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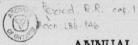
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In submitting the following report your Secretary has the gratification of being able to congratulate the Society upon having a longer membership roll, and of a decided increase in the interest shown both by the members and by outsiders in the objects and tims which prompted its formation.

During the past year eight regular meetings, eight ordinary and three special meetings of the Executive have been held. At the

regular meetings the following papers have been read:

"Historic Homesteads" (being some account of Sillery Manor and Beverley House), by Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Vice-President.

"At What Hour was Fought the Battle of Queenston Heights?"

by Mrs. S. A. Curzon.

"Early Reminiscences of the Social and Domestic Life of 1800 to 1806," by Miss Lefroy. This paper being gleaned from unedited recollections of the late Mrs. Breckenridge (née Mary Warren Baldwin), is particularly interesting, more so to our Society inasmuch as Miss Baldwin was the original designer and had worked part of the historic banner from which our motto, "Deeds speak,"

"The Development of a National Literature," by Mrs. Fessenden.
"On Historical Societies and their Work," by Dr. Canniff, an

honorary member.

"The Expulsion of the Acadians," by Miss Constance Laing.
"The Historical Interest Attached to the Walls of Quebec," by
Miss Rowand. This paper was compiled with the desire that, atten-

tion being drawn to the value of preserving such monuments of our history, this Society might show their interest and strengthen the hands of those in Quebec who were endeavoring to preserve these historic walls from demolition.

"The Tradition of the Jesuit Pear-trees on the Detroit River," by

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Miss Jean W. Barr, Windsor, a corresponding member.

"The Six Nation Indians of the Brant Reserve," by Miss E. Yates Farmer. This paper was read at the May meeting in order that those whose attention had not been drawn to the history of the Six Nations on the Reserve at Brantford might learn something of them before attending the meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, to be held at the Council House, at Osh-we-ken, on June 1st.

In accordance with that part of our annual programme, originated with the desire to attract attention to the works of Canadian authors and thus help to build up Canadian literature, extracts from the

following were read:

"A Centennial Poem," by Mrs. S. A. Curzon, read by Miss Alexandrina Ramsay; "How Bateese Came Home"; "When Albani Sang," and the title poem "De Habitant," from William Drummond's book, read by Mrs. Morrison; "The Parting of the Ways,"

anonymous, read by the Secretary.

In addition to the regular meetings two open meetings have been held. On December 10th the Society had the honor of receiving His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen. At that meeting, besides our President's inaugural address, an able paper on the "Value and Importance of Historical' Societies" was read by Mr. J. H. Coyne, President of the Provincial Association (Ontario Historical Society). Lord and Lady Aberdeen also did us the honor of addressing the meeting, which it is scarcely necessary to say was very well attended by the members and their friends. A short paper was also read by your Secretary, entitled "Lady Colborne's Bazaar, or School Life, in Toronto in the Thirties." Although a light paper, the data from which it was compiled gave a picture of the social life as well as of the first bazaar ever held in Canada. We are indebted to Mrs. Grover, a descendant of General Schuyler and of a U. E. Loyalist house, for the journal and reminiscences from which the account is taken.

Fifty copies of the Saturday Globe, of December 19th, in which Mr. Coyne's able paper was printed, were purchased by your Society and distributed to the secretaries of the sister Historical Societies and centres where it was likely there would be one formed in the near future. The paper was reprinted in part or entirety in two local papers and read at the regular meeting of the Peterborough County and Town Historical Society. On May 30th your Society had the honor of receiving a visit from Mr. Gilbert Parker, the celebrated Canadian author. The meeting was held in the Library of the Canadian Institute. The room was crowded to the doors with members and their immediate friends. Mr. Parker delivered a most able address, and subsequently expressed a wish to make the

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Society, of which he is an honorary member, a present, leaving it to the Executive to make such choice of books as it deemed advisable. Believing that a set of the author's own works, bearing an autograph inscription, would be the most valuable, the Executive instructed your Secretary to write Mr. Parker to that effect. In reply, eight volumes of the best edition of his works were sent, accompanied by the most friendly expressions of the compliment paid him and good wishes for a successful career to the Society. Other donations received during the year are: A large framed photograph of the late Rev. John Strachan, D.D., first Bishop of Toronto, from Miss Windeat; two bound volumes of the Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, the current year's transactions being also received as exchanges, from Dr. Sir John Bourinot, K.C.M.G.; a blotter case of birch bark embroidered with porcupine quills; a copy of "Humours of 1837," by Kathleen and Robina Lizars; a small map of Canada from the Honorable G. W. Ross, the Minister of Education; a larger map of Canada from the Department of Railways and Canals at Ottawa. The latter has been mounted and hung on our walls.

In order that those members who, in consequence of the change of day, were unable to attend the afternoon meetings, might derive the benefit from the Society to which their membership entitled them, Miss Sara Mickle and your Secretary were appointed a committee to arrange for meetings to be held on the evening of the third Tuesday in the month. I regret to report that owing to the exceptionally bad weather which it was your Committee's ill fortune to suffer from, these meetings were not as well attended as they otherwise should have been. It was, however, gratifying to welcome among the few, several teachers from the schools, among them one or two men who expressed their gratitude for the privilege allowed them of attending. At these meetings the following papers were read: "The Cabots and Their Voyages," by Miss Sara Mickle; "Jacques Cartier and His Discoveries," by your Secretary; "Champlain the Explorer," by Miss McKenzie and Miss Helliwell; "The Indians of Champlain's Time," by Miss Ellerby; "Champlain the Governor," by Miss Logan; "Sir William Alexander," by Miss Sara Mickle; "Sir David Kirke," by Miss E. Yates Farmer.

Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co. and the Methodist Book and Publishing House have at different times furnished your Secretary with their lists of books by Canadian authors and on Canadian history. These lists have been posted at the meetings for the information of

As a result of an address by Mrs. Williamson on the value of encourAs a result of an address by Mrs. Williamson on the value of encouragement of our home manufacturers in the upbuilding of Canada,
packages of patterns of home manufactures have been received
from the Cornwall Manufacturing Company, the Paton Manufacturing Company, and Adam Lomas & Company of Sherbrooke,
Quebec, accompanied by the most gratifying letters from the

proprietors, commending the patriotic and practical effort of your Society, and wishing you every success in your work. These patterns have been mounted on paper kindly supplied by Mrs. S. Barclay Gundý, and are available for inspection at any time by the members.

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Arrangements were made by your Executive and confirmed by the members at the regular meeting of April, to accept the generous offer of the proprietors of the Canadian Home Journal to place at the disposal of the Society a full page of that publication free of all cost or liability—the page to bear as heading the Society's name and those of its officers, and the report to be edited and furnished by your Secretary. With the exception of one month's issue since this offer was accepted, I have edited or furnished matter for this page. On that month I am indebted to Miss Farmer and Miss Mickle for ably fulfilling that duty.

This official report of the Women's Historical Society's meetings has attracted considerable notice, letters from several parts of the Dominion having been received by the editors of the Journal commending or referring to it. The Journal has since been purchased by the Stewart Publishing Company, who have made the same offer as the original proprietors to continue its connection with the Society.

I am also indebted to Miss Mickle and Miss Farmer for taking my place at the meetings held while illness during the winter prevented my attendance, as well as for much valuable help.

In pursuance of a notice of motion by Mrs. Cummings on February 6th, the following amendment to the Constitution was voted on and

passed at the March meeting:

"That in cases of emergency, when it was impossible to get together a quorum of the Executive Committee, the President or her representative, one Vice-President and the Secretary, shall have

power to act for them."

Notice of motion by Mrs. Forsyth Grant: "That all papers to be read at the regular meetings of the Society shall be sent to the Secretary a fortnight before said meeting." This resolution was moved by Miss Beard (Mrs. Grant being in the chair), seconded by Mrs. Walton. Carried.

Since our last annual meeting the Pioneer and Provincial Historical Association, with which your Society has been affiliated since its formation, has been reorganized and is to be known henceforth as "The Ontario Historical Society," with its head office in Toronto. Your Society is still in affiliation with this Association under its new name, and in consequence of the amendment of its Constitution and the small grant made to it by the Ontario Legislature, the annual fee of ten dollars heretofore exacted from your Society is remitted, and the further privilege granted of filing copies of the papers read at your meetings in the head office for reference, and of printing such of them as are passed by the Editing Committee as soon as the funds in hand will permit.

Your Society is much indebted to the Council of the Canadian Institute for permitting the use of a room in their building from the date of the formation of the Society until the present time. While gratefully acknowledging this kindness and regretting the necessity of being no fonger under their roof, we must hold ourselves under the greatest obligations to the Hon. Dr. G. W. Ross for placing a room at our service and furnishing us with a receptacle for our books

and papers under lock and key.

A report was submitted to the Royal Society of Canada at the meeting held in Ottawa, May 24th-28th, to which your Society had the honor of being invited to send a delegate. That report will be included in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada for 1898, thus reaching every Historical and Scientific Society on both continents. Your Secretary had the honor of representing you at Ottawa as the one delegate invited by the Royal Society. A report was also sent to the Ontario Historical Society, and has been published in their annual report for 1898. Miss Carzon, Miss Helliwell and Miss Farmer were nominated delegates to represent you at the annual meeting of this Association. Owing to unexpected duty demanding her services elsewhere, Miss Curzon was unable to attend. Mrs. Brant-Sero, of Hamilton, acted as her substitute.

At the October meeting a committee was appointed to consider action to be taken in the project to erect a so-called "International" monument to the memory of General Richard Montgomery, who fell assaulting Quebec, December, 1775, consisting of your Secretary, Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Mrs. H. O'Brien, Mrs. Wyatt, Miss Cox, Mrs. Henry Thompson and Miss Mickle. The Committee met and drew up a strong protest against the proposed monument. This was sent to the authorities and a satisfactory response was received. Copies were also sent to the other Historical Societies in the Province, as well as to the Canadian Club of Hamilton and of Toronto, with the result that the action taken by your Committee was endorsed by the formation of committees and the sending of equally strong protests

from these societies and clubs. A considerable correspondence has been carried on during the past year in answer to inquiries from various localities on historic data or for local information. In replying to these questions I have been much aided by members who have collected the information necessary, and to several non-members who have kindly furnished me with copies of Acts and pamphlets bearing upon the questions asked. Exchanges have been received from the Manitoba, the Niagara, the Quebec and the Peterborough Historical Societies. We are also indebted to the local press, more particularly the Globe, Mail and Empire and the World, for sending reporters and publishing notices

of the meetings held.

Several members whose names were upon the roll of the Society at its formation have been obliged to withdraw them, some regretting

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tted, read iting s the the multitudinous engagements, which make it impossible for them to attend the meetings; others, change of residence; others, absence abroad or detention by business duties, or owing to change of name and consequent change of home. The recent formation of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa will also, while adding to the number of societies in affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society, rob us of at least one of our corresponding members. On the other hand it is gratifying to report that a number of new members have been enrolled. The Hon. G. W. Ross and Miss Kathleen Lizars have been added to the list of honorary members. The hope of a year of faithful work and increasing interest in the Society may be confidently entertained for the coming season.

Your Society has to mourn the loss by death of one of its honorary members, Dr. William Kingsford, F.R.S.C., the historian. He ever evinced the most kindly interest in the work and endeavor of your Society to arouse a patriotic interest in the history of our country—â

history which it was his great life-work to write.

We have also, both individually and as a Society, suffered a great loss in the death of our beloved honorary life-member and Past-President, Mrs. S. A. Curzon. I cannot close this report without rendering the tribute of love and respect to one to whom this Society owes so much. From the first moment of the projected organization it has been my privilege to be associated with her in the work. Her calm judgment, knowledge and tact, and her loving desire to carry out the plan of establishing an historical society in Toronto is the main cause of its successful organization. The many consultations I had with her, and her kind sympathy with me in my work and endeavor, made her very dear to me, and enabled me to better fulfil my duty to you as your Secretary. To the last hour of her life while capable of speech, her conversation was of the Society and its welfare her last act, the sending of printed copies of the paper read at your meeting in March, to those whom she thought would care to have it for her sake. When I wrote the inscription on the card pinned to the wreath of pure white flowers laid, in your name, on her bier, I felt that I was expressing the feelings of every member of the Society. Loving and honoring her, we shall ever venerate her memory and keep it green by loyal devotion to the interests of the Society she did so much to form and foster. May we look forward to the hope of seeing one day a memorial portrait of her on the walls of our room, that future members enrolled in the Society may know the strong, sweet face we loved so well. *

With grateful acknowledgment of your kind patience with me as your Secretary, I beg leave to respectfully submit the foregoing

report.

(Signed) MARY AGNES FITZGIBBON.



"Treasurer's Report, 1897-98.

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	RECEIPTS.			
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	book Balance from 1896-97 to credit of the Society in Bank of		45 99	
	Commerce		37	
	_ Total	\$107	21	
	EXPENDITURES.			
	To William Briggs, printing Transaction No. 1, due since	205	00	
	Ambrook Kent, jewelers, for badges	\$27	00	
	William Briggs, letter heads		50	
	Affiliation fee Local Council		00	
	Lady Edgar, Society's contribution towards an illuminated address to their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen	1	00	
	Mr. Baby's book Miss Logan, Assistant Secretary Canadian Institute, for	1	50	
	rent of room, three evenings, at \$2.00		00	
	Caretaker Canadian Institute		00	
	Assistant Secretary for room in Canadian Institute,		00	
	May 30th		00	
	Secretary's account, postage, etc To Messrs. Brown, Searle Co., printing ballot papers		00	
	Treasurer paid for cards sent out for fees in May		00	
	Second instalment sent out in October		75	
	Cartage to Society's new room		25	
	Messrs. Steinberger, Hendry & Co., for mounting map		50	
	Dunlop, florist, memorial wreath for Mrs. S. A. Curzon . William Briggs, Publisher, postcards for annual meeting		00 80	
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Programme for 1398-99.

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Dec. 1st. First Paper of the Course on the Conquest of Canada.

"King William's War-1689 1697." By Miss FitzGibbon.

"Quebec in 1775." By Mrs. S. G. Wood.

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Jan. 5th. Second Paper.

"War of the Spanish Succession, or Queen Anne's War, 1702-1713. By Mrs. Forsyth Grant.

"Brebeuf's Wanderings." By Lady Edgar.

Feb. 2nd. Third Paper.

"War of the Austrian Succession, or King George's War." By-

"An Early Temperance Effort." By Miss S. Mickle.

March 2nd. Fourth Paper.

"The Conflict in the Ohio Valley." By Miss Grant Macdonald.

"The Dundas Road." By Mrs. Clifton Cameron.

April 6th. Fifth Paper.

"The Campaign on Lakes Champlain and George." By Miss

"Historical Ramble up Yonge Street." By Miss Bessie Macmurchy.

May 5th. Sixth Paper.

"The Taking of Louisbourg." By Miss Helliwell.

"The Mackinac Trip." By Mrs. Willoughby Cummings.

June 1st. Seventh Paper.

"The Capture of Quebec." By Miss Rowand.

Letter from the Maryland Archives. Read by Lady Edgar.

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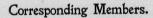
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OBITUARY NOTICES.

MRS. S. A. CURZON.

On Sunday, November 6th, 1898, at the residence of her son, 32 Ulster Street, Toronto, Sara Anne, relict of the late Robert Curzon, in the 65th year of her age.

Mrs. Curzon was the first president of the Women's Canadian Historical Society, and to her efforts was largely due its successful formation. Mrs. Curzon held office for two years, and upon her retirement was unanimously elected honorary life member. The funeral service at St. Philip's church was attended by the President, Lady Edgar, the officers and many members of the society, who thus paid a tribute of respect to one whom they loved as a friend and honored as an officer. A full account of Mrs. Curzon's work will appear in Transaction 2.

WILLIAM KINGSFORD, C.E., LL.D., F.R.S.C.

The society has also to mourn the loss of an honorary member by the death of William Kingsford, C.E., LL.D., F.R.S.C., which took place at his residence in Ottawa, on September 30th, 1898. As a civil engineer, the late Dr. Kingsford had been engaged in many works of importance in Canada, Italy and the United States, but it is as the historian of Canada that he will be remembered by Canadians. The monumental work which bears his name having been undertaken and completed in the face of many difficulties. Perseverance, patience, endurance and dogged determination, added to a fine literary ability, calm judgment and indefatigable historical research, have given us a standard work without which no future author can write of Canada.