

had previously gained the admiration of other schools and friends on the circuit. The previous Sabbath was appointed for the annual sermon by the Rev. J. Wilson, B. A. The early part of Thursday was passed in the usual preliminaries to a "*Children's Treat.*" At 3 o'clock, by a long range of tables, in a beautiful arbor, and close by a "*provision house*" well stored with the ladies' offerings, sat 110 children, in presence of their invited parents and friends.

A second time were the tables spread for the ministers, parents and friends present; then a third for the teachers and other waiters.

Meantime the little ones and young people generally were heartily enjoying the occasion.

At seven o'clock, the company, then largely increased, repaired to the chapel. One or two much desired speakers did not appear; but a goodly number took the platform, who, with the responsive singing of the youthful choir, greatly interested the audience until an advanced hour. The singers were chosen from among the scholars, and it is really due to themselves and their leader to observe that the pieces sung evinced good taste, ability, and accurate preparation. We could not but contrast the purity of their verses and sweetness of their voices with the brass band performances we have sometimes endured on similar occasions, which do not usually accord well with the character and objects of S.S. instruction.

From the Report read, we learned that the number of scholars in attendance was 113. Average attendance during the year, 65. Number of verses recited, 25,139. On account of the tender age of many of the children, and the distance at which they live from the school, unfavourable weather materially reduces the average attendance. No admission tickets be-

ing in use, a subscription was taken at the close, which, with collections, &c., left in the Treasurer's hands \$50.

The deep religious influence which uniformly pervades this school, is one grand feature which augurs well for continued prosperity; and we trust that the esteemed Superintendent, Mr. V. Holtby, and his coadjutors, may still "see the work of the Lord prosper in their hands."

J. E. S.

*Chinguaousy, Sep. 21, 1852.*

#### ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

*To the Editor of the S. S. Guardian.*

REVEREND SIR,—As I know you are desirous of knowing what takes place from time to time in relation to Sabbath School operations, I venture to send you the following account of an Annual Festival, which took place here on Tuesday, the 14th inst., and which, if you deem it worthy of publication, will, I think, oblige and gratify many of your juvenile readers.

The officers and teachers of the Upper Town Wesleyan-Methodist S. School, having selected this day for holding their Annual Festival, decided upon giving their scholars a picnic. The weather in the morning threatened rain, but about twelve o'clock it cleared up, and throughout the afternoon was everything that could be desired. Mr. John Burrows having kindly offered for the occasion his garden, a beautiful romantic spot, overlooking the Suspension Bridge and Chaudiere Falls. In the midst of the garden, two lines of benches were placed in a semi-circular form for the children; and, in front of these, seats were placed for the President, the Rev. N. F. English, and the Superintendent; flanked on either side by seats for the parents and friends of the school, of whom a goodly number were present.

The children assembled in the school-room at half-past two o'clock,