

The Troubles of a Village Church

PART IV.

The Ladies' Aid Hold a Matinee

'Twas a warm and sultry day,
No breeze to cool the air,
Amid the trees sweet birds sang
In notes so soft and clear.
This was Thursday afternoon,
And at the hour of three,
The "Ladies' Aid" intended
To hold a matinee.

Members came in one by one,
Soon all were gathered there,
Meeting opened, roll was called,
With Sister Chattem in the chair.
There were various business matters
For the ladies to discuss,
But these were soon disposed of
Without a bit of fuss.

The chairman said, "This meeting now
Will give each one a chance;
So ladies, please express your thoughts
And new ideas advance.
We want to be progressive,
So my advice then heed,
In fashion, style, and etiquette
All churches we must lead.