

turned back; his life is prolonged.

Mordecai prays—Haman is hanged, Israel is free.

Nehemiah prays—the king's heart is softened in a minute.

Ezra prays—the walls of Jerusalem begin to rise.

The church prays—the Holy Ghost is poured out.

The church prays again—Peter is delivered by an angel.

Paul and Silas pray—the prison shakes; the door opens, every man's bonds are loosed.

R. W.

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The usual pic-nic of the Sabbath School of the Kirk, River John, was held on one of the brightest days of August.

After the usual drive, tea was served in a grove adjoining the Manse, and the Brass Band of the village very kindly, under the leadership of Mr. Gollan Esq., discoursed sweet music for two or three hours before and after tea, and marched down with the scholars, teachers and friends to the bridge at dusk, where in front of the Church the Band playey and scholars and teachers sang "Old Hundred" in fair style. Mr. Robert Sutherland, who has been for several years Superintendent, was unable to be present on this occasion on account of the illness of one of his children. But, with the exception of the Superintendent's absence, everything was just as we could wish.

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St. Paul's congregation has made the collection for the Home Mission Fund, but as it does not do the congregation justice, we will not mention the sum until an opportunity be given of increasing it by collecting cards.

I SHALL PRAY TO CHANCE.

An English lady, who had forsaken her God and her Bible for the gloom and darkness of infidelity, was crossing the Atlantic, and asked a pious sailor one morning how long they should be out. "In fourteen days, if it is God's will, we shall be in Liverpool," answered the sailor. "If it is God's will," said the lady: "what a senseless expression; don't you know that all comes by chance."

In a few days a terrible storm arose, and the lady stood clinging to the side of the cabin door in an agony of terror when the sailor passed her. "What do you think," said she; "will the storm soon be over?" "It seems likely to last for some time, madam." "Oh," she cried, "do pray that we may not be lost." His only and calm reply was 'Shall I pray to chance?' ELLEN,

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SALTSPRINGS.—St. Lukes congregation, Saltsprings, after a widowhood of fifteen or sixteen months, unanimously resolved to invite the Rev. Dr. Lamont, Finch, Ont., to become their pastor. The call has been accepted, and the induction fixed for the 18th Oct.

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WEST BRANCH.—The Rev. Mr. Galbraith is on a holiday trip to the sister province. We wish him a pleasant time and a safe return.

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