

The Parish Guide.

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The congregation has been remarkably good during July, when we bear in mind the fact that so many seat holders are away for the summer holidays.

On the 10th ult. our annual Sunday-school Picnic was held at Winona. About 400 scholars and friends left King street station at 1 o'clock in a special train, and returned at 8 p.m., all pleased with the day's entertainment.

The Rev. L. G. A. Roberts, Rector of St. George's Church, and the Rev. H. C. Aylwin, of Tapleystown, preached on Sunday, the 15th ult.

The Rev. F. E. Howitt took duty at Merriton on the 22nd for the Rev. F. H. Fatt, who is at Cacouna for rest and recuperation.

Our Sunday-school was visited by Mr. Baylis, a representative of the S. S. Union, on the 22nd. Quite half of both scholars and teachers were absent.

We are glad to have the services of Mr. John Yorick, who was superintendent of the S. James' Sunday-school, Stratford, and an earnest church worker there for some years. He has consented to help in the management of our Sunday-school.

A Historical Sketch of our Parish.

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Shortly after the Rev. Hartley Carmichael's induction, the Rev. Charles John James was ordained, and appointed assistant minister of the Church of the Ascension. For three years (1883-6) Mr. James did good and faithful service in the parish, greatly endearing himself to those among whom he worked by his kindly manner, energy and zeal. Having received a call to the charge of one of the mission chapels of Calvary Church, New York, he removed to that city, and was succeeded by the Rev. Richard L. Sloggett. Mr. Sloggett's ministry at the Ascension was of brief duration. While full of promise, it was cut short by illness, and he was obliged to resign in the early part of 1887.

It was at this time that the congregation was called upon to bear the grievous disappointment and loss of having their beautiful church edifice almost entirely destroyed by fire. The sad disaster occurred on the evening of Saturday, January 8, 1887. The choir had just finished their practice for the services of the coming Lord's day, concluding significantly with the Nunc Dimittis. The organ had not been working well during the evening, and the organist, Mr. Geo. Fairclough, entered the instrument to ascertain the cause, taking with him a lighted taper. In moving about the flame of the taper came in contact with the trackers attached to the keys, which at once ignited, and in a few minutes the