## THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY IN CANADA.

## FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF HOLIDAY HOUSE, JUNE TO SEPTEMBER, 1896.

Our fourth summer at Holiday House was most enjoyable, and financially more successful than the others, for we maintained the manager and paid two servants, as well as replacing some broken cots and providing a new platform for the boathouse without incurring any debt. The House is now sufficiently furnished to take in twenty-four guests and was nearly full most of the summer.

We received seventy-five visitors and never did the girls enjoy themselves more. As usual we had girls from all departments of wage earners and every creed was represented.

Some could only stay two nights, while others had six weeks' holiday, and others again went daily to their work. Many said they had never felt it so homelike since they had left their native shores of far distant Sweden, Scotland or Ireland.

The average stay was ten days.

Ten came from Toronto, two from Brantford, two from Dundas, and the rest from Hamilton. Twenty-five were Members of the G. F. S. Our lower rooms having been more comfortably furnished rented well and thus helped materially to balance accounts. Many donations of furniture, groceries, plants and bedding were received and are always most valuable.

The total receipts were \$231.22. Expenditure \$231.10—leaving a balance of 12c.

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VICTORIA, ST BARNABAS' BRANCH. — We are pleased to be able to report that the interest in the work still continues in our Branch.

After the summer holidays we commenced our work on October 7th with our Annual Church Service, when His Lordship Bishop Perrin, gave us a beautiful address from the text, "Bear ye one another's burden," and a motto for the year, "Great From Small," which we have tried to carry out to the best of our ability.

Weekly meetings have been held during the winter and have been very well attended, and the little work we did grew, and we held a Sale of Work and Concert on Thanksgiving Day; we realized quite a large sum of money, and with it we bought a new carpet for the Sanctuary and matting for the body of the Church, and presented it as a Christmas offering. The by ou Bible lessons lecture well at Eigh variou Bayne When, Work besides Mrs. gave u

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