

The annual Sunday School pic-nic was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th instant, on Simcoe Island, and was a very pleasant affair. The day was all that could be desired, bright, yet not glaring, warm, and yet tempered with a fresh breeze. There was a large rally of children and a strong muster of adults, all of whom seemed determined to put in a full half-day of genuine enjoyment. "Maud," the general favorite of the family of boats, conveyed all safely to and fro, leaving Kingston at one o'clock and returning at half-past eight. Boating, swinging and foot-racing were among the engagements of the occasion. Though all had pic-nic appetites, the provision was as usual ample.

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The Ladies' Association have resolved upon holding a general Bazaar early in December, and though their monthly meetings are suspended for the summer, doubtless much work will be done by them in their own quiet way during the holidays, to increase their stock of useful and fancy goods. A new departure has been decided upon in having a Young People's Table, the work of which the girls are to supply and dispose of. The Association will resume its regular meetings early in October.

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The English Congregational Union will soon enter upon the fiftieth year of its existence. In anticipation of its jubilee arrangements are being made for the delivery and publication of twelve lectures, by as many of its leading men on topics, relating to the origin of Congregationalism in England, its development and growth during the Commonwealth, the Restoration, and the Georgian period; its influence upon the great evangelical movement of the last century, and kindred subjects. It is also proposed to issue a series of tracts on the distinctive principles of the denomination. It is to be hoped that by some public effort or private scheme of benevolence these publications will be widely circulated throughout our churches in Canada.