

Fairville Items.

Improvements are being rapidly made on our Church, and we hope by the time this reaches our readers, that the outside of the main building, with the exception of the steeple and chancel, will have been completed and painted. The porch on the front has added greatly to the appearance. It is hoped soon to remove the Church Hall to the rear of the lot and to gravel all the ground round the Church. We hope to have not only carpenters and painters, but also the bricklayers at work in a little while.

Some of the faithful ones have already sent in their Thanksgiving papers, but there are a great many who have not done so. It is hoped that at least \$100 will be raised by Thanksgiving Day, although the amount is not required before Nov. 1st; yet it is necessary that the papers should be returned as early as possible. The list will be printed; also the list of subscribers to the Salary Fund, with amounts and defaulters, and distributed at the end of the year. Those who do not wish to appear in the black list should see that all arrears are paid by November 1st.

It is to be hoped that we shall soon hear of some of our parishioners making an effort to provide a suitable residence for their Parish Priest. For the summer months the present (hired) Clergyhouse suits very well; because the numerous draughts provide ample ventilation; but during the winter these draughts are not conducive either to health or comfort. Again, the Pastor is unable to have any one to keep house, because there is no room; and if it were not for the indefatigable zeal and kindness of one of the greatest friends the Church and Pastor have, he would fare very badly. This friend, although having a house and children to look after, yet does all she can for the comfort and welfare of her Pastor. One little room, outside a small study, has to serve as kitchen, dining-room, larder, and all. If outside friends who feel an interest in this poor mission feel disposed to aid us in providing a Rectory, we shall feel very grateful to them for any help they may afford us.

The annual picnic came off on Wednesday, Aug. 18th. Although arranged for the previous day, the heavy showers prevented it; but the delay of one day does not seem to have injured us much, as we were so greatly successful as to clear \$120.05, the largest amount ever realized by us out of a S.S. picnic, the hire of boat and conveyance of children free always carrying off the larger share of proceeds. The day was in every way a very enjoyable one, and the greatest praise is due to the ladies and

committee for the very efficient manner in which everything was carried out. As these items have to be sent in early, because the editors are anxious to issue this number earlier than usual, it is necessary to curtail them somewhat this time. The receipts of the picnic, all told, amount to \$229.45; Expenses came to \$109.40, leaving a balance of \$120.05.

On Sunday, Sept. 5th, the Pastor will exchange duties with the Rector of Sussex, after which he intends taking a vacation, visiting Montreal and Boston, being absent about two Sundays, during which time his duties will be conducted by a brother priest, who has kindly consented to discharge them.

Our Church has been re-insured for \$2,000, and Church Hall for \$1,000. The whole of the debt on the glass for the windows has at last been paid off.

A very beautiful Altar has been presented to our Church by the Rev. J. M. Davenport. It adds greatly to the beauty of our sanctuary. We hope other kind friends will help us out in our other numerous wants.

Our Confirmation classes have commenced, and if there are any others desirous of joining they must give in their names without further delay.

Parochial Items.

GREENWICH:—The Quarterly Meeting of the Clergy of the Deanery was held in this Parish on Wednesday and Thursday, August 11th and 12th. Ten of the Clergy were present, and we had the pleasure of seeing a brother from the Diocese of Ontario, Rev. A. C. Nesbitt. The Chapter opened at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday. After the Scripture reading, Acts xxii., a Critical Paper on the Greek text was read by Rev. J. M. Davenport, and a Practical Paper by Rev. O. S. Newnham, each of which drew forth some useful discussion. To our great sorrow we had to accept the resignation of office of the Secretary to the Deanery at the hands of our dear brother Rev. J. H. Talbot, who is about to leave the "banner" Deanery. A resolution of regret at his leaving and warm thanks for his willing and courteous services for several years was unanimously passed by the Chapter. Rev. O. S. Newnham was elected Secretary to the Deanery, and Rev. C. P. Hanington Secretary of the Choral Union. In the afternoon the Rural Dean read a paper on "Pastoral Theology," which was well received. At 7 p.m. Evensong was said, at which several hymns were heartily sung; and after Evensong two addresses were given, one on "Lay Co-operation," by Rev. O. S.