

close upon the original estimate, and the receipts on account of it, quite up to their expectations. A slight effort will clear the balance off, especially as there are a few parishioners who have not yet contributed towards it, and are no doubt quite willing to do so when called upon.

The Committee congratulate the Vestry upon the possession of a building in every way fitted for its special work, and which is equal to any of a similar character in the city. The contractors, Messrs. Causey & Maxwell and Mr. James Myles, as well as the sub-contractor, Mr C. H. S. Johnson, have fulfilled their engagements to the letter, satisfying both your committee and the architect most completely, and proving themselves to be good faithful workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. RUEL,
GEO. F. SMITH,
WM. M. JARVIS,
J. R. ARMSTRONG,
T. B. HANINGTON,
W. H. MERRITT. } Committee.

St. John, N. B.,
Mar. 13th, 1891.

LADIES' SOCIETY OF CHURCH WORKERS.

We referred in our last issue to the Secretary's report presented at the recent annual meeting of the Society. The report is as follows :

In presenting this the Second Annual report of the Society of Church Workers, mention may be made of the fact that fifteen months have elapsed since our last annual gathering. This delay was deemed expedient for a two-fold reason : first that at this time our new building would be available ; secondly, that the beginning rather than the close of the year was a more fitting season. This year has been signalized by the completion of our School House, and it certainly is a matter for congratulation that we have a building which for beauty and convenience certainly fulfills our most sanguine expectations. During the year five business meetings and nine evening meetings for sewing were held in the old school house. Since then, four business and four afternoon sewing meetings at the residence of several of our members who very kindly offered the use of their rooms for the purpose. The average attendance at the business meetings have been fifteen, while at those for sewing, thirty. Two sales of work have been held : the first with Christmas Tree and Afternoon Tea, on the 5th December, 1889. This, although on a small scale was highly gratifying in the result. The gross receipts being \$331.56. On the 10th of December, 1889, \$300 of this amount was placed on deposit in the Bank of New Brunswick. The second sale, which was originally planned for last December, was deferred until the 6th of February, and took place in our new building. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable state of the weather it was well attended. High tea was served during the early part of the evening, and a very pleasant time was spent. The total receipts amounted to \$476.45 ; in these returns are included a donation of \$10 for which the ladies are indebted to Mr. James Myles. After defraying expenses, a portion was appropriated to the purchase of a stove and table for the kitchen, also for tables for

use in entertainments, all of which is subjoined in the Treasurer's report. The Society is indebted to one of our members, who has directed the Fancy Work Committee this year and who has been largely instrumental in making this department so remunerative at our sales.

On Sunday, the 18th of January, through the kindness of our President, printed notices were placed in the church pews, calling the attention of the congregation to the proposed Sale and inviting their assistance. To all who so liberally responded, we would take this opportunity of according our most hearty thanks. We may mention J. & J. D. Howe, who sent a handsome donation of goods ; Lordly & Sons, for the loan of some tables, and Emerson & Fisher for a discount on the stove. A special meeting was held at the residence of the President, on the 9th of November, in the interest of the "Lady Tilley Hospital Fund," The large attendance attested to the interest felt in the cause and it was unanimously agreed that at the Sale to be held in June next, our church should be well represented. It has been a matter of regret that one of our vice-presidents—a most zealous worker—has been deprived by a severe illness from meeting with us for several months ; and although still incapacitated from taking any active part, continues a very lively interest in all that appertains to our work.

Our membership for this year numbered forty-three. This ought to be largely increased, so we trust that many more ladies of the congregation will enroll themselves as members of the society, for all are needed.

The building is finished, but our work in its behalf is not yet done ; and as we enter on another year it is with the prayer "that all our doings may be ordered by His governance," and our efforts crowned with abundant success.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. LAWRENCE, Sec'y Treas.

February 24th, 1891.

The financial statement presented is as follows :—

*M. B. LAWRENCE, Treasurer, in account with
Ladies' Society of Church Workers.*

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To gross proceeds Sale, Dec. 1889,	\$ 331 56
" Cash,	1 00
" Membership Fees,	10 75
" Gross proceeds Sale, Feb. 1891,	476 48
" Interest on deposits,	11 45
	<u>\$ 831 24</u>

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By Balance due Treasurer from previous year,	\$ 1 64
" Expenses Sale Dec. 1889,	18 93
" Paid for Crockery,	5 60
" " Bank discount,	15
" " for materials for the Society,	16 00
" Expenses Sale Feb. 1891,	38 12
" Paid for Stove and Fittings,	31 45
" " " Tables,	18 04
" " " Kitchen Tables,	3 00
" " " Postals,	1 56
" " F. O. Allison, for Building Fund,	685 00
" Balance cash on hand,	11 75
	<u>\$ 831 24</u>

St. John, N. B., Feb. 24th, 1891.