

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

Summer is a delightful season. Whether it be on the placid bosom of our great lakes, amidst the flowers which clothe our fields, or in the deep shades of the old woods, the heart of man may well be filled with happiness, and with gratitude to Him who has caused the lilies to fall in such pleasant places. Thoughts such as these were present with many who took part in the third annual excursion of the Mission School at Portsmouth, established by St. Andrew's Church, Kingston.

This happy occasion, looked forward to with equal pleasure by teachers and children, took place on the 28th of June, when as usual the school met about one P.M., in Portsmouth, and a few moments were spent in prayer, that the Great Shepherd might vouchsafe his blessing and protection. After a brief delay the little steamer "Experiment" made her appearance in the harbour, and took on board upwards of one hundred children belonging to the school, seven of the teachers, and a large number of the parents and friends who had been invited to join in her excursion. From Portsmouth the "Experiment" proceeded to Kingston, two miles distant, where other friends were waiting, and then her bow was turned to Wolfe Island, the spot which had been fixed upon for the school to land.

Wolfe Island is about 20 miles in length, by eight or ten in width, and contains a large farming population, a considerable portion of whom are Scotch, and attached to our Church. On the Island the Ladies' Missionary Association of St. Andrew's Church have for some years supported a catechist, and the effort has been crowned with success, a neat and commodious church having been erected, chiefly by the exertions of the Islanders. The church was opened early in May, and is now under the care of Mr. Wm. Darroch, who was admitted as a theological student by our Synod at its last meeting.

The trip to the island was accomplished in half an hour, the day being delightful, and a cool breeze tempering the hot rays of the sun. At the island the school was met by Mr. Darroch, together with a number of the islanders, and the beautiful grove where a few hours were to be spent was soon reached. Here an abundant supply of refreshments was soon spread out, and all invited to partake. Leave was then given to roam through the grove, to the great de-