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The Ladies' Aid Society has also been an efficient and helpful organization. Often during times of stress they have been appealed to and seldom, if ever, in vain. The office-bearers of the congregation owe much to the ladies of the congregation for their ready willingness to help and which help they have so generously rendered. Mrs. D. R. Thomson has been for a number of years the painstaking president and has successfully guided the society's work.

The choir has also rendered valuable assistance to the congregation. With the passing of the precentor an organist must be sought and a most devoted and faithful one was found in the person of Miss Margaret Campbell (later Mrs. Dougal McTavish). She continued to occupy that trying position until a couple of years ago when, at her request, the session accepted with much regret, her resignation, and Mrs. D. McKay was asked to become the organist, which office she continues to hold.

The founders of Chalmer's church were men and women of undaunted courage and with a faith that would not be shaken. Of those who constituted the first communion roll only two now remain on the present roll, viz., Mrs. A. McLachlin, Sr., and Mrs. A. McNab, St., both of whom united with the church at the same time and are now spending the evening of life's day lovingly cared for by their families.

In this reminiscent time our hearts are refreshed in the thought of a Providence that has guided, protected and prospered God's people in all these years. We therefore look backward with gratitude and upward with thanksgiving, and forward with hope, as we stand today under the shadow of the nation's cloud of sorrow when the faith of many is shaken.