

Our Saturday night meetings in the West End Rooms have been well attended, but still there is room. Come along one and all. One most gratifying feature is the presence of so many *young men*.

EXCURSION AND PIC-NIC TO NIAGARA FALLS

OF G. T. R. EMPLOYEES AND THEIR
FAMILIES.

Proceeds to be utilized for the establishment of a Library in the Reading Rooms at the Round-house and Shops.



ON Saturday, July 21st, twenty-four carloads of railroaders and friends left the Union Station in two trains for Niagara Falls, and all were in due time thoroughly settled in Bender Park, their destination, after a most enjoyable ride through the country, the rich variety of wild flowers which lined the way, as witnessed by the excursionists, was sufficient alone to pay for the trip. To attempt description of all the day's pleasures and enjoyments would be still vain, for they were so numerous and varied that no one could keep track, but enquire of whom one would, the reply was, "Could not have desired anything better or have had a better day's enjoyment." We fully agree with the notice given by the *Mail*. "Everything passed off pleasantly and harmoniously, and, to the credit of the railway men it may be said, that no unseemly language was used, nor was there the faintest indication of intemperance in any shape." "A more thoroughly enjoyable picnic probably never left the Queen City or visited the Falls, and the weather was everything that could be desired. The committee deserved and received the thanks of the excursionists for the perfection of the arrangements." We are informed that a handsome sum was realized for the Library, and also are glad to learn that arrangements are completed by which friends in the Don shops will be enabled to participate in the advantages of the Library. Well done, round-house men, well done!

FORMAL OPENING OF THE

West End Railway Branch Rooms.



AS announced in our last issue the formal opening of the West End Branch rooms took place on the evening of July 19th, and in all particulars exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. At 7 the doors were opened, and our friends assembled so rapidly that in a very short time it was so crowded that it was with difficulty any one could enter, and at 8 a large crowd was assembled at the door and across the street, while hundreds left without even securing a glance inside. Nothing but expressions of delight and approval were heard on every hand, and as far as possible the many advantages were made use of by those present. Too much praise could not be given to the ladies who so tastefully decorated the rooms and did so much to make them more attractive, and homelike.

At 8 ex-Mayor W. B. McMurrich took the chair, and, after devotional exercises conducted by Rev. P. F. McLeod, stated how he came to be present, and the deep interest he had learned to take in Railway Y. M. C. A. work, remarking that for some time he had not failed to take every opportunity of becoming acquainted with the working of these organizations, and their effect upon all concerned, and that those Railway corporations who knew the most about them, did the most to sustain them, having learned that money expended for this object yielded for all time a good return in the improvement of the men who are intrusted with the lives of the passengers, and the property of the Company, and that it is both good for the men and the road they serve. He expressed his pleasure in the progress in this direction made in Toronto, and his hopes, that it would meet with all the help and practical sympathy it deserved. After singing by the choir, good practical addresses were delivered by the Rev. P. F. McLeod, T. W. Jeffery, and J. Earls, Esq., Asst. Frt. Agt. G. T. Ry. the rooms were declared open and free to all men who desired to use them. Our choir furnished good music. After the benediction all were invited up stairs to be regaled