

I am giving you this apron,
And this is just the trick
We'd like it back with a penny
With every inch you're thick (waist).

We don't think that's a cent too much
For every inch you measure,
Because you must remember dears,
The eating's been your pleasure.

Now don't lay this apron aside
Until some future date,
Just measure your waist and put money aside
And return by mail to the address undersigned.

The response was wonderful, not only financially, but expressed their interest in the old home church. Over \$120.00 was received.

One old custom we abandoned in 1929 was draping the church railing, chairs, pulpit, and table with black for funerals. One of the ministers daughters always cried when she saw it, and had a depressing effect on everyone.

We provided new catechism books for the children of the Sunday School.

Our circuit was asked to contribute \$100.00 to the United Church Training School, in Toronto, and this amount was raised, Petretton giving \$35.00.

Donations were given several times to the Victor Home in Toronto, also to the Deaconess Home. We also contributed to Albert College, Belleville, Sask. Relief Fund, Pembroke Cottage Hospital, and each year to the March of Dimes.

During the two wars and for some time after we sent boxes of food and clothing to Britain, and also helped their childrens Relief Fund. Many letters of appreciation have been received from the mothers. Every year we send bales of clothing overseas, in later years to Korea.

Our meetings have been held monthly. In the early years as the women met the devotional service was a vital part of each meeting, with a session of prayers by several members all kneeling, or sentence prayers by all. A chapter from the bible was read and stressed. The roll calls were always answered with a verse of scripture. Little by little this practise of prayer was discontinued to the disappointment of many women. We still have a devotional period while we use the programme prepared by Dominion Council. At a presbytery meeting the exercises were discussed. One member remarked we are spoon fed. No individual prayers are requested. The social hour with lunch we feel is beneficial to our members.

We have added to our furnishings at the parsonage during the past two years, and will continue to do so as needed. In January, 1958, a new stainless steel sink and cupboards were installed at a cost of \$138.00.

Although all our church women are not members they all are very willing to help with any activities such as suppers, bazaars, etc.