

creased their contributions, as the following figures will show :—

	<i>Missionary.</i>	<i>School and other purposes.</i>
St. Matthew's.....	\$280.04	\$380.00
St. Andrew's.....	62.17	
Richmond.....		69.25
N. W. Arm.....		15.25
Or, a total of \$806.71.		

A large proportion, if not the whole \$880 raised by St. Matthew's school, and \$54 of the \$69.25 by Richmond, was contributed towards the "Doul Memorial Fund," these schools having resolved on the erection of a Monument to the memory of the late A. K. Doull, Esq., who was so closely identified with them.

A good deal of business was transacted at the meeting. The Treasurer's Report presented a satisfactory state of affairs financially. Steps were taken for placing the Tower Road School on an improved footing, by renting suitable premises for Sabbath School and Mission purposes. A Committee was appointed to visit the North-Western portion of the city, and enquire as to the practicability of opening a school or mission station near the Common. The Superintendent of Freshwater school submitted a Report, in which he announced the closing of that school, which, from want of comfortable accommodation, and other causes, had lately been fast declining. Prepared written Reports, by Superintendents, giving details of each school, were requested to be given in; and we may, in a future number, enumerate some of the schemes which are supported by the schools, and show the exact condition of each. The office-bearers for the present year are :—

President—W. H. NEAL.

Vice-Presidents—P. THOMPSON and G. McLEAN.

Secretary—C. H. REYNOLDS.

Treasurer—E. H. REEVES.

Report of St. Andrew's Church Ladies' Benevolent Society, St. John.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., }
Jan 3rd, 1871. }

The office-bearers of the St. Andrew's Church Ladies' Benevolent Society respectfully submit the following brief statement of their proceedings for the year 1870 :—

The subscribers to the Society's funds for the past year numbered 67, and the total amount received was \$106.54,—the highest subscription having been \$10, and the lowest 84 cents.

The disbursements amounted to \$102.50, and the balance now with the Treasurer is \$4.04. The aid furnished was confined, of course, to the poor of the Church, and, though often much less than your office-bearers desired, was always thankfully received by the recipients of your bounty,—as it always helped to alleviate their sufferings, and supply them with comforts, of which they often stood very much in need.

The amount paid to each (in monthly instalments) during the year, varied from \$10 to \$19, as follows :—

To Mrs. Cassie.....	\$19.00
" " Burns.....	18.50
" " Lafferty.....	18.00
" " Barzillain.....	14.50
" " Boyne.....	16.50
" " Campbell.....	10.00
To which add, cash paid for flannel....	2.00
Treasurer for money advanced.....	4.00

Total outlay is, as stated above.....\$102.50

The monthly meetings of the Society have been held regularly during the year, but we regret to say the attendance, on most occasions, was exceedingly slim, sometimes not more than one or two members, besides the office-bearers, having been present, and sometimes none at all. In this indifference there is cause for alarm; for, not only does it discourage those in office—on whom the burden is chiefly laid of collecting and disbursing the money—but it tends to weaken and impair the Society's usefulness, and, if continued, may yet lead to its dissolution. It is, however, with a deeper regret we have to record the involuntary absence, from recent meetings, of one who took an active part in the original organization of our Society, and continued, through the many years of its existence, a warm and steady worker in its behalf: we allude to our venerable and revered pastor, the Rev. Dr. Donahue, whom severe sickness has prevented from meeting and advising with us as in former years.

Your office-bearers, in concluding this Report, hope that the subscriptions of 1871 will show a considerable advance on those of the year just closed,—as,