

This leaves a balance of \$79 25 to be appropriated as the Church may decide.

The advantages of this method of meeting our denominational claims over the method previously in force will at once appear to all, when it is stated that the number of subscribers is increased more than fifty per cent., and the total amount received to more than one hundred per cent.

Your Finance Committee, into whose hands this matter was intrusted, sincerely trust that not only all who are now on the lists may continue during another year to give according as God has prospered them, but that many more who have not heretofore adopted the system may at least give it a fair trial; and feel safe in saying that no investments made during the past year will in the end bring a more acceptable return. It should be borne in mind that those who are not contributors to this fund have no means of aiding in support of these denominational objects, unless they send their personal subscriptions to the secretaries of the various Societies.

In conclusion, your Secretary-Treasurer desires to thank those ladies who have so efficiently discharged the duties of collectors in the different districts, and cannot but state that the manner in which this duty was performed has led to the satisfactory result of this effort to systematize this department of our Church work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. LOWNSBROUGH,

Secretary-Treasurer Benevolent Fund.

TORONTO, Jan. 19, 1876.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

At the last annual meeting of the Church a report was presented referring to the work this Society was then carrying on, namely, the preparations for a bazaar to assist the funds of the Church. In conformity with this report, the weekly sewing meetings from house to house were kept up and well sustained, until the end of April, when it was thought advisable to close the operations by holding the bazaar on the 29th of April in the Music Hall, the use of which was kindly offered by Mr. Ellingsworth for that purpose.

Some little fear was entertained that the room was too large for the display of work, but through the kindness and liberality of many friends, articles came pouring in so abundantly at the last that these fears were dispelled, and the Hall presented a very creditable appearance. The refreshment table was also well supplied with tempting viands, and under the management of Mrs. J. C. Clapp and other ladies added materially to the funds. Somewhat of gloom and disappointment was felt the first day, the unfavourable weather preventing many friends attending. Owing to this it was agreed to continue the sale on the following day, and the attendance then was more encouraging, especially at night, when the saleswomen were kept busy disposing of different articles. On both evenings several

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