

Annual Report of the Ladies' Aid Society

First Presbyterian Church, London, for 1890.

In presenting the report for 1890 the officers of the Society will briefly state, for the information of those not aware of our aims and objects, that about five years ago the ladies of the Congregation met and organized for the purpose of aiding, not alone financially, but for promoting socialbity in the Congregation, visiting the sick and infirm, relieving those in need, and also assisting as much as possible in any other branch of general Church work. During the first year or so of our existence sewing meetings were held, and articles, some useful and ornamental, and some otherwise, were made up and sold, the proceeds being added to our funds.

This, however, not being altogether satisfactory, it was decided to discontinue the sales of work and the holding of bazaars, and it was resolved to raise money by a direct appeal to each lady in the Congregation to contribute a certain amount each month by envelopes placed on the ordinary collection plates. We are happy to say that this system has been very successful.

At the time the Church authorities purchased the land on which the building stands, the Society undertook to pay off the amount of the purchase money \$1,852, and to this object we contributed the sum of \$740; but last year the Board of Managers being called upon to raise the sum of \$2,000, the retiring allowance to our late esteemed pastor, they made a special appeal to us to divert our funds and aid them in paying off this amount, as the debt on the land had been consolidated with the general debt in one mortgage, which it was not thought desirable to increase. After due consideration we consented to do so, and have already paid \$547 for this purpose.

We beg to report having cleaned, papered and re-furnished the vestry.