

so many bales have been sent away as last year, the number of new articles is increased to 2,167 which represents a good many hours of work, and also no doubt, much loving thought and self-denial. Willing hands have made 162 quilts and several yards of rag carpet. The 83 bales contained besides 1,987 second-hand garments, and 15 of them carried parcels of groceries. The value of the freight and new material was \$1,285.05

The Treasurer's report showed a grand total of \$2,098.98, of this \$519.30 was applied to the Diocesan Missions, having been given for that purpose. There have been very few special appeals made this year, and to this, and to the prevailing depression in trade is attributed the falling off in contributions of several branches, making the total \$200 less than last year. The Treasurer asked the delegates to urge their branches to have their annual meetings early in April, so that she might receive their reports somewhat earlier than at present.

Mrs. Williamson, who had come from Toronto to be with us, was under the impression that she was to address children, but the audience was found to be chiefly composed of adults. She said that "the children of Perth were extraordinarily and wonderfully grown-up, perhaps because this was the oldest Auxiliary Diocese." Her address was very helpful to both old and young. She began by speaking of the regret which she felt at having lost two years, in which she might have worked for the Auxiliary from the reluctance at taking up new work. She reminded us of the value of prayer, then of the importance of knowing about Missions, thirdly of working, while only in the fourth place, comes the part which, perhaps because the easiest to most people, is generally considered first that of *giving*. The many little things which children can do were enumerated, such as picking up pins and filling pin-cushions with them, decorating scrapbooks with letters cut from handbills and newspapers, making large and small flags etc. while all the time she impressed most upon the children the thought that the more *personal* they could make their little gifts, the more it would help to bring home to the receivers the thought of the One who cares for them, although they have never seen him.

When Miss Brown's report was read, it evoked much sympathy; so much sickness among the children must have made a very hard winter. It seems terrible to think of, that illness and death should have occurred mainly through want of proper food, which, one may say, was occasioned by want of fences. Miss Brown begs most earnestly for a strong woman to come out and help them, someone who can bake and wash and scrub is needed, and who has the love of souls as a main spring of action. Mr. Hinchliffe and Jack have returned, leaving Mrs. Hinchliffe and her two little children in England for a while longer. We hear with delight that someone has given money towards fencing, so hope that things will be in a better state before next winter. Miss Brown speaks of the great comfort they have derived from the