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The work of the Society since the last report has been principally confined to examining the historical sketches of settlement in the various school sections, and awarding to the successful competitors the medals so generously offered to the Institute by Mr. Jas. S. Brierly, editor of the *St. Thomas Journal* and the *Montreal Herald*. This work is only partially proceeded with, and will take a year or two to complete. Sketches of settlement have already been published for 33 school sections out of a total number of 110. Medals for the best Township Histories are also offered, but only one out of seven has so far been awarded.

When the list of prize sketches is completed, they will be arranged in book form and bound for distribution by the Institute, pursuant to the arrangement with Mr. Brierley.

The Institute held its annual outing at Port Stanley on the 27th August, 1896, when, besides a number of suitable addresses by members of the Institute, a paper on the "Administration of Justice in the Early Days of the County of Elgin" was contributed by His Honor Judge Hughes.

Arrangements have been made whereby the medals already awarded will be publicly distributed by the Institute at Port Stanley on the 22nd inst., on the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, by the united schools of the County of Elgin and City of St. Thomas.