

nursing required. We hope that this matter of a hospital will soon become a real live question on this Reserve.

WE would call attention to the programme of the South Brant Fair, which we publish below. We have also been requested to remind our readers that Indians wishing to exhibit are not necessarily bound to do so in the special Indian exhibit. But that the whole exhibition is equally open to them as to whites.

THE annual meeting of Six Nations school board was held in the Indian office, Brantford, on Saturday, August 15th. All the members of the board were present. The report of the Hon. Sec. Rev. R. Ashton concerning the general condition of the schools was satisfactory. The Superintendent's report was very complete, and contained a great deal of information concerning the schools. A full report will be given in our next.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Presidential election excitement is nearly in full swing across border; the election promises to be the most hotly contested one that has taken place for many years.

A severe battle is reputed from Matabele land, South Africa. Seven thousand Matabele warriors led by prominent chiefs attacked a force of 700 British troops and volunteers. Matabeles displayed great courage but were unable to withstand the deadly fire of the Maxim guns and were routed with great loss. This will probably end the Matabele rising.

In Northern Africa success still continues to follow the British expedition into the Sudan. It is rumored that the expedition will continue its advance till it is

joined by the forces from Uganada Central Africa.

The struggle of the Ohristians in Crete against their Turkish oppressor still continues, it is likely that the outcome will be the attainment of autonomy by the Cretans.

The Spanish troops do not seem to be making any headway against the insurgents in Cuba. It is likely that Spain will lose possession of the Island.

The expeditions which have been sent out by various countries to take observations of the recent eclipse of the sun have reported in some cases great success. In others cloudy skies totally prevented the taking of any observations.

Li Hung Chang, the celebrated Chinese statesman, who has been making a protracted tour through Europe, will visit Canada on his way home.

Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, who has been absent in the Arctic region since the spring of 1893, has returned safely. He has reached the highest latitude ever attained by man about 250 miles from the North Pole.

RESERVATION ITEMS.

Sour Springs.

Peter Miller lost a valuable team of working horses by lightning during the storm of Sunday, 9th.

A united service of all the congregations in connection with the Church of England Mission on the Reserve was held in St. Paul's church, July 19th. It was expected that Rev. G. Mackenzie, of Grace church, Brantford, would preach the sermon on the occasion. Mr. Mackenzie was, however, unable to be present owing to a sad drowning accident happening to one of the members of the congregation. His place was, however, filled by

Rev. Wright, of St. Jude's church, who preached a very able and impressive sermon, which was listened to with great attention.

There was a good congregation though the rain in the morning prevented many from the more distant parts of the Reserve from venturing forth. The services which were conducted by Rev. J. L. Strong, assisted by Rev. I Bearfoot, assistant missionary, were of a very impressive character, the singing led by the vested choir under the leadership of J. C. Martin was very hearty. On the conclusion of the morning service a good many took their lunch in the grove adjoining the church in order to remain for the afternoon service. The next service of the kind will be held in St. John's church Sunday, August 23rd. Rev. Farney, of Mt. Pleasant, will preach the sermon.

A garden party will be held on the grounds of Kenyengeh parsonage on Wednesday, 26th. Refreshments will be served at 7.30. A band will be in attendance and an interesting programme will be provided.

The annual Church and Sunday school picnic was held on the grove adjoining the St. Paul's church, on August 12th. The Victoria band was in attendance. A baseball match was played in the Sour Springs lot. Tea was served in the grove at 5 p.m., after which a programme of races and other sports was provided for the children of the Sunday school.

Peter Powless is erecting a fine barn on his premises. A raising bee was held on August 10th.

Moses Turkey is building a fine stone basement to his barn and the work of improvement goes steadily on.

The annual harvest thanksgiving services will be held in St. Paul's