

ment since received, they would have felt, "it is *more* blessed to *give* than to receive." Money and clothing were also sent to some members of the Church, known to be in especial need, and to other destitute families in the city, who had been visited by some of the Society.

The balance of the clothing has been given to Miss Allen, the city Missionary employed by the Young Woman's Christian Association, and we are confident that under her direction, it will be carefully and wisely distributed.

The following sums have also been raised for well known Institutions and objects. Labrador Mission, \$70.00; Home for Friendless Women, \$63.00; Furnishing room of Y. M. C. A., \$68.50; Industrial Rooms, \$53.

The prayer meetings were held every alternate Monday until last June, and are held every Tuesday, at present. The attendance through the year has been larger than in any previous year.

That our Father has met and blessed us there—that they have proved a source of rest and strength, and a means of steady growth in the spiritual life, has abundantly verified the promise of rich blessing, to all who meet in his Name, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We are sometimes asked, even now, what is implied by membership in the Ladies' Aid Society? We would answer, a desire to do all in our power to further the interests of our Church Home, and believing more can be accomplished by united efforts than by the same efforts put forth singly, we work together, under that name, and we would cordially invite all ladies of the church and congregation to unite with us.

The membership fee of twenty-five cents, is only an incidental;—its omission would debar no one from a cordial welcome to our number.

The years' retrospect brings from us our tribute of warmest thanks to our devoted President, whose tireless zeal and energy are an unfailling source of inspiration to all her co-workers.

Thanks are also due to Mr. J. S. McLachlan, for packing and forwarding the boxes to the country, and to the many other kind friends who have in so many ways contributed to the successful efforts of the year.

Respectfully submitted.

MARY B. COWAN,

Secretary.

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