

the short Church services morning and evening. The lower terms increased the number of applicants, and we feel more than thankful for the success which has attended Holiday House during the past year, the mortgage having been reduced to \$325, and we extend to Miss Swanzy a hearty vote of thanks for her able management of Holiday House, with warm appreciation of her work by the G. F. S. in the Niagara Diocese.

EUGENIE L. STILWELL,

April 27th, 1896.

Diocesan Secretary.

NOTE.—On the evening of May 26th a service for the combined G. F. S. Branches was held in the Cathedral. Each Branch was distinguished by a particular flower and the effect was very pretty. After the service, at which a large number of girls were present, all adjourned to the School House, where presentations were made to Mrs. Hamilton and her daughters, who have taken the warmest interest in the G. F. S. during their residence in Hamilton, where their departure is sincerely regretted by all. Miss Hamilton was given the badge of the Society, made in gold and affixed to a pin. She was for some time G. F. S. Secretary for the Diocese, and lately as the energetic Secretary-Treasurer of Holiday House, and of St. Luke's Branch, has done much to advance the interests of the Society.

THE CATHEDRAL BRANCH.—Our meetings this year have been very successful and well attended. We have now fifteen Members and an average attendance of ten. Two new Members have been admitted and two more Probationers are waiting for admission. So though we have lost six of our old members, we feel the interest growing in the work. Two of those who have left us have obtained situations in the States, one has been married, one has returned to her home in Scotland, and two have joined other Branches in the city, as they were too far away to attend our meetings. We have tried to have a Bible Class one evening in the month, a recreation evening, and the other evenings have been devoted to work. Before Christmas we worked on a warm quilt, which, when finished, we gave to a poor family, who were most grateful.

At the beginning of the New Year we had our usual Christmas Tree for little children, each child receiving a doll, warm garment,

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