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KNOX CHURCH,

STRATFORD.

Pastor, Rev. M. L. LEITCH.

1895.

Annual = = Report.

Memoranda.

DIVINE SERVICE.—Every Sabbath, at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M.

SABBATH SCHOOL.—Sabbath, at 2:45 P. M.

BIBLE CLASS.—Sabbath, at 3 P. M.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Monday, at 8 P. M.

PRAYER MEETING.—Wednesday, at 8 P. M.

CHOIR PRACTICE.—Friday, at 8 P. M.

W. F. M. S.—First Friday of each month, at 3:30 P. M.

GORDON MISSION BAND.—First Saturday of each month, at 3:30 P. M.

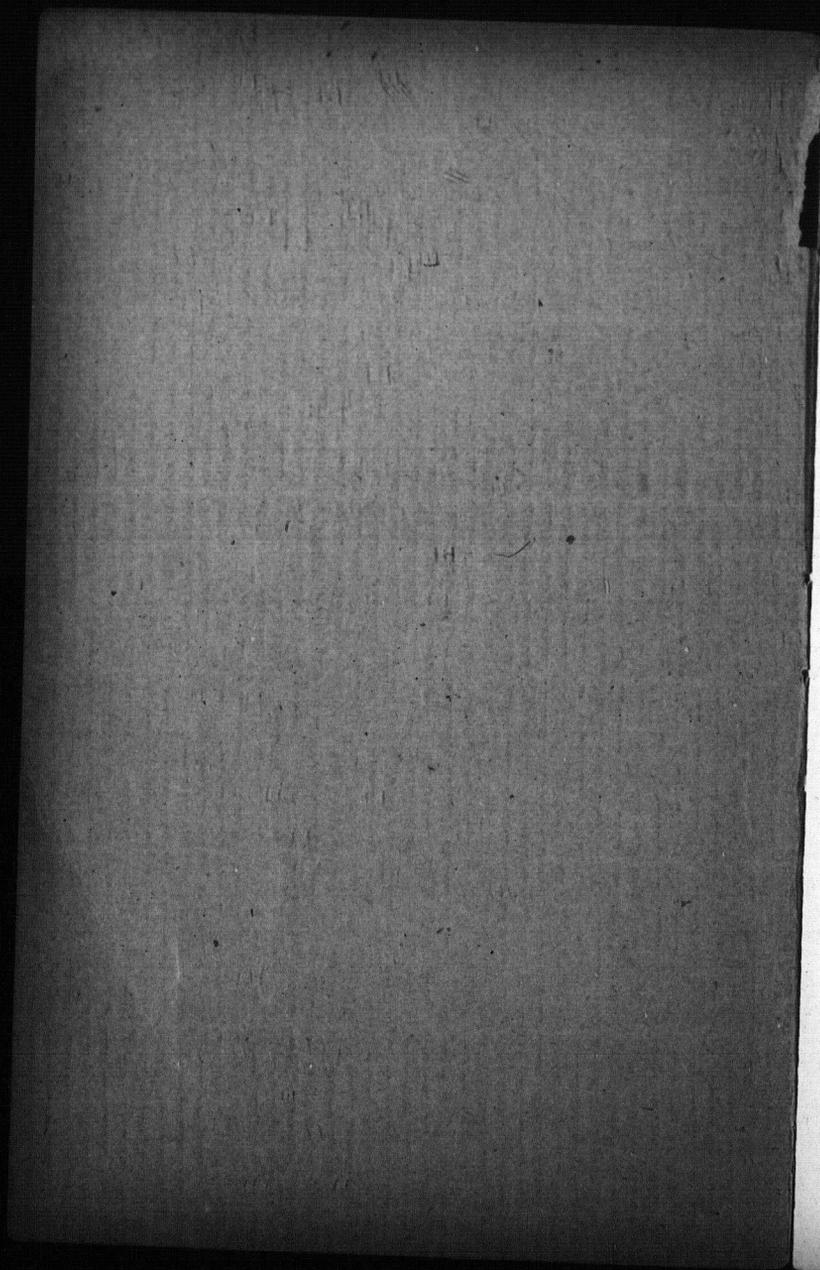
BAPTISM.—Last Sabbath and First Wednesday in each month.

LORD'S SUPPER.—First Sabbath in March, June, September, and December.

JUNIOR Y. P. S. C. E.—Every Wednesday, at 4:30 P. M.

KNOXIAN LITERARY.—Second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 3 P. M.

MR. DONALDSON will be in the church from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. every day except Thursday and Friday.



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Annual Report



FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31ST, 1895.



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Report of Session.

THE SESSION must again acknowledge the many great blessings which the Giver of all good has showered on us during the year. We pray that the seed sown at the public services on Sabbath, the Sunday school, Bible class, the weekly prayer meeting, the meetings of the Christian Endeavor Societies, also the Word quietly and prayerfully taught in the home, may bear fruit an hundred-fold—to the glory and honor of God. The attendance at the Bible class and Sunday school has increased; we are thankful to see this, and would like to see increased attendance at all meetings.

The Session this year is unbroken, but many of our families have been called upon to suffer the loss of loved ones. May He who is "the Resurrection and the Life" "bind up the broken-hearted."

We wish to acknowledge the faithfulness of all the laborers in the various departments of our church work.

Baptism was administered to 32 infants and 4 adults.

The Lord's Supper was observed four times. It is gratifying to see the large attendance of members on these occasions. We added during the year 94 members—49 by profession of faith, and 45 by certificate. The removals were 14 by death and 34 by certificate. We revised our roll in December, and found that we have 711 members now present in the congregation.

For Miss Duncan in India we again ask your prayers, that God will preserve her and bless her work to the saving of many souls.

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

JOHN MCINTYRE,

Session Clerk.

M. L. LEITCH,

Moderator.

MEMBERS OF SESSION.

REV. M. L. LEITCH, - - - Pastor.

JAMES CALLIN,	W. DOUGLAS,	WM. IRELAND,
J. MILLS,	GEORGE HUNTER,	W. JEFFREY,
S. RANKIN,	G. MALCOLM,	J. BARTON,
D. MCKAY,	H. DUNCAN,	A. WILLIAMSON,
R. D. HAMILTON,	J. MCINTYRE,	

In Memoriam.



Mrs. Joseph Miller....	75 years.....	Feb'y 5th
Mrs. Stewart Campbell,	76 years.....	Feb'y 14th
Mrs. J. C. Huckins....	63 years.....	Feb'y 15th
Miss Catharine Brydon,	84 years.....	Feb'y 18th
Miss Maggie Garden...	21 years.....	Feb'y 23rd
Robert Kincade	56 years, 6 mos.,	Feb'y 25th
John Stevenson's Child,	1 year.....	April 2nd
Mrs. D. Cameron	65 years, 3 mos.,	April 14th
Mrs. M. D. Scott.....	56 years.....	April 15th
R. M. Ballantyne's	Infant Daughter,	April 27th
Mrs. J. W. Smith.....	32 years.....	April 29th
William Campbell....	73 years.....	May 13th
Mrs. Samuel Gourlay..	80 years, 5 mos.,	July 10th
J. C. Hyslop's.....	Infant Daughter,	Aug. 10th
James Ogilvy.....	85 years, 6 mos.,	Aug. 19th
Mrs. David Garden....	64 years.....	Aug. 24th
W. C. Orr's.....	Infant Daughter,	Sept. 3rd
Angus McKay.....	51 years.....	Sept. 24th
Mrs. W. McFarlane....	Nov'r 5th
Mrs. J. Blain.....	64 years.....	Nov'r 8th
Miss Elizabeth Cash..	74 years.....	Nov'r

Knox Church Managers' Annual Report,

For the Year Ended December 31st, 1895.

THE BOARD of Managers, in submitting their annual report for 1895, do state that from the two main contributing sources—pew rent and open collections—the financial result has been fairly successful.

The success attained is due to the many contributing, which could be made greater did all, either as families or individuals connected with the congregation, have a pew rent interest, and remember that this is payable quarterly in advance. The financial statement speaks for itself. With receipts of over six thousand dollars, it shows that after paying the ordinary and fixed charges we close the year with a balance on hand in bank of \$257.03, with interest on mortgage paid to December 31st, 1895, the principal mortgage balance reduced during the year by \$1,000, and with arrears of pew rent on the 31st December, 1895, at \$984.25.

Mortgage debt extinction subscriptions have still to be paid, in whole or in part by a score of subscribers. Were all arrears of subscriptions and pew rents paid in, the managers could pay off all their debts in full, while as it is, the balance of the mortgage still owing against the church property is \$1,600.

The fire which occurred on August 17th, 1895, in the top of the spire, from lightning, that threatened the destruction of the edifice, and a matter of anxiety to your Board for a space, became, through many favorable providences, a cause of thankfulness that on the one hand so little injury had been done, and on the other that the restoration of the spire had been effected so speedily. We donated \$25 to the men of our fire brigade for their work in extinguishing the fire. Your Board received from the insurance companies interested, in fair and prompt settlement of their claim for damage from fire and water, the sum of \$750. The contractors, after tendering on plans prepared by the architect, had the work completed with promptness, despatch, and without accident. The sum paid out on property repairs is necessarily

large, but deducting the amount received from the award of fire claim, it will leave the expenditure under this head but little over the average yearly expenditure. The further renovation of the interior and the renewal of the roof covering of the church await to be proceeded with, once the debt was cleared and the funds provided. It only requires the continuous united effort of the whole congregation to have these and other things speedily accomplished.

The ushers for 1895 were attentive to their duties, and are eligible for re-election.

The managers retiring this year are Thomas Trow, Andrew Jeffrey, and James W. Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN,

Sec'y.

JOHN McMILLAN,

Chairman

February 4th, 1896.

MANAGERS FOR 1896.

JAMES BENNOCH, JOHN McMILLAN, RALPH DONALDSON,
 JAMES DOW, DUNCAN STEWART, JOHN McINTYRE,
 THOS. TROW, JAMES W. BROWN, A. A. MAVER.

USHERS FOR 1896.

GEORGE KAY, JAMES MACFADDEN, PETER BRADSHAW,
 THOS. ORR, Jr., W. H. NEIL, J. FISHER,
 W. ALLEN, LLOYD MACDONALD, RAYSIDE GEMMILL,
 W. J. IRELAND, J. BENNOCH, Jr.

Knorr Church Financial Statement

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

To balance in Bank, 1st January, 1895.....		\$39 99
" Pew rent.....	\$2,068 15	
" Pew rent arrears.....	776 00	
" Sabbath collections.....	1,509 85	
" Preparatory services collection.....	36 45	
" Hospital collection.....	113 75	
" Thanksgiving collection (poor fund)	55 00	
" Masonic collection (poor fund).....	15 00	
" Fire insurance.....	750 00	
" Mortgage debt subscriptions.....	750 00	6,074 20
		\$6,114 19

EXPENDITURE.

By M. L. Leitch.....	\$2,000 00	
" A. H. Alexander.....	300 00	
" R. Donaldson.....	500 00	
" Anniversary service.....	25 00	
" Pulpit supply.....	94 85	
" Poor relief.....	65 85	
" Property repairs.....	857 71	
" Printing and stationery.....	32 35	
" Miscellaneous.....	68 97	
" Insurance.....	61 25	
" Hospital Trust.....	113 75	
" Fuel.....	83 50	
" Gas.....	100 85	
" Bills payable.....	350 00	
" Mortgage debt reduced.....	1,000 00	
" Mortgage interest 1½ years.....	203 08	5,857 16
" Balance in bank, 31st Dec., 1895.....		257 03
		\$6,114 19

Arrears Pew Rent, 31st Dec., 1895, \$984.25.

Certified Correct.

GEORGE KAY,
J. R. MACDONALD, } Auditors.

Report of the Knox Church Sunday School

For the Year 1895.

THE Officers and Teachers of Knox Church Sunday School, in presenting their annual statement, are glad to report the continued prosperity of the school during the year 1895.

Both in attendance and finances the report will show an increase over the year 1894. The aggregate attendance of the school was 15,298, an average of 306, as against 292 in 1894.

This average was made up as follows:—Bible Class, 63; School Proper, 145; Primary Class, 65; Teachers, 26; Officers, 7.

The school was open every Sunday of the year.

The Bible Class, under Mr. Malcolm, met 40 Sundays. The average attendance, 63, was larger than in any previous year.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR

Is, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Sabbath Collections.....	\$ 215 20
Mission Barrels.....	1 50
Proceeds of Social.....	30 51
Receipts from Picnic.....	1 45
Interest.....	2 15
	\$250 81

EXPENDITURE.

N. W. Wilson, S. S. Supplies.....	\$ 102 90
D. C. Cook.....	4 83
Hymn Books.....	10 00
Sending Papers to Thessalon.....	3 60
Sunday S. Convention.....	5 00
Library.....	30 51
Picnic.....	4 00
Messrs. Kenner and Scarff, Supplies.....	3 28
Point Aux Trembles Mission.....	50 00
Indor Mission.....	30 00
Dr. Moffatt.....	5 00
Expenses by Drafts, &c.....	1 69
Total.....	\$250 81

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The following are the Officers and Teachers for 1896:

OFFICERS.

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| C. A. MAYBERRY, LL.B..... | Superintendent. |
| GEO. HUNTER..... | Assist.-Superintendent. |
| R. DONALDSON..... | Secretary. |
| R. WHITE..... | Assist.-Secretary. |
| R. WHITE..... | Treasurer. |
| GEO. MALCOLM, B. A..... | Teacher Bible Class. |
| GEO. MCINTOSH..... | Librarian. |
| A. STEVENSON..... | } Assistant Librarians. |
| W. IRELAND..... | |
| F. SCOTT..... | |
| R. GEMMILL..... | |
| A. H. ALEXANDER..... | Organist. |
| MISS MCLENNAN..... | Assistant Organist. |

TEACHERS.

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|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| MRS. HISLOP, | Miss DALZELLE, | Miss HAMILTON, |
| Miss MODERWELL, | " FRANK, | " MATHESON, |
| (Primary Class) | " DUNCAN, | " GOURLAY, |
| Miss N. McDONALD | " M. MCBURNEY | " BENNOCH, |
| (Assist. Primary) | " M. JOHNSON, | " M. STEVENSON |
| Miss STEWART, | " FORBES, | Mr. GEO. MALCOLM, |
| " BRUCE, | " MCLENNAN, | Mr. GEO. HUNTER, |
| " E. STEVENSON, | " HYDE, | " JNO. FLEMING, |
| " H. MCBURNEY, | " CASSELS, | " J. C. MCTAVISH, |
| " FINLAYSON, | " MILLER, | " D. BURNS. |
| " B. MCINTOSH, | " HUNTER, | |
| " K. FINLAYSON, | " TURNBULL, | |
| " K. JOHNSON, | | |
| R. DONALDSON, | C. A. MAYBERRY, | |
| Secretary-Treasurer. | Superintendent. | |

Knor Church Missionary Association,

IN presenting their Annual Report, desire to call attention to the small amount contributed to the Schemes of our Church.

Compare our present giving with that of ten years ago, with less members than there are at present and you will agree with your committee that there is a large percentage of our number disinterested in mission work.

Your committee are desirous of increasing the contributions, and knowing that the amount contributed has been

chiefly by those living within the city limits, would request the hearty co-operation of the members living in the country, who are not visited by collectors and whose names do not appear in the books as contributors to the great work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DONALDSON, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions from Collectors, as follows:

Miss Miller.....	\$38 70	Miss Welsh	\$21 97
" Scrimgeour.....	8 25	" Marks.....	8 55
" Dalzelle.....	21 85	" Grant(Market-st.)	19 06
" Forbes.....	22 55	Mr. D. Hyslop.....	5 00
" Grant (Avon) ...	10 15	" J. Callin.....	5 00
" Ireland.....	29 00	" J. McGeorge.....	3 00
" Hyde.....	32 35	" S. Rankin	3 00
" Rankin	7 80	Friends.....	6 00
" Hepburn	27 30	Records paid for in	
" Bennoch.....	24 45	seats.....	3 25
" Cassels and Mc-		Interest.....	3 42
Donald.....	28 15		
" Ball.....	11 45		
			\$340 25

EXPENDITURE.

Records.....	\$ 50 00	Aged and Infirm . . .	\$ 10 00
Home Missions.....	189 00	Widows and Orphans	10 00
Foreign Missions....	52 50	French Evangelization	3 00
Augmentation	15 00		
Knox College.....	10 75		
			\$340 25

SUMMARY OF MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS:—

To Foreign Missions.....	\$330 00
" Home Missions.....	200 00
" French Evangelization.....	58 00
" Augmentation	15 00
" Knox College.....	10 75
" Aged and Infirm Ministers...	10 00
" Widows and Orphans.....	10 00
	\$633 75

Knor Church Auxiliary, W. J. M. S.

Secretary's Report for the Year 1895.

ANOTHER year in the history of our Auxiliary has passed away. That it has been a year of blessing we cannot doubt, and we must first pay our tribute of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us. We have not done everything to the best of our ability or in the best way, yet we rejoice over the success which has attended our feeble efforts.

The list of members and contributors now number 47, 7 being members of the General Society. Four new members have joined during the year, and the Auxiliary has sustained the loss of four members by their removal from the city. The average attendance has been 18.

The thank-offering meeting was held in October, with pleasing results, the amount received being \$29.30. This, together with the monthly contributions, makes a total of \$150.52. This sum has been raised entirely by voluntary contributions. Besides this, money and clothing to the value of \$42.11 was sent to the Indians of the Rolling River Reserve.

THE OFFICERS

For the year 1896 are as follows:

Hon-President, - - -	MRS. LEITCH.
President, - - -	MRS. HISLOP.
1st Vice-President, - - -	MRS. RANKIN.
2nd Vice-President, - - -	MRS. WM. BROWN,
3rd Vice-President, - - -	MRS. McMILLAN.
Secretary, - - -	MRS. G. MALCOLM.
Treasurer, - - -	MRS. HOSSIE.

MRS. GEO. MALCOLM,
Secretary.

Knox Church Gordon Mission Band.

Secretary's Report for 1895.

DURING the year 1895 we have had some change in our membership; some on account of change of circumstances have ceased to be members, and three joined during the year, making our membership now number 37. We have two life members, and six members of the General Society.

Our regular meetings are held on the first Saturday afternoon of the month, but there were five evening meetings held in 1895, and these were well attended. On the 30th of April, which was the tenth anniversary of the Band, we held a social in the church, to which were invited all ladies interested in the work. The Band ten years ago consisted of 13 members.

In November we met with the Auxiliary, and enjoyed Mrs. Jeffery's address on the North-West Mission Schools she had visited.

The thank-offering meeting, held in December, was a most interesting one. We had with us on that evening Mrs. Scott, now of Toronto, formerly of Brooksdale, who gave us a short and helpful address. The thank-offering amounted to \$15.26.

This year we sent to the school at Rolling River Reserve a box of clothing, valued at \$12.97—\$5.35 of which was contributed for the purchase of new goods. We also sent \$1.50 towards the purchase of a sewing machine, also to be sent there.

At the end of the year \$72.00 was handed to the Presbyterial Treasurer.

MARY A. MCBURNEY,
Sec'y.

OFFICERS FOR 1896.

President,	- - -	MISS WOODERWELL.
1st Vice-President,	- - -	MISS GARDEN.
2nd Vice-President,	- - -	MISS M. MCBURNEY.
Secretary,	- - -	MISS T. MCINTOSH.
Treasurer,	- - -	MISS CRERAR.

Annual Report D. P. S. C. E., 1895.

THIS Society has held during the year 48 regular meetings, 1 union, 15 executive and 2 social meetings. The union meeting in this church on Dec 15, which was addressed by Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Toronto, proved to be one of interest and much profit. This being the annual meeting, officers of the union executive were appointed.

On the roll at present, there are 4 honorary, 37 active, and 9 associate members. During the year there have been no new members added. A number have expressed a desire to become connected with the Society, but as no one can be accepted as an active member unless a member of this church, their names could not be placed upon our list of membership.

One night every month has been set apart to be specially in charge of the Session, and Mr. Malcolm during the year has given the Society a series of most helpful addresses on "The Life of Christ." We are very much pleased that he has consented to take up in '96 a similar course on "The Shorter Catechism."

Ten committees have been faithfully at work, and have reported progress every two months. Of these, special attention needs to be given only to that of the Missionary, Relief, Visiting and Flower committees.

There have been four missionary meetings, one of the most interesting of which was that held on Dec. 9th, when Mr. McGinnis, of Elora, delivered an address. At these meetings the offering amounted to \$11.25. From 11 members giving monthly, we had \$29.10, and the year's interest was \$1.02, making altogether \$41.37 for missions. This was apportioned as follows:

One Bible Woman in India.....	\$25 10
Point Aux Trembles School.....	5 00
General Home Miss. Fund.....	11 17

The Relief Committee distributed 168 articles of clothing as well as dainties and provisions for sick people. The net proceeds of the Thanksgiving social was \$9.41 which was divided as follows: \$4.00 for Christmas baskets, \$5.41 for other relief work.

The Visiting and Flower Committees have made 139 visits and distributed among the sick of the congregation 88 bouquets.

Total receipts during the year for all purposes amounted to \$81.25. Total amount collected for general fund, \$25.22. Total amount expended for topic cards, flowers, and conven-

tion contribution \$21.96, leaving in the treasury a balance on hand of \$3.26.

We hope and believe that the work of the Society has resulted in much good, and trust that during '96 this may be still further extended.

L. M. IRELAND, Rec. Secretary.

THE OFFICERS FOR ENSUING TERM ARE:—

Honorary Pres.,	- - -	REV. M. L. LEITCH.
President,	- - -	MR. J. C. MCTAVISH.
1st Vice-Pres.,	- - -	MISS H. MCBURNEY.
2nd Vice-Pres.,	- - -	MR. WATSON.
Treasurer,	- - -	MISS M. MILLER.
Corres. Secretary,	- - -	MISS M. MCBURNEY.
Recording "	- - -	L. M. IRELAND.

Report of the Junior D. P. S. C. E.

DURING the past year, although our Society has decreased in numbers, yet the work has been continued faithfully, and we trust the interest has increased.

We have twenty-five names on the roll, with an average attendance of fifteen.

We have five committees at work: Lookout, Mission, Temperance, Music, Visiting and Flower. On special days, such as Temperance and Mission, the respective committees have charge of the meeting for the day.

The members of our Jr. Endeavor filled a box with dolls and toys to the Northwest, and we are pleased to know that it was much appreciated.

It was thought wise to close the meetings during the summer holidays, but in August we re-organized.

Two of our members joined the Church during the past year. We trust that the work will continue to prosper and bring forth good results during the year 1896.

JANE STEWART, Sec'y J. C. E.

OFFICERS FOR 1896.

Superintendent,	- - -	MRS. J. W. BROWN.
President,	- - -	CLARA MCTAVISH.
Vice-Pres.,	- - -	MARY JOLLY.
Secretary,	- - -	NELLIE SPENCE.
Treasurer,	- - -	GERTIE HOSKIN.

Report of S. L. A. of Knox Church.

1894-5-6.

THE Shakespearian Ladies' Aid of Knox Church take much pleasure in submitting their first annual report. This society was organized on Sept. 30, 1894, having as officers a president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, with the following committees for carrying on the work:—Relief and Visiting Committee, Purchasing Committee, and Work Committee.

The object of this Society is to relieve the poor of the church and the city as far as lies in our power, to promote sociability amongst its members, and increase their mutual acquaintance; and to enter into any christian work to which the Lord may call.

The committees have been doing excellent work, especially the Relief and Visiting Committee, who have visited a great number of needy families, besides the new members who have come in our midst.

We have a large membership, as a very deep interest is being taken by the ladies of Shakespeare ward in the work of the Society.

Since the time of our organization we have assisted twenty nine (29) families in various ways with clothing, bread tickets, meat, groceries, baskets of provisions, &c., and in some cases money was given. We have distributed 275 articles of clothing, 16 quilts; besides giving many other articles, including bedsteads, mattresses, and such like.

From our annual membership fee of 25 cents we have collected \$12.50; voluntary collections at each fortnightly meeting, \$10.60; donations, \$1.85; and other sources, \$6.76. Total amount received, \$31.69. Our expenditure for charitable purposes, such as dry goods, groceries, &c., was \$12.88. Aid given in cash for rent and other purposes, \$9. Cash spent in making up new garments, \$5.00. Total expenditure, \$26.88; leaving a balance in treasury of \$4.81.

THE OFFICERS

For 1895-6 are as follows :

President,	- - -	MRS. W. MCKELLAR.
1st Vice-Pres.,	- - -	MRS. H. GIBSON.
2nd Vice-Pres.,	- - -	MRS. D. MCINTOSH.
Secretary,	- - -	MRS. J. R. MACDONALD.
Treasurer,	- - -	MRS. S. CAMERON.

MRS. J. R. MACDONALD,
Secretary.

Jan. 15th, '96.

Ladies' Aid of Romeo Ward Report.

ORGANIZED with membership of seven; increased to twenty-nine. There were fourteen meetings held, every fourth being a business meeting.

The different committees have done their work creditably in finding out the poor, visiting the sick, and calling on strangers.

Have made and distributed sixty-four articles of clothing. Also, \$1.80 was given in groceries. \$4.00 was also given to fit out a box for North-West.

