The Dorcas Society.

Mrs. Johnston,	*President.*
Mrs. A. Macfarlane,	*Vice-President.*
Mrs. Tasker,	*Treasurer.*
Miss Sanderson,	*Secretary.*

The opening meeting for the season was held the first Wednesday in October, a large number of the ladies of the Congregation being present. The Rev. Dr. Jenkins presided and opened the meeting with prayer. In consequence of our much beloved President's resignation it became necessary to elect a lady to fill Mrs. Jenkins' place, and Mrs. Jas. Johnston was appointed to the office.

Our work continues the same from year to year, and in recording it a certain repetition of routine and results is unavoidable, but there is always something interesting in reporting the progress and prosperity attending our efforts. The winter of 1880-81 set in unusually early, thereby causing a larger number to apply for relief than usual. The thanks of the Congregation are again due to those who so kindly undertook the arduous duty of collecting. Besides the members of our own Congregation requiring assistance, several special cases from our Mission Church and the St. Andrew's Home have received aid. The rent of five families has been partially paid; 56 made-up garments, 70 yds. flannel, 100 yds. wincey, a piece of grey cotton, besides boots, shoes, rubbers, and boys' clothing for some of our Sabbath-school children have been distributed.

The following is the financial statement of the Dorcas Society as read at the annual meeting in October last, and is for nine months only. As the year's work begins in October, it was found inconvenient to close the account at the end of the calendar year.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FROM JAN. 1st TO SEPT. 30th, 1881.

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Jan. 1.	To balance from last year	$109.14	
	" subscriptions received in January	6.00	
	" advanced for rent and repaid	8.00	
	" interest on bank account	.50	
			$123.64

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	By payments on account of house-rents for five families	$88.00
	" clothing and boots and shoes	17.92
	" blankets	6.75
	" coal	3.50
Sept. 30.	" balance on hand	7.47
		$123.64