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Peek into the Past: The congregational report for 1889-1890 was encouraging. Real progress in the life of the congregation was being made. The Ladies Aid Society had been very active, and a "Gentlemen's Missionary Society" had a prominent place in the life of the church, meeting the first Sabbath afternoon of each month.

In 1890, Rev. Arrowood left Philadelphia for work at Sharon Church. Mr. Arrowood was remembered for initiating the establishing of Bain Academy, but the children of the church remembered him as the pastor when a 'first' was recorded for the church in December, 1889. The Session approved recommendation of the Sabbath School superintendent and gave permission for the Sabbath School to have a Christmas tree. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

A Musical "Note": 1890: In the meeting a congregational meeting was called to "ascertain the feeling of the congregation in regard to having an organ in the church and to elect a pastor." It is altogether likely that the possibility of having an organ had become a matter of interest while he (Arrowood) was still pastor. The action of the congregation on the organ is not recorded, but soon afterward an organist was named. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Interesting Fact: There were many disciplinary actions and attempts to settle difficulties between members without judicial process. One time the Session was requested to settle a difficulty between an elder and a deacon. The deacon thought the elder should take back the cow he had bought and return his money. The elder did not feel this had been part of the agreement. After much discussion, the elder agreed, for the sake of the good name of the church, to take the cow back and return the \$50 paid. The deacon agreed to pay \$2.50 for the time he had with the cow. The shook hands, and the matter was settled without trial. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Important National Event: 1890: Yosemite, California becomes the second U.S. National Park.