

eloquent language, recapitulating the past blessings bestowed on the labours of the Society, and concluding with earnest exhortations to continue those labours with unrelaxing zeal, holding out, from the results of the past, the almost certain success which must follow perseverance in so holy an undertaking.

This, although the Twenty-Eighth year of the Society's existence, is, in fact the first of a new and important era in the history of the Institution, requiring, with a more permanent foundation, renewed and increased exertions to secure the accomplishment of their yet very incomplete establishment.

The Directresses now proceed to lay before their friends a statement of their affairs :—

The Land was originally purchased for the sum of	...	...	...	...	£175	0	0
Of which has been paid	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Leaving a balance of	...	...	...	...	£ 75	0	0

The Contracts for mason and joiner work to erect the walls, and cover in the building, were £964 14s. 4d.

The *whole of which* has been paid, together with the further sum of £25 paid to Mr. Ostell for plans, &c., &c., and £35 13s. 10d. for extras—Insurance and sundry unavoidable expenses.

To render the building habitable—floors, partitions, plastering, &c., were necessary, and a further contract was entered into with Mr. Cribb, their Superintendent, (to be executed by degrees, and in proportion as donations to the building fund should be received) to the extent of	...	...	...	...	£300	0	0
Of this has been paid	215	6	0

Leaving a balance to finish the building of	£ 85	0	0
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Which added to the balance on Land, makes the entire debt of the

Corporation	£160	0	0
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It is true that the sum of £35 can scarcely be called a debt till the work is done, but until that sum be raised, the Institution suffers from the want of its spacious school room—and infirmary, both of which are unfinished, as well as the entrance door.

It is with pleasure that the Ladies mention that the housekeeping expenses of the last year, have been less than the preceding one by £14 16s. 9d. notwithstanding the expenses of removal, and a larger supply of fuel than usual.

Having thus made known their liabilities and wants, the Directresses proceed to shew the state of their means.