BROCK ST. MISSION SCHOOL.

The annual Festival of the above school, in connection with Jarvis St. church, occurred on Tuesday 8th. The Hall was densely packed, many having to stand. Addresses were given by Revs. Dr. Castle, Dyke, and Botterill, and Mr. Eede. From the report read it was seen that the average attendance during 1877 was 159, an increase of 29 in the year, which, in its turn, exceeded the previous year by 28. Prizes to the number of 46 were distributed to those scholars who had secured nine or more "Band of Honor" cards during the year. Mr. N. W. Speller, who has acted as superintendent for five years, was presented by the teachers with a valuable copy of the Oxford Teacher's Bible.

Selections.

SAVED BY A FLAG

General Cook, the ranking officer of the Cuban army, has recently given to the public a thrilling account of his escape from death that seemed to be inevitable. He claims to be sole survivor of the crew of the *Virginius*, captured by a Spanish man of war on the 27th of October, 1874. The vessel was taken as a prize into Santiago de Cuba, which was reached early the next morning, and Captain Fry, the commander of the ship, and his men, were at once marched to Moro Castle, while the officers who belonged to the army of the insurgents were hurried to the city prison.

On the 2nd of November the latter saw from the prison yard the Captain and fifty-two of his men led out of the Castle, and slaughtered like swine. The next morning the Spanish General Burriel with his staff visited the jail, and informed the prisoners that they would be executed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Accordingly, at the appointed hour, two of the Cuban Generals were conducted from the place of confinement, and shot in the presence of 18,000 troops, and an immense concourse of citizens. Half an hour later two others were taken out, and put to death in the same manner. At 3 o'clock General Cook was led forth, and being compelled to kneel down, with arms pinioned and eyes bandaged, he heard the word of command given to the soldiers, drawn up but a few feet before him, preparing them to fire upon him, when suddenly the sharp, loud cry of "Halt" was heard.

Captain Lambton Lorraine, British Consul, rushed from the crowd of spectators, with a drawn sword in one hand, and the flag of his country in the other, and throwing the latter over the head of the kneeling