

# REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

In addition to some items that appear in the Treasurer's Statement, the work of the Ladies' Aid Society has been largely confined to the relief of the poor, a Committee being specially charged with the duty of visiting the needy before any applications for relief were granted.

During the past year 30 families have received assistance, some for a few days or weeks, according to the nature of their distress, until employment could be procured or until sickness had passed away, while others required and received help throughout the year. Assistance has been given in various forms, such as payment of rent or taxes, aid in defraying expense of travelling to friends at a distance, donations of clothing received for this purpose from members of the church, and, chiefly, in donations of food. A large quantity of fuel has been supplied through the kindness of two members of the congregation, whose generosity, in this respect, has greatly relieved the labours and the funds of the Poor Relief Committee. As will be seen from the Statement of the Treasurer of the Kirk Session, a legacy of \$40 was received from the late Mrs. MacKay for the benefit of the poor, and an anonymous gift of \$20 was received from a member of the congregation for the same purpose.

The total receipts for poor relief—made up of Communion and Thanksgiving Collections, bequest and contribution above referred to, and balance from last year—have been \$266.81; the expenditure, \$229.42; leaving a balance of \$37.39.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELIZA S. GORDON, *President.*

JANE ELLIOTT, *Treas. P. R. F.*

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