

Miss Cogswell, being completely worn out. A subscription list was started, and in a few days the superintendent collected \$78.25, which enabled the Committee to purchase a good instrument, which has not only been a source of recreation to the boys, but afforded a great deal of pleasure to the public. The Committee take this opportunity to thank those ladies and gentlemen who so generously subscribed to the above named object.

The superintendent is glad to report that he has started the drum and fife band again, to the great delight of the boys.

PIC-NIC.

The summer Pic-Nic was held in August. The boys with the superintendent, E. D. Meynell, Rev. Mr. Teasdale, and a number of friends, went by steam launch "Arrow" to Smith's, Bedford. The day was fine and the sail up the harbor was delightful. After a sumptuous dinner, the boys enjoyed the sports provided for them by the Rev. Mr. Teasdale and other friends. Running and swimming matches, tug of war, &c., for money prizes. All returned home safe, delighted with the day's outing provided for them by the Committee.

CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas dinner is an event always looked forward to by the boys with pleasure. The large school room and entrance hall was beautifully decorated with spruce and colored mottoes, the work of the boys themselves. A large Christmas-tree, loaded with useful articles, the gift of kind friends, was placed at one end of the room, and was the centre of attraction for the boys. The viands were all that could be desired, the boys with keen appetites doing justice to the good things provided for them. There were present J. S. Maclean, Esq., President; S. M. Brookfield, W. H. Neal and son, Adam Burns, E. D. Meynell, Rev. J. J. Teasdale, J. M. DeWolfe, Robt. Taylor, Mr. Rankin of St. Johns, Mr. Hills, and other friends. Several addresses were given and pieces sung by the boys. Robt. Taylor presented each boy in the Shoe department with one dollar as a Christmas box. S. M. Brookfield gave