

around in the prize-box to see what he could find for this unexpected event, when, to his surprise, he found general attention was being drawn to himself. After some earnest words in testimony of Mr. Marshall's splendid work as secretary, the superintendent, on behalf of the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school, presented our indefatigable secretary with a handsome leather bag, that he might no longer be accused of bringing a loaf of bread to Sunday-school, which the parcel of class books had been called by the initiated.

The weather cleared for the "home run," and helped to dry the wet clothes of our party.

It was much regretted that the Archdeacon was unable to be present.

THE infant schools had their picnic all to themselves this year. It was an innovation, but the teachers voted by a large majority to try it, and the results were very satisfactory. The only objection seems to be the expense. It is a great relief not to have infants to "mind," as well as big boys and girls to amuse, at the other picnic. Many infants are not allowed to go on account of the rough (?) boys, and then it is much easier to amuse infants by themselves. This picnic was held at the Reservoir, and everything went off beautifully, except that the milk was sold to another party and we had to go without. The children fished for pollywogs, played games, ran races, and had a good time generally.

We are indebted to Mr. Albert Gooderham for the loan of a large express wagon, which carried all the provisions and a crowd of happy boys.

It was regretted that Mrs. Owen was unable to be present, but her place was ably filled by a staff of volunteer teachers, who worked all day to make the young ones happy.

THE friends and scholars of St. Peter's Mission Sunday-school, to the number of about 180, held their annual picnic at Glen Grove Park on Thursday, 7th July. The day was very fine, and the grounds and accommodation all that could be desired. The party left the hall, on Prospect Street, at 10.15 a.m.; two city street railway cars, previously chartered, taking a large number to North Toronto, where the party was transferred to the cars of the Metropolitan line, the ride over which and return was generously given by Robt. Jenkins, Esq. This mode of trans-

sit (electricity), being novel to many, was consequently much enjoyed. After the arrival at the grounds, an ample lunch was provided, and later in the afternoon an abundant tea, which keen appetites did full justice to. During the day, many amusements, consisting of well-contested games of various kinds, for which prizes were given; also football, swinging, etc.; all being entered into with unusual zest and enjoyment. We were glad to see many of the "mothers in Israel" leaving the burdens and cares of the home aside for a time and entering so heartily into the spirit and fun of the hour. Our old friend, Mr. Tom Watts, always a favourite with the boys, was busy with cricket and camera. His photographic group, with its incidents, will long be pleasantly remembered. Very welcome was the presence of Archdeacon and Mrs. Boddy, also Rev. C. C. Owen; regret being felt that sickness prevented Mrs. Owen being present also. After such a delightful picnic, it is very pleasant to record that all returned home safely and happily at 8.30 p.m.

During the past few months many of our most valued workers have been removed to other fields of labour in the Northwest, Algoma, and elsewhere. All these we missed very much at our glad gathering, but in the Sunday-school their loss is very great indeed, and we feel that loss especially great just now, and we hope and pray that God will graciously raise up more labourers for this corner of His vineyard.

We return hearty thanks to our friends for their generous help which enabled us to provide the good things for our picnic, but, above all, to Almighty God for all His goodness.

#### BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

During April the members had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Principal Sheraton, D.D., and addresses were given by the Rev. C. C. Owen and Mr. R. O. Montgomery at the open meeting on May 2nd. The Rector was present, and all were glad to welcome him. On May 23rd Archdeacon Phair, of Rupert's Land, gave an interesting address. Mr. R. O. Montgomery has been elected director of the chapter for the ensuing year, with Mr. Waugh as secretary. Although some members have been obliged to leave us—Mr. Chas. Kinnear, to our regret, having gone to Montreal—we have enrolled several new ones, and our chapter, in point of both num-

bers and earnest devotion, is, we thankfully believe, stronger than it was a year ago. During the past winter a cottage meeting has been held weekly by members of St. Peter's chapter. This is now discontinued, and the work of looking up those on the roll of the Sunday afternoon Bible class conducted by Rev. C. C. Owen engages their attention. A systematic plan of visiting men who had become slack in their attendance at church or Bible class has been laid out, and has already shown results. It is also hoped that during the summer arrangements can be made for visiting at the jail. The meetings during June, July, and August were held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month after evening service.

It may be as well to take this opportunity to say a word about the constitution and aims of a society about which there is a good deal of ignorance prevailing. In the first place, it should be quite understood that the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is not in any way a party organization. Officially, it knows neither High nor Low Church, and it is to the credit of those connected with it that hitherto it has been kept entirely free from party spirit and the miserable want of charity that invariably accompanies it. Its aim is to bring young men to Christ, and its members are all pledged to use endeavours to carry out this object. It has two simple rules: A rule of prayer for the Brotherhood and its work, and a rule of service as outlined above. It is hampered by no others, except such as individual chapters may make for themselves. Whilst distinctly a society of laymen, it is under the control of the clergy in so far as no chapter can be formed without the consent and approval of the rector of the parish, and his disapproval would at any time invalidate the chapter.

In Canada there are about 75 chapters with a membership of about 800, and in the United States about 800 chapters with a membership of about 10,000. In Baltimore, at Christ Church, on one Sunday lately, the men at Holy Communion outnumbered the women by two to one, and the rector ascribed this change to the work of the chapter in his parish.

The Bishop of Missouri says in the *St. Louis Church News*: "To think of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew makes me feel strong; it makes my heart warm to know how in it young men are banded in simple ways and in steadfast aim for Christ. The Church of England has in times past lost much by her want of elasticity and her distrust of enthusiasm; but he