

us we shall willingly and regularly give our offerings to its services. (4) Consistency demands that we either serve God as Evangelists personally or else support those who serve Him. When we pray "Thy Kingdom Come"—i. e. may the Gospel of Jesus Christ flourish and abound and become more a power in our midst, and may the knowledge of Christ be spread abroad to distant lands—if we neither strive for these ends ourselves personally nor support those who do, can the prayer be much more than a mockery? Is it consistent to ask God to do all, while we do nothing? (5) God Himself has commanded that we should not come to the public services without a suitable offering. "They shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee." (Deut. 16, 16.) (6) St. Paul exhorts the Christians to lay by their offerings regularly on the first day of the week, i. e. on Sunday: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (1. Cor. 16, 2).

## General Parish News.

We call particular attention to our Register for the month of July. It is remarkable in most of its Departments. We wish, indeed, the last Department in it were not so full; but so it has pleased God. The list of those confirmed will serve as a certificate of Church-membership, and therefore should be preserved by the candidates as a duplicate with their card.

Mrs. R. Beatty has returned from her extended vacation, and is once more busy among us.

Mrs. Brotherhood and her children have come among us once more, and will be with us at least for the summer months. May we hope that they will remain with us for good?

Mrs. Maynard and the children are at Point Farm; Mr. Maynard is gone to Muskoka. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sydney-Smith also have gone to Muskoka for an extended holiday.

News has been received from all the members of our congregation in the old country. All are apparently having a pleasant and profitable time.

The Rector wishes to thank Mr. Andrew Monteith for a load of hay, and Mr. William Makins for a load of straw. Both are much appreciated.

The congregation on Sunday, July 9th, was one of the largest in the history of St. James' church. We thank the Orangemen for their large attendance.

Mr. Young, our choir-master, has gone on a yachting tour down the St. Lawrence. He will return in about a fortnight's time.

The Wardens have decided to put in proper drainage and make a cement floor in the cellar of the Rectory—improvements which are sadly needed.

Mr. R. R. Neild and his bride have taken up their residence on Grange street, near Waterloo street. We wish them both long life and happiness, and to Mrs. Neild we extend a cordial welcome to our midst.

In the absence of the church wardens, Messrs. S. R. Hesson and W. Dick make admirable substitutes.

We are glad to see Mrs. Beaumont (sr) Huron Rd., so much better than she was in the winter months.

Mr. Sydney Johnson has left for a two months' absence on a surveying expedition to Algoma.

Mr. James Wade has been transferred from the Stratford to the London branch of the Bank of Commerce. Mr. Armstrong, his successor in this branch, is also a member of our church.

Mr. Roland Thompson of Fairview is, we are sorry to learn, still suffering from the result of his accident in the winter.

The ladies of the congregation worshipping at No. 4 school house, Downie, are nearly ready with their bale for the North West Missions. The bale will be a large and valuable one, and no small credit is due to the zeal and energy of that branch of our Auxiliary.

The S. S. Picnic was held on Tuesday, July 17th, in Queen's Park and was attended by a very large number of parents and friends of the Sunday School as well as children. An admirable programme of sports had been arranged by H. W. Copus. The Rector acted as starter, and Mr. Henry Watson as judge. Messrs. S. R. Hesson and the Mayor (J. C. Monteith) distributed the prizes at the end, thus closing what had been a most pleasant afternoon to all. Misses Elworthy and Roberts were indefatigable in looking after the Infant Class, and the teachers generally left nothing undone to make the enjoyment of the children complete.

The Young Women's Guild intend to hold a Garden Party on the beautiful grounds of Mr. H. M. Johnson on Wednesday evening, August 9th.

On Monday, July 31st, a joint meeting of the Women's Chapter, District Visitors, Young Women's Guild, King's Daughters and Women's Auxiliary was held to consider the advisability of erecting some memorial to the late Mrs. Wade. It was decided that the memorial should be from all the Women's Societies in the Church. Fearing that a brass Lectern would be more than the Societies could afford, it was suggested that two brass desks for holding the Prayer Book on the Communion Table be presented instead. These would form a handsome tribute to her memory and would certainly be most useful.