

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society have held weekly meetings during the past season; the proceeds of their work being devoted chiefly towards tinting and painting the Lecture Room and Vestry, assisting the Protestant Orphans' Home and Protestant Hospital, and providing funds for the relief of the poor.

A Committee of this Society, consisting of Mrs. Perley, Mrs. Smellie, Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Gordon, and Miss McLean, were specially entrusted with the work of Poor Relief. This Committee met weekly in the Lecture Room, to relieve those in want, and, owing to the severity of the season and the scarcity of employment, a larger number than usual have required help. Each family that received assistance was visited by some members of the Committee, and relief was given in the form of clothing, food, and fuel, and in some cases by the payment of rent or taxes. A quantity of clothing was prepared for this purpose by the Ladies' Aid Society; donations of clothing, wood and groceries were received from members of the Congregation; and the Committee availed themselves largely of the arrangement made at the general Soup Kitchen for the supply of soup and wood at greatly reduced rates. The work done by the Poor Relief Committee may be seen from the following summary of Receipts and Expenditure:

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance from last year.....	\$ 2 74	Soup Tickets.....	\$ 21 58
Collections, per Kirk Session ...	172 47	Wood.....	27 38
Small Donations.....	11 80	Rent.....	70 32
From Ladies' Aid Society.....	189 38	Taxes.....	15 60
" Allan Gilmour, Esq.....	60 00	Clothing.....	61 88
		Provisions.....	150 73
		Funeral Expenses.....	10 00
		Balance.....	78 90
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