

APPENDIX K.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S AID ASSOCIATION.

To the LORD BISHOP OF FREDERICTON and MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD:

The Committee of the Women's Aid Association present the following report of the work of the Association during the past year:

The Fredericton Branch has 140 members.

In September, instead of the usual quarterly meeting, a reception was given by the members, to welcome the Metropolitan and Bishop Kingston, on their return from England.

The Lecture Committee gave two entertainments during the year, which realized \$93.58, the Sacred Concert of Classical Music being specially successful.

The Needlework Committee have had no sale or entertainment, but have handed in \$27 to the Treasurer, which has been earned by taking orders for work.

The Receipts for the year amount to two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy-three cents (\$239.73).

The grants are as follows: Building fund, Church at Undine, Victoria County, \$100; building, Mission Room, Lower Ludlow, \$50. The annual grant of one hundred dollars for the Tobique Mission made in 1888, has not been called for, but it is hoped it may soon be required.

The Fredericton Girls' Branch has been re-organized, with Mrs. J. Black as President, and twenty-six members. Three entertainments have been given by the Girls' Branch in the Church Hall, at two of which magic lantern exhibitions were kindly given by the Rev. Mr. Titcombe. The receipts for the year, after paying expenses, amount to sixty-three dollars and twenty-six cents, and at Easter the sum of sixty dollars was sent to Mr. Titcombe, for the completion of the Church at Fairville.

The Secretary of the St. Paul's Branch and Needlework Society of the Parish of Portland, reports sixty-seven members. Regular meetings for work were held from Christmas to Easter, and the usual sale in December was very successful. The sum of \$800 which had been accumulated, was granted this year for painting and repairs on the Parish Church, and a grant of \$70 was made to aid in the completion of a Church at Birch Ridge, Victoria County. This Society was originally formed to aid Church work in the Parish; two years ago it was affiliated with the Women's Aid Association, and the Secretary writes that the members hope at some future time to do more than they can at present for Mission work in the Diocese. A Girls' Branch has

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