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*Lieut. F. Dixon	A. G. Moore	E. Weller
F. A. Day	J. McLaren	F. Westacott
E. C. Duval	J. Price	F. Wilkes
A. Green	F. Perrin	*H. Yearks
S. Godfrey	W. Betts	*B. Maynard
G. Girdlestone	G. Richardson	R. G. Barnett
A. Houghting	R. Richardson	B. Smith
C. Humphreys	R. Richardson	L. Howell
H. Hughes	J. Ritchey	*J. C. Coles
*A. H. Hills	F. Riches	A. White
*L. Harrington	W. Sharmon	S. A. Pickering
*E. Harrington	*E. Staley	W. Holder
*F. Harrington	A. Saunders	W. G. Walker
*E. J. Harrington	W. Sweeney	T. H. Scruton

The names with * also appear on Church Roll of Honor.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

(By Miss A. G. Hollinrake)

The first recorded work of this Society was on Nov. 16, 1836, when the ladies presented a Pulpit Bible to the church, the names on the fly-leaf of the Bible being: Mrs. Wilkes, Mrs. John Wilkes, Mrs. James Wilkes, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Digby, Mrs. John Digby, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Ewing. And again in 1849 we read of the ladies spending £10, 1s, 4½d for fixing the pulpit; the secretary at that time being Mrs. Goold. Ever since those early days the Ladies' Aid Society has been a very active factor in promoting the growth of the church, the past presidents being Mrs. Jas. Wilkes, Mrs. (Dr.) Allen, Mrs. Brophey, Mrs. Clement, Mrs. W. S. Wisner and Mrs. John Ott.

An annual event in the life of the church for many years was the supper given by the Ladies' Aid on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. This annual supper was very popular with the people of the city and was looked forward to as one of the most enjoyable social gatherings of the year.

Perhaps to no one is more honour due than to President Mrs. John Ott, who has discharged the duties of that office for many years; and it has been mainly to her guidance and devout leadership for the welfare of the church that the ladies still carry on the work started nearly one hundred years ago.

The officers of the Ladies' Aid Society at the present time are:

President—Mrs. John Ott.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. (Rev.) Martin.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. P. H. Secord.

3rd Vice-President—Mrs. David Adams.

Treasurer—Mrs. Morgan E. Harris.

Secretary—Miss A. G. Hollinrake.

OUR MISSION IN AFRICA.

(By Miss Ritchie)

A picture hangs in the Sunday School room of the First Congregational Church, Brantford: a picture of a clay hut with a grass thatched roof. In this hut died Clara Wilkes Currie, the first Canadian missionary to die in Africa.