

your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

On Monday, July 4th, Stratford Presbytery did honor to the occasion and to the pastor by meeting at Avonbank Church, only two of the members being absent, and they unavoidably. The celebration in the afternoon took the form of a picnic held in Mr. Mountain's grove on the bank of the river Avon. A very large gathering was in attendance to enjoy the hospitality of the congregations, and to listen to the programme of speeches and music.

Addresses of a reminiscent and congratulatory character were delivered by the former pastors, Drs. Proudfoot and Caven, by Rev. Messrs. Grant and Graham, representatives of Stratford Presbytery, also by Rev. Messrs. Henderson, of St. Mary's; Dr. Torrance, of Guelph; Thompson, of Ayr; Turnbull, of Toronto; Clark, of London; Sawers, of Westminster; Prof. Robinson, late of Knox College; Mr. A. S. McGregor, of London, and the pastor. Music was provided by the combined choirs, and by Mr. Taylor, violinist, Kirkton.

In the evening an adjournment was made from the picnic grounds to Avonbank Church, where a successful programme was carried out under the chairmanship of Dr. Steele. An overflow meeting, held in the Temperance Hall, was presided over by Rev. Jas. Hamilton. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Sawers, Scott and Thompson, and by Prof. Robinson. Music was furnished by Miss Drake, soloist, of New York, Mr. Taylor, violinist, and others.

At a convenient stage in the proceedings, Dr. Hamilton was called to the front of the platform and presented with an