

P. C. Hill, D. C. L., and Henry Pryor, D. C. L., to devise means to make up the deficiency in the subscription list.

A special meeting of your Committee was called on the 13th Dec. last, at the request of the Building Committee, who reported that an installment of £400 would shortly become due to the Contractor, and they called upon your Committee to carry out the resolution passed at the special general meeting in April previous.

After some consideration it was deemed advisable, in view of the importance of the subject, to call another special general meeting, which was accordingly held on the 22nd December last. At that meeting a resolution was passed authorizing the President to open an account with one of the Banks, for a sufficient sum to meet the payments as they became due under the Contract. This negotiation, however, failed; and another special general meeting was held on the 31st January, 1863, at which the President was authorized to pay over to the Building Committee the sum of £375, being the amount of a mortgage held by the Incorporation, upon real estate in the city of Halifax, which had been recently paid off.

The financial position of affairs, as will be seen by the report of the Building Committee, stands thus:—

Amount subscribed.....	£1807	7	6
Do. paid in.....	1629	17	6
Balance still due on subscription list.....	£177	10	0

Mr. Lang, the Contractor, has been paid the sum of £2,000, and there will be due him when the work is handed over, the sum of £405 12s. 0d., to meet which there is a balance in hand of £10 10s. 5½d. It will be perceived, therefore, that at this meeting it is absolutely necessary to adopt urgent measures not only to meet this deficiency, but also to repay to this Association the sum of £375, which was only advanced by way of loan, and the loss of the interest of which seriously cripples the annual income of your Society.

Before leaving this subject your Committee would fail in their duty if they omitted to record their appreciation of the continued