

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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TORONTO, May 26th, 1900.

The year just closed has proved a fairly successful one in the interests of the Ontario Historical Society. The value and significance of records relating to local events of almost every kind are rapidly becoming appreciated, in consequence of which there is a growing desire to organize county societies. Three of these came into existence during the past twelve months, two of which have become affiliated with the provincial society. One of the advantages to local organizations in connection with such affiliation is the fact they thereby become incorporated in accordance with clause 10 of the Act (Chap. 108, Vic. 62), which states that "Any historical or pioneer society hereafter becoming affiliated with the said Society [THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY] under the constitution and by-laws of the latter in that behalf, shall thereby become incorporated by that name under which it shall have become affiliated, and with all the powers and privileges conferred by this Act upon the Ontario Historical Society."

There are now affiliated with this Society twenty local organizations having, probably, an aggregate membership of not fewer than 1200, while the elected members of the parent society is 170, being an increase of 120 during the year.

The work of the Society has been divided among several committees, viz., Monuments and Tablets, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, convener; Flag and Commemoration, Mrs. C. Fessenden, Hamilton, convener; and the Archives and Publications, G. P. Pattullo, Woodstock, convener. All these committees have done excellent work during the year.

In June, 1899, an exhibition of Historical material was held in Victoria University Buildings, Queen's Park, Toronto. It was kept open for two weeks, attracted a large number of visitors, and was in every way eminently successful, mainly owing to the labours of the Woman's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto.

A special effort was made during the year to collect sufficient