

and 10 blankets were also distributed to the most deserving ; special care being taken to investigate the cases before doing so. Besides the members of the district, several special cases, whose sad circumstances claimed the sympathy of the Society, received aid in this way. A donation of 6 yards of flannel, and 10 yards of cotton, was sent to the Church Home.

Those Ladies who have kindly undertaken the unpleasant duty of collecting for this good work, deserve the warmest thanks of the Society for their untiring exertions in this respect.

Many thanks are also due to Mrs. Baldwin, who has done so much towards making the meetings agreeable, by reading aloud, every Thursday, books which she hoped would be entertaining, and, at the same time, likely to have a good influence on all present ; we may mention "Bede's Charity," "The Old Gateway," and "The Rector's Home," among those read. For these books the Society is greatly indebted to Mrs. Hill, who has so long, kindly and generously, lent them.

We now separate until next Autumn, when, trusting—if it be God's will—we may meet again with an increased earnestness to work for the Master's sake, and encouraged by the thought that each is doing what little she can towards ministering to the comfort of one and another of God's poor, and gladdening the heart of many a mother by clothing her little ones ;—yes, and, perhaps, saving some valuable life, by providing warm garments for those who have not the strength and health to battle with the bitter cold of our Canadian winters unless suitably clothed. Surely such thoughts as these should be an incentive to those engaged in this good work to go on and not be weary, and at the same time striving to influence others to help in this labour of love.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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