THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The services connected with the celebration of the Sunday School Jubilee were commenced in Leicester, last Sunday, by the assembling of the children of the different schools belonging to the union, at the Temperance-hall. Long before two o'clock (the time appointed for the gathering) the spacious hall was crowded by the different schools, and considerable delay and inconvenience were occasioned by hundreds of the children being unable to obtain admission to the large hall; many more elegant buildings could have been anticipated. At length, one of the large rooms below was opened, and speedily filled, and the remainder were taken to the Dover-street chapel, where addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. Tewdale, of Mission, and Mr. J. F. Winks. The meeting in the large hall was presided over by C. B. Robinson, Esq., who, after the first hymn had been sung, and prayer offered up by the Rev. J. Tewdale, as before-mentioned, called upon Mr Charles Reed, of London, to address the children, who, for sparcity of an hour, spoke to them on the objects of the meeting. Throughout the whole of the address, Mr Reed was listened to with marked attention. At the conclusion, the chairman, C. B. Robinson, Esq., who had been in presiding over such an interesting meeting, and engaged especially the prayer, at the close of which had been manifested by the children during the whole of the service. The children's parting hymn having been sung, and the benediction pronounced, the audience were dismissed.

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CITY CORPORATION COMMISSION.—WEDNESDAY.

The Commissioners resumed their sittings shortly after twelve o'clock to-day, in the Privy Council Chamber, at the corner of Downing-street. The first witness called was

Mr John Bingham Travers, wholesale grocer in the city of London, who said he was a member of the Court of Aldermen, and a commissioner of sewers for the city. I am a member of the Finance Committee. The Corporation have, amongst others, I believe the corporation of the city is very municipal—very well, obsolete, and unfit for the requirements of the present day.

Mr Labouchere: You think no partial reforms would do? Would you not abolish the corporation and the wards altogether, and I think a Chamber of Commerce should be substituted in its place as a governing body at all. The class who are supposed to be the main persons in London don't reside in it. The corporations and municipalities are unfitted to the requirements of the City at the present time. The smaller shopkeepers are in favour of the existing state of things, but the great commercial men are opposed to the present system. In a case of public grievance, a public meeting is called, and an appeal made to the government, but that in the existing state of things is not enough.

Mr Labouchere: Suppose the Corporation should not be swept away, are there any alterations which you would suggest?

The witness: The higher classes in the City cannot attend to the local self-government of the City, and every merchant cannot act as a magistrate, or a commissioner of sewers, because he cannot give the necessary time to such duties. In all large business the duties are divided, and persons are brought up specially to a particular branch.

Mr Labouchere: Would that system apply to the whole unpaid magistracy of the country.

The Witness: Yes. The class of the higher class merchants would take part in corporation affairs. If, for instance, Mr Thomas Baring, who is at the head of the commerce of the country were to be offered as alderman of the City, he would consider the offer an insult. The aldermen are, in fact, considered lumbago.

Mr Lewis: To what do you attribute that feeling?

The Witness: Because the office has come into discredit.

Mr Labouchere: Can you suggest, for instance, where merchants of the highest standing are anxious to fill the office of Mayor.

Witness: Yes, but the office in Liverpool is one of distinction and great political influence, whereas the office in London is not. The Lord Mayor of London spends not less than £6,000 or £7,000 a year, and that was the minority of the assembly he was addressing. He had himself given £500 towards the Sebilay school education, and he encouraged those who were engaged in the work to go forward in their respective departments; for they could not tell what effect their exertion might have upon the religious interest of those who received the education.

The adoption of the report was seconded by the Rev. Matthew Norton, who dwelt generally upon the benefits of a rugged school in connection with the union. If teachers could be found, and room, he would find children. The great cry was for teachers. In London they could go out to and within a circuit of two miles round Leicester, he could find double the number of young men connected with any of all the children in the town.

The Rev. J. Sandemore moved the next resolution. He presumed that local aid would scarcely have been required, and he came to listen, not to speak, as he had been given to understand that there would be a deputation from London to address the meeting. He thought they had, however, only one gentleman amongst them who was, and thought an entire stranger to them, but he was a host in himself. The last time he saw him was when he was a young man, and then they were two competitors in the same class in the London University, trying each other's skill in Latin and Greek and he knew not what else, and he could say that he was then an exceedingly keen and industrious and successful student. He hoped whether Mr. Reed took the palm from him or he from Mr. Reed, but he did know that Mr. Reed was esteemed and beloved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was fellow-student with him at college for the divinity class, and he was known as a most laborious and efficient minister of the gospel in the town in which he resided. Since then Mr. Charles Reed had done many things, and so had he (Mr. S.), but Mr. Reed had done at least one thing he (Mr. S.) had not done, and that was he had married (a laugh), and he had that evening been telling him what he had listened to with great interest, namely, of his having become the father of four children. He was now glad to meet Mr. Reed again, and to offer him the right hand of fellowship. It was not his happiness to be present in that hall on Sunday, as he was out of town, but had he been at home he should have come to the meeting, and have thronged as it must have been. That assembly of children must have surpassed in interest that day of all which met within the building; it must have added more music to the heart and soul of the true Christian than was ever made by organ at the musical festival, and the meeting he was then addressing crowned all the meetings that had been held within those walls. He should not have been able to have been a meeting of the Sunday School Union, for he was wearied of public meetings, as in the course of each year he attended a satisfactory one, and he trusted that want would awaken the sympathies of some amongst them. It was true that some of the scholars from the schools in the town had joined the church during the past year, and they were mainly indebted for this encouraging result to the unwearied labours and the earnest prayers of the teachers there. This was the first time he had spoken at a meeting of the Sunday School Union, for he looked with a little suspicion upon unions of all kinds (Laughter). He thought they should be rather jealous of all unions, for the best of everything under the sun ought to be watched and checked, but he believed the Sunday School Union could not be one of those which it had no need to be ashamed. It was, he understood, altogether an unsectarian union, and that was as well as fellow labourers in the great vineyard; belonging to different denominations, but assisting for the time the same language, all fighting under the same banner, and using the little differences which divided them—perhaps too much —and they were certain to have a cordial reception from all others hearts. When he talked of unions, he hoped they would pardon him for the little embarrassment he might have. Around him there were some superintendents present, or some who had a leaning towards episcopalianism, and so far as he was concerned, he did not know that it was not the worse for that. There might be some Wesleyans, and some who might have been in their days Independents, at the conference, and constitute themselves into separate bodies, but still working towards the same grand object they had in view. Then they had Baptists, and they were all as good as the Chairman, they would perhaps be very much better than they were (laughter), and they had also amongst them some Independents,—a very good set of people in their way—(laughter)—all united to help forward the Sunday School Union. He was a great Sunday school teacher himself, and he began the work very young, and instead of choosing a wife in the town where he resided, he chose to go into a parish three or four miles distant, an exceedingly benighted one, for there were four or three others, either than himself, and there succeeded in establishing what had become a most admirable and useful school. He knew, therefore, some of the disadvantages of Sabbath school teachers, and he hoped some of them would be disheartened, for if they were, there might be a world become disheartened. The members of Christian churches looked upon Sunday school teachers as the most valuable auxiliaries in promoting the enlightenment of our towns, our counties, and our nation at large, and when they gave them service earnestly to the work, they looked forward to them as the churches. They must work together constantly and prayerfully, in order that the great work of Sabbath day instruction might continue to prosper. There might be many things that would tend to damp their zeal, but they must remember the nature of the seed they were sowing, and a lesson at this season especially. The husbandman deposited the seed in the ground, and anxiously looked forward for his great object—the produce; but that was comparatively distant and uncertain. Month after month the husbandman continue his labour, and work before the end of the time came; he knew that the work must be done, and that it must be done at once. The ground must be prepared, the seed must be deposited, and for a time the work might appear unpromising, and not such as he could wish as was expected; but then he knew there would be no error at all unless he prepared the earth for the casting in of the seed; and also was it with Sunday school teachers, they must have confidence that the end would be very unlike the beginning. The process might be slow, but the Sunday school teacher knew that the time would come when the fruits would appear, so must it be with all engaged in Sabbath instruction. On Tuesday, at an early hour, it was evident that the cause for all their present hardships was to be found in the little self-denial, for self-denial it was to many to come on Sunday to teach children; but they might rest assured that the seeds of self-denial would produce a rich harvest of joy. It was exceedingly difficult to estimate from experience what Sabbath schools were doing, but the results would probably ensue from the labours of the teachers in time; but, certainly, they had had experience enough of Sabbath schools to see that this was not to be in vain. He encouraged in respect to their operations, for now, like a strong man full of energy, they were pressing their way onward, and reaching forth with fresh strength, and no man who studied the history of Sabbath schools could fail to see that they had been steadily advancing and multiplying themselves throughout the length and breadth of the land; them, surely, this was not the day, and this jubilee year was not the year in which any one could discover in Sabbath schools signs of decay, or anything like exhaustion, but a year in which they were stronger and more vigorous than they had been before. 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Petty Sessions, Tuesday, November 1.
Before the Hon. T. W. C. Wilbore, and W. de Capel Brooke, and G. Palmer, Esqrs.

BREACH OF PEACE.—George Loome, of Husbands Bosworth, was charged by his wife, Elizabeth, with threatening to do her bodily injury, at Husbands Bosworth, on the 18th ult. Discharged (himself and one surety in £5) to keep the peace for twelve calendar months, and to pay the costs, 10s.

WILFUL DAMAGE THROUGH NOTTING.—Richard Buswell, of Desborough, labourer, was charged with doing damage, by wilfully notting down a fence, the property of Mr. John Harrington, on the 3rd of Oct., the property of J. Tollemache, Esq.—It appeared from the evidence of Richard Bird, keeper to Mr. Tollemache, that he found the defendant in a tree. He got down and broke through the fence. Defendant said he had cut some more wood than he had been notting, and they put him at defiance. The defence was, that the defendant had a right to cut wood in the demesne. 6d, and costs, 12s.—Thos. Panter, of Desborough, weaver, was charged by Turner with a similar offence; but, on his promising to pay the damage, the case was withdrawn, and the man he wanted, and of course the case fell to the ground.—Mr. Tollemache said he should prosecute all offenders in these cases.

John Smeed, of Medbourn, farmer, was charged with destroying underwood, by notting in Drayton wood, the property of C. Neville, Esq. Convicted in the damage, 6d; and costs, 12s.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.—A travelling potter, named Edward Sandilands, was charged by P.C. Fox with being drunk and disorderly at half-past twelve, the previous night, in Harborough town street. Fined 5s., costs 4s., to pay in a week.

The arrangements for delivery of letters here are very bad, as frequently the Leicester boy goes on to Lutterworth, is a source of serious inconvenience and annoyance to parties in this neighborhood. It ought to be remedied.

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On Thursday, the 27th ult., the Court Leet was held, when Mr Edward