

The First Ladies' Aid Society

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." Isa. 30: 15.

A general meeting of the ladies of the congregation was held on November 9th, 1892, for the purpose of forming a Ladies' Aid Society. Rev. R. E. Knowles, the pastor, presided.

The following officers were elected :

President—Mrs. D. B. MacTavish.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. W. W. Stephen.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Bearman.

3rd Vice-President—Mrs. Jas. Skead, jr.

Treasurer—Mrs. David McLaren.

Secretary—Miss M. Sinclair.

The aim of the society was to further the interests of the church in its benevolent, social and financial purposes.

From its inception, up to the present time, this organization has always been one of the strongest societies in the church.

The officers and members have been faithful, giving of their time and means to further its interests.

Thirty-five names were on the first roll, and of these only the following eight remain : Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Dewar, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Bearman, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ardley, and Miss Darragh.

Each succeeding year has brought larger financial returns, a constant abiding harmony, and a realization of loftier methods of work, until this year the ideal—that is, a voluntary and systematic—plan of giving has been reached.

The following ladies have held the office of president :

Mrs. D. B. MacTavish, 1892-1893.

Mrs. Waddell, 1893-1895.

Mrs. J. J. Campbell, 1895-1896.

Mrs. Graham, 1896-1900.

Mrs. J. J. Campbell, 1900-1902.

Miss Aitcheson, 1902, and still in office.