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**FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT**  
—OF THE—  
**Niagara Historical Society,**

Address of the President Read 13.h October, 1899.

In presenting the fourth annual report it is only intended to refer to the work accomplished during the year by our Society, briefly then, since last report we have printed two pamphlets, and another is now in the hands of the printer, each of these having illustrations in keeping. A catalogue of the articles contained in our Historical Room was printed for us by the kindness of Jno. Ross Robertson, M.P. consisting of twelve pages and numbering 1000 articles. During the year about two hundred articles have been contributed. The room has been open every Saturday and frequently on other occasions, over three hundred visitors having recorded their names. Many letters have been received during the year asking for information, and it is gratifying to be able to state that frequently has valuable information been given, gleaned from the papers and documents in our possession or from those available in the town.

Three delegates attended the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, held in Victoria University, 14th June. Our Society having been asked to contribute to the Historical Loan Exhibit, a collection of one hundred articles was sent, filling two cases and occupying the wall space above. These received favorable mention in the Toronto papers and a list appears in the catalogue published by the Loan Exhibition Committee.

The Historical column in THE TIMES has been continued, to which paper we return our thanks for much kindness shown. The grant from the Ontario Government has been continued and also from the County Council, by means of which we are enabled to print as we have done. A report was sent to the Royal Society of Canada which appears in their transactions.

On the 17th September, our anniversary, we visited the graveyards in town, placing flowers on the graves of many; St. Mark's, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Andrew's, Methodist, Baptist (colored), and also the deserted Butler's grave yard, were all visited, and we hope that another year our townsmen may join us in shewing honor to the ashes of those who have so well deserved to be remembered.

The charge of our literature having been placed in my hands, I have to report the distribution of 317 copies to members, the press, historical societies and others interested. Of these 54 were sold by me and \$11.65 paid into the hands of the Treasurer. We hope to continue the series of Historic Houses and ask aid from any having documents, pictures or anything which will help in this direction.

From our Secretary you have heard a very interesting report, stating that eight meetings were held during the year; to his zeal and ability we are much indebted, as we are also to our Treasurer who has carefully administered our finances, reporting a very satisfactory balance.

Our membership is nearly stationary, numbering many at considerable distances. We exchange publications with ten Societies, and are thus accumulating a valuable historical library.

We have not given up hope that some memorial may yet be erected here in memory of the landing of the U. E. Loyalists and that such memor-