

themselves. Such occasions are interesting in bringing together, in a social way, members of the same congregation. When they are made annually, they are looked forward to with much interest by the children. We would recommend them to congregations in which they have not been tried.

The St. Stephen's Sunday School picnic was held on Friday, the 18th August, and, notwithstanding the absence of the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Geo. J. Caie, the whole thing terminated as a brilliant success. The numbers were larger than on any former occasion, and teachers and scholars enjoyed the day's amusements and recreations, and are now at work with an energy very much stimulated by that day's enjoyment.

Congregational Picnic of St. Paul's Church, Truro.

It having been decided, at the congregational meeting referred to in last *Record*, that a pic-nic, at which greetings might be exchanged, and acquaintances formed among such members of the congregation as were unknown personally to each other, should be held, weather being favourable, on Tuesday, 1st ult., on the grounds of Mr. Gray at Hopewell, arrangements were made with the Railway authorities (of which more hereafter) by which a special train was placed at the disposal of the members of the congregation. At 7 A.M. the pic-nickers assembled at the Church. The scholars of the Sabbath school were marshalled under their superintendent and teachers, and marched to the railway station, where the little ones were accommodated in a car set apart for their special use. Tickets having been issued to the members of the congregation, they repaired likewise to the station, and, having filled the three cars allotted to them, the train started at 7.45 A.M. for Hopewell, under charge of conductor Lane, who, by his kind and gentlemanly deportment throughout the day, won the regard of all connected with the excursion. Arrived at Hopewell, the pic-nickers, old and young, marching under the *old flag*, and jealously guarding the commissariat stores, proceeded to the beautiful meadow of Mr. Gray, from which the grass had been cut, and where, under the trees which skirted it, tables had been provided. Swings were erected; foot-balls produced, and goals set up; bases arranged for baseball; pins driven in for quoits; and it is needless to say that the provisions were spread by the hands of the ladies on the afore-mentioned tables; still more needless to mention the fact of their rapid disappearance before appetites rendered unwontedly

sharp from a previous indulgence in the above games. Once or twice a few drops of ruin fell from passing clouds, but not sufficient to mar the pleasure or interrupt the games.

About 6 P.M. the Rev. Donald McRae, who, with Mrs. McRae and a few friends, had by invitation joined the pic-nickers, delivered a short address well suited to the occasion, and was listened to with pleasure by all. The pastor of St. Paul's, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, also addressed the people gathered under the shade of the trees by the river bank, stating the object in view in holding the pic-nic, and expressing the hope that it had been realized. He conveyed the thanks of the congregation to Mr. Gray for the use of the beautiful grounds on which they were assembled, expressed to the members of the congregation his own satisfaction at the way in which they had co-operated in congregational matters and supported Synodic schemes in the past, and said he felt sure there would be no falling off in the future. As an instance, he referred to the collection for the Young Men's Bursary Scheme, which, though taken on the previous Sabbath, a very wet day, and therefore one unfavourable for a collection, amounted to the respectable sum of \$10, a sum which he had reason to believe would be increased yet by other means.

About 7 P.M. the pic-nickers were en route for Truro, where they arrived at about 9 P.M., having spent, as all agreed, the most pleasant day ever devoted to a pic-nic. As the train steamed into Truro station, the National Anthem rolled from the throats of old and young. When the accounts of expenses connected with the pic-nic were audited, it was found that the sum of \$10 remained, to be devoted, as per resolution, to the Sabbath school library. The object of the pic-nic, so far as the interests of the congregation in knowing itself are concerned, was indeed realized, and similar gatherings, where circumstances permit, I would strongly urge upon others.

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

Erratum.

In the Report of Collections from congregations for the Foreign Mission, printed in the Supplement last month, Pictou congregation is represented by a foot-note as not having reported, whereas the sums contributed (\$107.83) are given under the Presbytery's heading. The paragraph should read, "No report from Earltown, Roger's Hill, Barney's River, Lochaber, in the *Pictou Presbytery*."