

of Buffalo. Others who came to give witness, were people such as Mr. Thompson from Jermyn Pennsylvania. Percy Darby, of the Marine Bank Buffalo, was yet another speaker who was engaged to speak at the pavilion. Another cleric to assist Mr. Fairbairn was the Reverend A. S. Kerr, a brother to doctor William Kerr. Clearly Mr. Fairbairn understood the term networking and shared his contacts with all who cared to listen.

In 1904 it was noted in the Reform Press that; "an ever increasing popularity of this pleasant resort seems never to have reached its zenith. On Sunday Martin's had fifty-three guests; Taylor's twenty-three; Ward's, fifteen; The Victoria thirty, Riverside Inn ten, not to mention the numerous visitors from the vicinity, who came to listen to the afternoon services conducted by Mr. Fairbairn. Twenty-five conveyances of various types brought local residents to this service." Services were always well attended and all were invited. Usually there was no collection.

Music was very import in Mr. Fairbairn's services. He even arranged for a friend to donate a "very neat belhorn organ" - whatever that is! In one of the usual weekly notices of Mr. Fairbairn's upcoming service I found this notice. "*Next Sunday there will be special singing by two young ladies of Buffalo.*" This sore of announcement was common place.

Sandy Knowe on Splatt's Bay, also experienced open air worship. Rev. H. J. Pritchard of Brantford, a friend and guest of Dr. William. Kerr, as well as Dr. Kerr's brother the Rev. A. S. Kerr, were known to have conducted services on Mr. Splatt's lawn.

Next month I will cross the Grand and tell you about the Sacred Heart Chapel at Beckley Beach and the Baptist Church at Highbanks. With a bit of luck, I will even know a tidbit about the Methodist Church in Stromness!

If you have items, you wish written about or pictures you would be willing to lend, please drop me a note. Let me know how you feel about these articles. William (Bill) Arthur Warnick 180 Rosslyn Ave. South HAMILTON, ON L8M 3J5 e-mail wwarnick@interlynx.net Phone 905 549-6086.

Caption for photo could be ; Martin's Pavilion in undated photograph by Edwin J McKee (1889-1975). Courtesy of the Dunnville District Heritage Association.