

## RESERVATION ITEMS.

## Sour Springs

A garden party was held in the parsonage grounds on Aug. 29th. Football and baseball matches were played in the afternoon in the Sour Springs field. A threatened rain caused a good many of the visitors to go home before the evening's entertainment, but a large number remained to partake of the refreshments provided for the evening's entertainment. The Grand River band was in attendance and the evening passed off pleasantly.

We regret to have to record the death of one of our promising young farmers, Mr. William Staats, eldest son of Henry Staats, on Aug. 27. The deceased had been for some months past in a very weak condition, but the end was sudden. On the day of his death, he was able to get up in the morning, and go about the house and yards, taking his meals with the family. Feeling very weak he retired to his bed about 2 p. m. and died shortly afterwards. William Staats was an industrious and hard working young farmer and gave promise, had he been spared, of being a successful farmer. The funeral took place at St. Paul's church, Aug. 29.

Our farmers are busy fall ploughing, and a good proportion of seed is already sown.

A garden party was to have been held at the residence of Mr. Robert Martin, Oshweken Mills, under the auspices of the Oshweken branch of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association on Tuesday, Sept. 4, but owing to the heavy rain storm had to be postponed.

## Oshweken.

Dr. Langrill and his two daughters are away on a holiday trip to Mackinaw via Collingwood; Mrs. Josiah Hill and Miss Amelia M

Hill were away for a few days at Niagara Falls and Lewiston.

On the 5th inst. a very successful baseball tournament took place on the Six Nation Fair Ground, the home team, the Hard Batters, beating the Stone Ridge, 24 to 18. The Beavers of the city of Brantford beat the Cayugas as easy as rolling off a log. The grand stand was completed on the morning of the tournament and was found a great convenience. The work of building the basement under the Baptist church has been at a stand still for want of funds. It is said, however, that the members are making arrangement with Mr. Geo. Foster of Brantford for a loan to enable them to wipe off the present indebtedness before proceeding with the work. Since Rev. Mr. Tenent's illness friends from Brantford have kindly carried on the work by coming down on Sunday morning and preaching the gospel to us. Last Sunday the Rev. Mr. Chittington was down here and baptised five converts in the Grand River, on the very day of his 45th anniversary, when he was baptised in the Grand River, near Paris. Bro. Martin gave out that Rev. Mr. Kay, pastor of Parliament street Baptist church Toronto, will preach the gospel at Medina church on Thursday evening, and baptise five or six candidates on Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock, at Victoria mill. John Lickers who died last Saturday afternoon was buried today. Thos. Aaron officiated, according to the usages of the Pagans. Chief Johnson was the undertaker.

## Delaware.

Seeding is now progressing and by the time this issue reaches the farmers the seeding will be done.

A tea meeting held under the auspices of temperance lodge No. 4 was a financial success. The Victoria Brass Band discoursed excel-

lent music on the occasion.

A team belonging to Mr. C. Porter ran away the other day from No 5 school and were not stopped until they reached the Six Nation mill, a distance of three miles. No one was hurt.

Two base ball teams of our line were the contestants at the Tournament at Oshweken, where prizes were offered by Chief J. S. Joyn. We were not successful.

We notice Mr. Munroe Wilson is visiting his brother here.

Our temperance lodge is fully prepared for the convention to be held the latter end of this month. We hope the temperance societies will give an encouraging report of last years work.

The annual temperance picnic was well attended. An abundance of refreshments were provided for. The speaking was also very good.

We are informed that Mr. G. B. Salmen and a party of cyclists of Brantford, twenty in number, visited Oshweken on labor day, and took several views; they were entertained by E. D. Bearfoot, and lunched at the residence of Mr. Jacob Miller, they all expressed themselves pleased with their visit, and promised another before the roads break up.

There is now an organ in St Luke's church, Delaware, which was duly appreciated on Sunday the 1st inst. There is a good choir organized under the leadership of Mr. Jessie Jonathan and the organist, Miss S. Anderson. The music will add very much interest to the services.

## Smoother Items.

There is life and enterprise at Oshweken! There was a very respectable bicycle and base ball tournament held there. The prizes that were competed for speaks well for the enterprising citizens of that village.