

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

A perusal of the following report will show that we have justified our name, "Ladies Aid Society." A variety of work has been undertaken and in every instance successfully carried through.

Our meetings have been held regularly and have been fairly well attended. We would assure those of our number who do not favor us with their presence that it is a mutual loss. The sum of \$1145.88 has been collected for various purposes.

The Treasurer of the Debt Fund has received \$543.68, being a balance of \$8 from last year and \$535.68 realized at "The Authors Festival," a united entertainment given in the Lecture Hall of the Church by the Ladies' Aid Society and Young People's Association, March 10th and 11th. The Ladies' Aid held meetings to work for this object, and our thanks are due and hereby tendered to the different ladies who so kindly welcomed us in their homes.

At the Installation Services held September 15th, a home-like tea was provided by the Ladies for the Council.

A most hearty and well attended Social was held in the Lecture Hall, Oct. 26th, to welcome our new pastor, the Rev. F. H. Marling.

Perhaps our most important work is the sending of Missionary boxes to those in need, the names of ministers being obtained from the Rev. Thos. Hall. This year we had the pleasure of sending *three* boxes at a total value of \$300. About \$50 of the total \$68.50 collected for Dorcas was expended for necessary articles, the balance being made up by special donations of clothing, books, etc., from the ladies. We received a letter from each one of the recipients, expressive of deep gratitude for the aid so kindly and generously given. Truly, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

One of our number also sent her late husband's Persian Lamb coat to another minister. He writes "This comes at an opportune time. I had to borrow a fur coat yesterday, nothing else is of much use. Many, many thanks. I will have grateful remembrances during many a cold drive this winter."

The Ladies, having decided to renovate the vestry, set to work with a will. \$132 was soon collected for that purpose, and the work