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| Newfoundland | 1 |
| New Westminster | 1 |
| Qu'Appelle | 43 |
| Rupert's Land | 124 |
| Saskatchewan | 82 |
| Selkirk | 1 |
| India | 1 |
| Total..... | 590 |

It is plainly to be seen that these returns are far from complete, and fail to show by a considerable amount what really has been expended on Dorcas work. Still, there is a decided improvement in this respect since application has been made for a refund of freight, and branches are beginning to understand that the Dorcas list should show a full statement of the amount expended on the bale.

Your secretary regrets that time will not allow a fuller reference to the bales and their valuable contents, not only of clothing and house comforts, medicines, groceries, and Christmas gifts, but also of many articles which must gladden the missionaries' hearts.

Altar linen and surplices, fonts, and Communion sets (of which a large number have been sent this past year, including a solid silver set to the diocese of Qu'Appelle), a bell, and many articles of church furnishing which will enable the services and sacraments of the Church to be administered with greater reverence. We with our beautiful churches and services here in Ontario hardly realize what these gifts mean to workers in our distant missions, or how they cheer and help them in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

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Provincial Dorcas Secretary.

November 12th, 1896.

REPORT OF JUNIOR BRANCHES.

PROVINCIAL W.A., 1895-96.

Your secretary has had the privilege during the past year of visiting the W.A. in the following five dioceses: Quebec, Niagara, Huron, Toronto, and Knowlton and Waterloo, in Montreal diocese. The junior work, although not always the subject of the addresses given, has been in some way referred to, and we trust these visits have helped to further the work among the young. Information as to methods and plans has been sent by request to a parish in Algoma, while the paper on junior work, contained in "Practical Papers," has aided the diocese of Rupert's Land in the formation of new junior branches. Since last year's report several changes have taken place among the diocesan secretaries. Miss Halson's removal

from Hamilton necessitated a change, and Mrs. Sewell now holds the office. We note their earnestness and interest in entertaining the W.A. at their late quarterly meeting.

Montreal also has made a change, Mrs. Brander taking Miss McCord's place. The division of Ontario has given us Miss Lewin, of Kingston, for that diocese, but left the previous secretaries for Ottawa.

We have had for some time four life members among the juniors in Toronto diocese, but we are very glad to report one in the diocese of Niagara as well. It is, indeed, good to think of the missionary spirit being shown so early, and we trust many years may be spared them to further the interests of Christ's kingdom. May more of our juniors do likewise!

The tabulated statement shows that \$1,520.03 has been expended on missions during the last year. Our membership has increased by about 500. Huron reports the largest membership and greatest number of meetings held; Toronto largest amount of money given. Niagara has expended most on bales, while Huron reports the largest number of bales sent out.

| | Money given to Missions. | | | | | Money spent in bales. | Total. | No. of bales sent. |
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| | Algoma and Northwest. | Foreign. | Educational Fund. | Miscellaneous. | | | | |
| Huron..... | \$ 63 65 | \$ 51 35 | \$ 28 50 | \$ 14 27 | \$ 12 22 | \$ 172 99 | 45 | |
| Niagara | 32 60 | 0 75 | 6 00 | 35 00 | 354 77 | 488 92 | 2 | |
| Toronto, .. | 273 02 | 55 76 | 28 50 | 15 00 | 158 85 | 531 13 | 20 | |
| Ontario .. | 43 75 | 17 00 | 32 65 | ... | 166 27 | 259 67 | 16 | |
| Montreal. | 21 00 | 9 00 | ... | ... | 16 50 | 40 50 | 8 | |
| Quebec | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 00 | 35 00 | 2 | |
| Nova Scotia— | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| St. Luke's..... | ... | 20 00 | ... | 9 00 | ... | 29 00 | ... | |
| St. Paul's | ... | ... | ... | 11 00 | ... | 11 00 | ... | |
| St. James' | 4 61 | 4 61 | ... | ... | ... | 9 22 | 1 | |
| | \$138 03 | \$161 47 | \$95 65 | \$ 87 27 | \$737 61 | \$1520 03 | 121 | |
| Members. | 1275 | 703 | 799 | 574 | 323 | 60 | 55 | 65 |
| No. of Branches. | 38 | 20 | 35 | 29 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| | Huron..... | Niagara | Toronto, .. | Ontario .. | Montreal. | Quebec | Nova Scotia— | St. Luke's..... |
| | | | | | | | | St. Paul's |
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

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