

RIVINGTON.—The children of Rivington Sunday School have been entertaining their parents, teachers, and friends, with a novel and entirely original entertainment, which was repeated for the third time on Saturday night, January 22nd. The device was a representation of all the holidays of the year. The performers used a space down the centre of the room, as well as a large platform, and began with a processional march composed of various intricate figures. Previous to this a very telling prologue was spoken by a lady M.A. in cap and gown, explaining the intentions of the performers. After singing in chorus "Ring out the old, ring in the new," New Year's Day delivered his speech, which was followed by the carol, "Here we come a wassailing." After this a Twelfth Night King, Queen, and Maids of Honour, carrying cakes, delivered their speeches, &c.; a Jester and Folly making quaint remarks thereon. Shrove Tuesday, represented by a boy and a girl cook, with fry-pans and pancakes next spoke, and were accompanied by Carnival and Mardi Gras, who each added their quota. Ash Wednesday was represented by a Black Friar. St. Patrick's Day by a tiny Irish man and little Irish maid carrying the flag of Ireland, while the whole company sang "St. Patrick's Day." St. George now appeared with flag and spear, and boldly delivered his part, answered by remarks from the Jester. Palm Sunday carrying palm branches, accompanied by Good Friday and Easter Sunday, followed. The hymn "Ride on in Majesty," was sung by all present; and Easter Day with a white dove on her shoulder delivered Pasch-eggs to all the performing girls; these were boxes for thimbles, sweets, &c., the bright colours of which contrasted prettily with the pure white costume of Easter. Next a May pole was placed in the centre of the room, and four Maidens repeated Tennyson's words "You must wake and call me early," the whole company following with "Come lasses and lads," and dancing round the pole. 29th of May was represented by King Charles and a Royal Oak-maid; Whitsuntide by Robin Hood and Maid Marian singing "Come, here's to Robin Hood." Midsummer's Day and Rivington Club Day made two very good characters carrying an exact copy of the Club flag, painted in oils specially for the occasion. July 4th, American Independence with her cap of liberty, national flag, slave and slave driver, next appeared and delivered her oration; and "Yankee Doodle," and the "Battle Cry of Freedom," were sung. As our weather is so uncertain, it was thought best to have *one* fine Bank Holiday, and *two* wet ones, under bright crimson and yellow umbrellas, who delivered their parts nicely. August 12th then appeared gun in hand, and after his speech, "Now pray we for our Country" was sung. Michaelmas Day, with her rent and her goose, referred to depression in her special walk of life, and was replied to by the witty Jester. Harvest Home and Election Day followed, the latter making several good pointed remarks (quite *in respect* of party). Auld Halloween, and Fifth of November (carrying his tinder box, matches, and candle, not forgetting his barrel of gunpowder) riding in his decorated chair came next, followed by American Thanksgiving Day (a Puritan Boy) carrying a pumpkin pie. St. Valentine now appeared, as his pleasure was to refer to all that had passed, and give valentines to each performer, as well as some to old members of the congregation. When this was finished two little maids with stockings hanging from their shoulders, wreathed in ivy and holly, with bells, &c., declared they were Xmas Eve, and wondered what Santa Claus would put in their stockings. "Come out dear Dolly and make a Snow Man" was sung and acted vigorously, and quickly followed by the carol "Listen *listen to me*," and the *carol* "Old Christmas is coming." When he arrived bearing his great snowball, and accompanied by his little Lady Christmas all in white and swannedown with tiny sleighbells ringing as she moved, the children were each presented with a gift out of the snowball by the old father in crimson, who delivered a good speech. New Year's Eve next gave his part, and "Good King Wenceslas" was sung. There were many flags and other decorations carried in the procession, and the fifty bright and prettily contrasted costumes made a gay happy scene. The children thoroughly enjoyed their work and the surprise of their parents and teachers; every part was very satisfactorily performed. The first performance took place on December 18th, and was closed by the presentation from the children of a golden Bee brooch to the teacher who had assisted them with their surprise, and it will be valued and worn as a remembrance of many months of happy and loving joint labour.