

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

The Annual Summer Festival of the Sunday School was held at High Park, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The day was all that could be desired. There were few present besides the teachers and scholars, but the children enjoyed themselves none the less because they had the grounds to themselves. The afternoon was spent in playing football, swinging, running races, &c. Prizes amounting to nearly ten dollars were distributed among those who took part in the games. The enjoyment of this part of the programme by the children was so great as to become contagious, and before long staid men and demure young women were to be seen taking an active—very active—part in some "Teachers' Races!" But this performance was quite eclipsed by the next announcement—a "Parson's Race," which duly came off; a brilliant performance, in which Mr. Kingston was the winner, with the Rector a good second. Afterwards, all sat down to a sumptuous tea, first the Infant Class, then the elder scholars. At 7 p.m. the St. George's Banners led the way to the train, and shortly after 8 o'clock all had returned home, without any accident to mar the day's enjoyment.

The Rector desires us to express his acknowledgements to those members of his congregation who, by promptly sending in their offerings for the purpose, enabled the teachers to give the Sunday Scholars so pleasant a treat.

## BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

Instead of the more familiar heading, "Temperance Guild," we put the name of an English Bishop, who is deeply interested in the work of the Church of England Temperance Society at home, and who is now on his way from England to advocate the same cause in Canada and in the United States. Unless the steamship in which he sails is delayed, he will spend Sunday, the

10th inst., in Toronto, preaching in the Cathedral in the morning, and in S. George's in the evening.

That a Bishop, no longer a young man, should cross the Atlantic to advocate the cause of Temperance, is surely suggestive. It ought to furnish food for very serious reflection. There are thousands of very respectable Christians in Toronto—many in S. George's congregation—who would not cross the road to attend a Temperance meeting, much less lift up hand and voice in support of it.

Is the Bishop mad, or fanatic? or are these respectable Christians indifferent and without thought as to the vast interests involved? They know very well that numbers of unfortunates are going down to a drunkard's grave; that the daily police record is a foul blot upon our Christianity and civilization, telling us of perhaps a dozen of our neighbours being sent to jail for this disgusting vice; that by this degrading sin, homes are being made wretched, the existence of many wives and mothers made a very hell upon earth, the growth of children is stunted, their hopes blasted, their bodies clothed in rags, their minds day by day familiarised with crime, and vice, and misery. They know these things, and hear of them with scarce an emotion, and without a finger raised to rescue. The reason of this is no doubt mainly because we have become so used to the sight and the knowledge of these things. But the time has come when the members of the church must follow the lead of the Church, and ponder seriously what their duty is under the circumstances and also whether there is any obligation upon them concerning that thing, which used to excess leads to the ruin of body and soul.

May God rule the hearts and influence the minds of all in the Church, "that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same," for HIS dear sake.