

The Ladies of the St. James' Sewing Society, to whose indefatigable labors the Parish owes so much, held their picnic on the 30th August. Mrs. McMicking, herself a member of the Society, had kindly placed her garden on the Gorge road at their disposal, and here the ladies and their friends to the number of 35 spent a most enjoyable afternoon, returning home by water about 9 o'clock.

Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, the 25th September. The Church was, as usual, beautifully decorated by willing hands; the services were choral, well rendered by a full choir assisted by Mrs. McB Smith and Miss Bowden and Mr. H. H. Wootton, and the congregations both morning and evening were large. An excellent sermon was preached in the evening by the Rev. S. S. O. Morris, Chaplain of H. M. S. "Triumph". The offertories for the day amounted to \$38.

On the following day, Monday, the 26th September, the Parish of St. James' suffered a great loss by the sudden death of Mrs. Gamble. She was a valued member of the Sewing Society, and a devoted worker for the Parish of which her husband is a Churchwarden. By many acts of unobtrusive kindness she had won the sincere affection of her neighbors. On Wednesday, the day of her funeral, the Church in which she had been a regular and devout worshipper was filled with sorrowing friends, anxious to show by their presence on this sad occasion their respect for her memory, and their sympathy with the husband and child whom she leaves behind. The 39th Psalm was chanted, and three Hymns were sung by a Choir largely composed of her fellow members of the Sewing Society. The coffin was covered with floral wreaths and crosses.

Another sad event occurred on Monday, the 3rd October, in the death of Miss Mamie Wark at the early age of 21 years, of consumption. Her funeral, which took place on the following Wednesday, was also choral.

We are sorry to say that the Church, although not yet three years old, has already been found to need substantial repairs; and the work of covering the whole of the exterior with rustic has begun. The cost, including painting, will amount to about \$450; a heavy burden to fall upon a young Parish upon which there is already a debt of \$3,500. The people of St. James', however, are not easily discouraged, and are still strong in their hope of a prosperous and useful career.