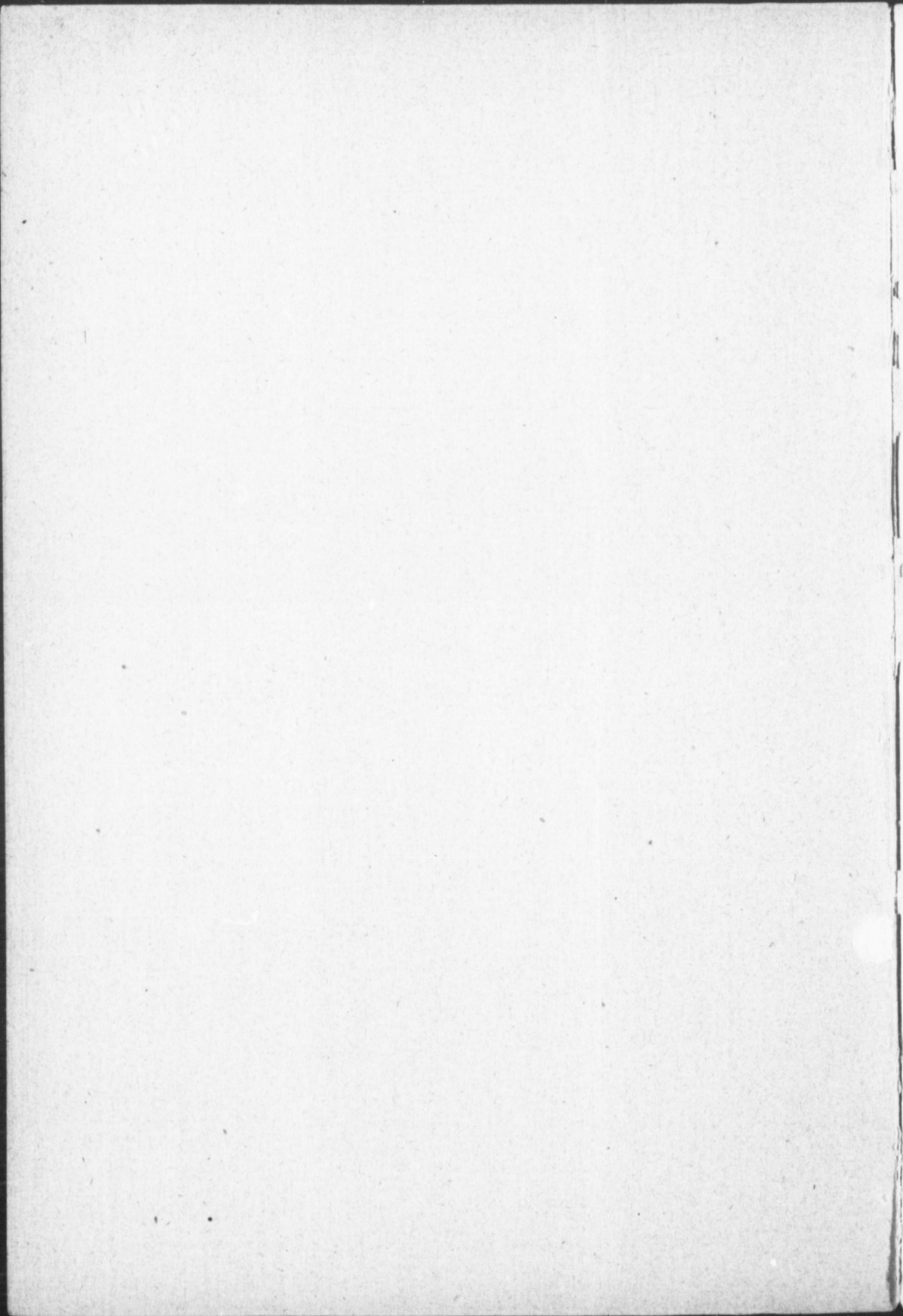


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# Society of Decorative Art.

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

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The tenth annual meeting of the Society of Decorative Art was held in the library of the Natural History Museum on Wednesday, May 8th, at 3 p.m.

George W. Stephens, Esq., presided, and read the annual report of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer's statement for the year.

It was then moved by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. J. H. R. Molson, and carried,—“That the reports be adopted, and under the direction of the office-bearers, printed for circulation.”

After some remarks by the chairman upon the satisfactory nature of the reports, the following resolution was moved by Rev. James Barclay, seconded by Rev. Wm. Barnes, and carried,—“That this meeting notes with satisfaction the steady improvement made in all its branches of work and the decided benefits resulting therefrom, and encourages its committee to renew their efforts to promote the welfare of this worthy organization.”

Both gentlemen spoke in encouraging and eulogistic terms of the good work accomplished by the Society, and were followed by Rev. J. Edgar Hill in a few remarks, especially commending the benevolent aspect of the work.

The office-bearers for the ensuing year were then elected, and resulted as follows :—

*Hon. Presidents*—Mrs. Molson, Mrs. Wheeler.



*President*—Mrs. G. W. Stephens.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. Greenshields, Mrs. Stimson, Mrs. Heney.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. Edwyn Evans.

*Secretary*—Miss Hill.

*Executive Committee*—Miss Arnton, Madame Guy, Mrs. Ives, Mrs. H. Mackenzie, Mrs. Reaves, Miss K. Scott, Mrs. Sise, Mrs. F. Stephen, Mrs. Waddell, Miss Wheeler.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting adjourned.

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## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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In presenting the tenth annual report of the Montreal Society of Decorative Art, it is gratifying to be able to state that the past year has been one of increasing usefulness and prosperity.

Fifteen new members have been added during the year, and the same number have been lost through death or resignation. The membership is now 95.

Articles to the value of \$4,176.45 were accepted by the committee during the year and exhibited in the rooms for sale. The sales amounted to \$3,267.73, an increase over the previous year of \$837.84. The amount received for orders executed was \$1,106.98, and the sum realized for stamping was \$356.53, an increase over the preceding year of \$242.27. The Committee has spared no pains to supply the rooms with novel and artistic patterns, selected in New York and Boston, of which the public have shown their appreciation; the amount realized being largely in excess of last year. This branch, while it adds greatly to the

work of the superintendent and assistant is proving a very satisfactory source of revenue. \$41.71 was realized for work done in the rooms. The number of contributors to the rooms is 143.

A gradual, but marked improvement is observed in the work offered, and it is the constant endeavour of the Committee to raise the standard by declining to accept what is faulty, thereby encouraging their contributors to greater efforts to produce what is creditable both in design and execution. To show that the work has been appreciated elsewhere, it may be mentioned that several of the articles sent to the Woman's Industrial Section of the Glasgow exhibition last summer, through the kindness of Lady Stephen, were satisfactorily disposed of there.

A small venture has been made recently in the way of keeping materials for sale, principally those embroidery silks most in use, and also pieces of commenced needle work, which being frequently asked for, it is hoped will prove a convenience to patrons of the rooms, as well as contributors. If the Committee meet with the encouragement they anticipate, this branch of the work will probably be increased.

Steps have recently been taken to secure the services of a competent teacher to give a course of free lessons in advanced needlework to contributors who are anxious to improve the quality of their work, and also to increase the variety. This plan it is proposed to carry out immediately, before people disperse for the summer.

The Committee regret that they have not been successful in their endeavours to carry out to a greater extent the suggestions made by the chairman at the last annual meeting, but few demands in the way of furnishing governesses, cataloguing libraries, or decorating tables having been made upon them; contributors are however, ready to undertake any of these branches, if required.

Through the instrumentality of the Society eight young ladies have enjoyed the advantage of attending the classes of the Art Association during the year. A councillor of the association very generously assumed payment of the fees of four pupils for the session, those of the remaining four being paid out of the funds of the Society. The work of the pupils was favourably noticed by the press, and some of their pictures were disposed of at the recent exhibition of the Royal Canadian Academy.

The present premises were originally taken for one or three years, and having proved satisfactory, it has been decided to continue the occupation of them for the full term of the lease.

The Executive Committee wish to express their continued appreciation of the services of Miss Esdaile and her assistant Miss Brock, to whose warm interest and constant efforts in behalf of the Society much of the success that has attended the year's work may be attributed.

The thanks of the Society are tendered to the council of the Art Association for their liberality in receiving pupils at slightly reduced rates ; to the Medico-Chirurgical Society for the use of their room for the last annual meeting ; to Messrs. Hall & Scott, and Mr. W. V. Gordon for many favours ; to Mr. F. W. Thomas for subscription to library, thus enabling the Society to subscribe for two art papers, which materially help the rooms in suggestions for new work ; and to the anonymous friend who generously placed a telephone in the rooms, free of charge for a year.

J. E. HILL,

*Secretary.*

DR. THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DECORATIVE ART SOCIETY. CR.  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th April, 1889.

| RECEIPTS.                                    | DISBURSEMENTS.                       |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>REVENUE:</b>                              | <b>BUSINESS EXPENSES:</b>            |
| Cash over 1888.....\$ 3 70                   | Fuel.....\$ 51 60                    |
| Commission on sales.....324 41               | Insurance, fire.....9 25             |
| "    orders.....202 10                       | "    plate glass.....5 49            |
| Interest.....11 50                           | Light, gas.....14 23                 |
| Sale of materials.....21 11                  | Printing and advertising.....40 41   |
| Stamping.....356 53                          | Rent.....420 00                      |
| Work done in room.....41 71                  | Stationery and postage.....57 55     |
| "    Begun.....13 75                         | Sundries' general expenses.....32 75 |
|                                              | Salaries.....405 00                  |
|                                              | Wages.....61 85                      |
|                                              | Water tax.....17 10                  |
|                                              | \$ 1,115 20                          |
| <b>SALES:</b>                                | <b>FURNITURE:</b>                    |
| Of old fixtures.....42 00                    | And office fittings.....150 09       |
| <b>SALES FOR THE YEAR:</b>                   | <b>PAYMENTS:</b>                     |
| Consignors work.....\$3,267 73               | To Consignors.....\$ 3,267 73        |
| Less Commissions.....324 41                  | Less commissions.....324 41          |
|                                              | 2,943 32                             |
| Of orders executed.....\$1,107 85            | For orders executed.....\$ 1,107 85  |
| Less Commissions.....202 10                  | Less commissions.....202 10          |
|                                              | 905 75                               |
| <b>SUBSCRIPTIONS:</b>                        | <b>MATERIALS:</b>                    |
| Members, annual.....\$ 435 00                | Merchandise purchased.....92 23      |
| Associates.....18 00                         | <b>STAMPING:</b>                     |
| Donations.....66 50                          | Perforator expenses.....43 74        |
|                                              | <b>TUITION:</b>                      |
|                                              | Of Pupils.....143 17                 |
| Balance from 30th April, 1888.....\$5,385 38 | Total disbursements.....5,393 44     |
|                                              | Cash on hand.....420 08              |
|                                              | \$5,813 52                           |

Audited and verified, G. DURNFORD, C.A.  
 May, 1889. J. FRANCES EVANS, Treas.

**ASSETS.**

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Materials and merchandise.....  | \$ 92 23         |
| Less Sales.....                 | 21 11            |
|                                 | <u>71 12</u>     |
| Perforator.....                 | 40 00            |
| Less 10% for wear and tear..... | 4 00             |
|                                 | <u>36 00</u>     |
| Patterns.....                   | 213 60           |
| Less 2½%.....                   | 53 40            |
|                                 | <u>160 20</u>    |
| Furniture.....                  | 150 00           |
| Cash.....                       | 420 08           |
|                                 | <u>\$ 838 40</u> |

**LIABILITIES.**

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| By Balance..... | 838 40           |
|                 | <u>\$ 838 40</u> |

May, 1889.

Audited and verified,

G. DURNFORD, C.A.





## BY-LAWS.

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### I.

All elections shall be made by ballot.

### II.

At a meeting of the General Committee, *seven*, including the office bearers, shall form a quorum ; at an Executive Committee, *three*.

### III.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Society to receive the report of the Committee, and to elect officers in May, notice thereof being given at least eight days before.

### IV.

There shall be a meeting of the general Committee held on the first Monday of every month, and the Executive Committee weekly on Monday ; also a Semi-annual Meeting of all members of the Society in November or December, to keep up interest in the work done.

### V.

The Executive Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the General Committee at any time, notice to be sent to the members eight days before.

### VI.

Twenty of the ordinary members shall have power to call a Special Meeting of the General Committee by sending a signed notice to the Secretary at least a fortnight before the time desired

for the meeting, the Secretary to give notice to the Executive Committee immediately on receipt of such requisition.

#### VII.

Matters of importance shall be decided by vote of the General Committee at a meeting regularly or specially convened ; in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, it shall be competent for the General Committee to fill such office provisionally until the next annual meeting ; but in the event of circumstances occurring needing prompt and immediate action, the Executive Committee has power to act on its own responsibility.

#### VIII.

All business to be discussed at a meeting to be proposed through the presiding officer, such questions to be handed in, in writing, before the business of the day commences ; she shall declare the decision and have a casting vote.

To prevent confusion and ensure attention, all remarks must be addressed to the presiding officer.

#### IX.

All members have the privilege of admitting articles for sale at the rooms of the Society, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and rules of the Society's Constitution, and shall be entitled to be charged ten per cent. on sales made.

#### X

With a view to the assistance of ladies in reduced circumstances it is intended to admit work not strictly art work, if superior of its kind and presented through a member, and also to exhibit for sale china, paintings and articles of value, provided however that, if objection is made by any member of the Executive Committee, the question shall be decided by a vote of the majority.

## XI.

Articles placed in the rooms, and remaining unsold or unclaimed for six month's time, can, after being duly advertised, be sold for the benefit of the Society, in whatever manner the Executive Committee may see fit to arrange, according to conditions specified on the printed receipt given to contributors. All agreements with employees to be made in writing.

## XII.

These By-Laws to be amended at any meeting of the General Committee, provided seven days notice be sent of the amendment to each member.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Montreal Society of Decorative Art, incorporated under Act of Provincial Parliament, October, 1879, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer for the purposes of said Corporation.

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RULES FOR ENTRANCE OF WORK.

Color, carving, and line decoration applied in an artistic manner to furniture, to articles of household use, or to those of personal luxury, lace work, and needlework, as developed by the English School, come under the head of Art-work.

It is impossible to enumerate the articles to which the various methods of Art Decoration may be applied, as each individual may develop new applications. The Society, however cannot too thoroughly impress upon contributors, that, if they wish for prompt and ready sales, they must expend their efforts upon articles which are saleable as well as artistic.

Any Art work of ordinary merit, excepting wax work and feather flowers, may be exhibited and sold in the rooms of the Society of Decorative Art, yet such exhibition or sale may not be construed as a mark of the Society's entire approval.

All first-class standard work offered for sale shall be stamped with some seal not easily counterfeited, as an official guarantee of its superior excellence to the general public.

Although the Society engages to give all proper attention to goods entrusted to its care, it will not hold itself responsible for loss or damage. *All articles sent to the Society for sale must be delivered free of expense, freight or express charges.*

Every article offered for sale must be represented through a member of the Society, but may be addressed to the care of the Lady Superintendent, who will submit it to the Executive Committee, subject to their approval or rejection; if not accepted notice of its refusal will be sent within one week of its receipt to the contributor, at whose expense it must be removed.

Accepted work will be exhibited during three months, and, if then unsold, will be returned, unless the Committee decide to retain it.

Wax and feather flowers, hair and leather work, splatter and splinter work and card board are too perishable and unsaleable to be accepted.

Contributors are requested to fix their prices, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. In cases when the Committee consider the price of any article lower than the market rate, it will be raised without consulting the contributor, who will receive the benefit of the increased valuation.

If an article is valued at more than the market rate, the contributor will be notified of the fact before it is put upon exhibition. Articles upon which a price has not been plainly and legibly marked will be marked by the Executive Committee.

Money received from the sale of articles will be forwarded to the contributor, with a deduction of 10 per cent. and postages, which will cover the charges of the Society. It is not necessary that a contributor should be a member of, or subscriber to, the funds of the Society.

To each article contributed for sale will be securely attached a numbered ticket, upon the reverse of which the price of the article will be plainly marked. The number of the Ticket first issued to a contributor will always represent the work of said contributor upon the books of the Society, and should be added to the name and address in all business letters addressed to the Society.

Letters can be addressed to

MISS ESDAILE,

*Lady Superintendent of the Rooms of the Society of Decorative Art,*

2288 ST. CATHERINE STREET.