

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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MOTTO—"Ducit Amor Patriæ."

In presenting the report of the work accomplished during the year, while we feel thankful that some progress has been made, we also feel strongly that much remains to be done.

Having been asked to contribute to the Loan Exhibit held last June by the Ontario Historical Society, we may say that we sent one hundred of our most interesting articles, filling two cases and the wall-space above, which received honorable mention in the Toronto papers.

During the year meetings have been held regularly. At one of these, a valuable paper was read, contributed by Rev. Canon Bull, President of Lundy's Lane Historical Society, on the Pioneer Missionaries of the Niagara Peninsula.

On our Anniversary, 17th September, we visited the various graveyards of Niagara, as well as that sadly neglected spot Butler's graveyard, strewing flowers on many graves, and hope this may become a yearly custom.

Our Historical Room has been open weekly. Over two hundred articles have been contributed during the year, our collection now numbering 1200. Two hundred visitors have recorded their names; many letters have been received, asking for information, and frequently we have been able to answer inquiries from the documents in our possession. We exchange publications with twelve societies, and have during the year distributed to members, the press, historical societies and others interested, 317 copies of our pamphlets. Our membership is not large and as many of these are non-residents the work falls on a few faithful friends.

Delegates attended the meetings in Toronto in June and September, and we lately sent a protest to the Dominion Government