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OF THE

Montreal Society of Decorative Art

FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1881.

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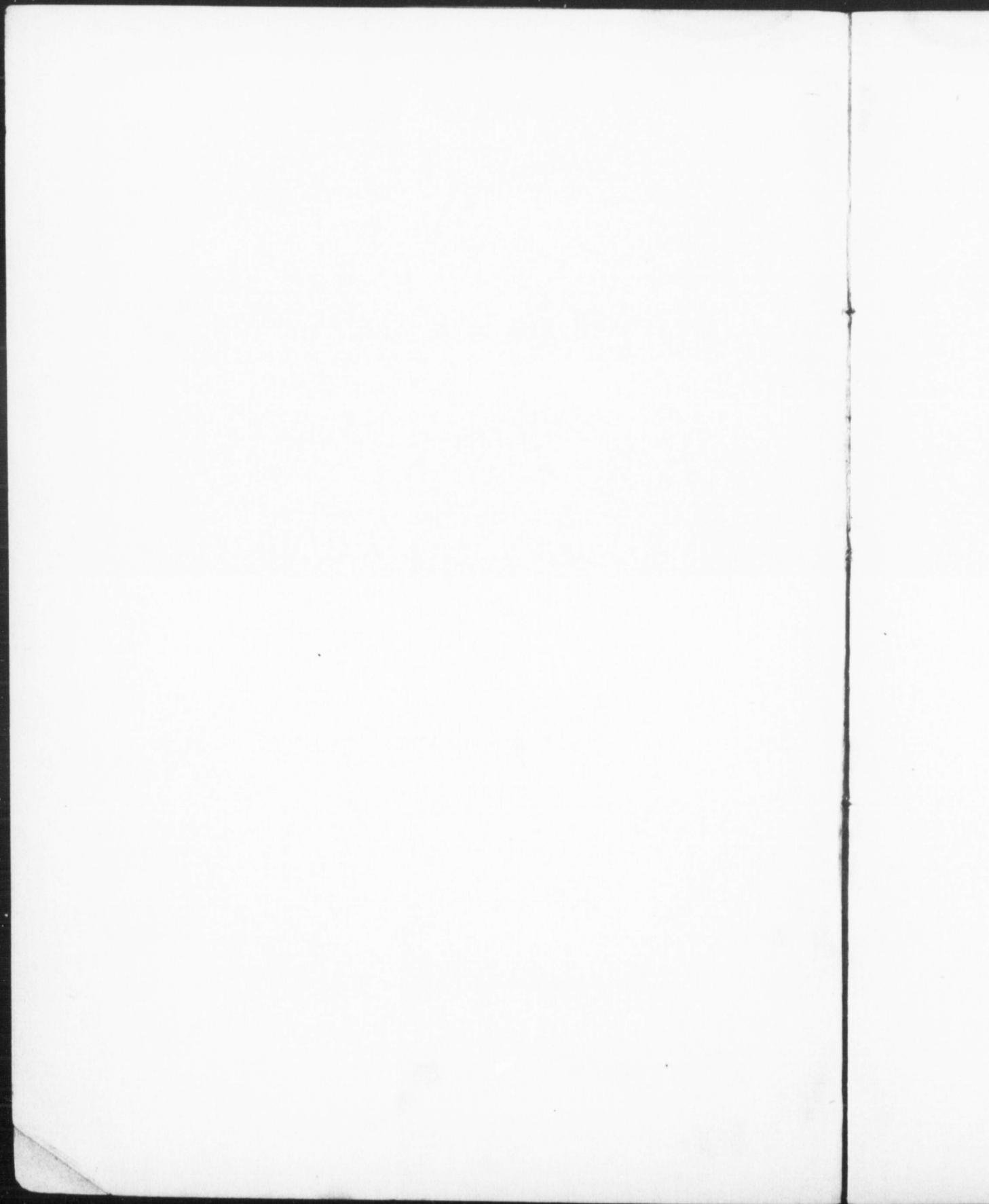
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MONTREAL SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE ART.

Patroness :

H. R. H. THE PRINCESS LOUISE.

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President :

MRS. HINGSTON.

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MISS BADGLEY.

Secretary :

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Mrs. F. W. Thomas, V.P., *Chairman.*

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| " W. N. Evans. | " Learmont. |
| " Heney. | Miss Thornton. |
| Miss Hill. | Mrs. Reaves. |
| " Hunter. | " G. W. Stephens. |

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

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| " Arnton. | Mrs. E. Rawlings. |
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| " O. C. Edwards. | Mrs. Alex. Robertson. |
| " E. K. Greene. | " M. P. Ryan. |
| " Mad. Guy. | " Saunders. |
| " J. Hamilton. | " W. E. Scott. |
| " R. C. Hamilton. | " Chs. Selby. |
| " Philip Holland. | Miss Shepherd. |
| " H. A. Howe. | Mrs. Skelton. |
| " Jack. | " Melbourne Tait. |
| " Kennedy. | Miss Thornton. |
| " John McLean. | Mrs. Jos. Tiffin, jun. |
| " J. S. McLachlan. | " Mark Tomkins. |
| " Mercer. | " F. W. Torrance. |
| " Moat. | Hon. Mrs. Waud. |
| " J. H. R. Molson. | Miss Wood. |
| " W. A. Molson. | Mrs. Wurtele. |
| " E. Murphy. | |

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| W. Hingston, M.D. | Hon. Thomas Ryan. |
| W. Lambe, Esq. | T. B. Wheeler, M.D. |

Members for year ending April 30, 1881.

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| Mrs. Allan | Miss Lunn. |
| “ R. Anderson. | Mrs. H. Lyman. |
| “ Arnton. | Miss Macdonald. |
| Miss Badgley. | Mrs. D. L. Macdougall. |
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| “ Beers. | “ Mrs. McCallum. |
| “ S. Bethune. | “ J. S. McLachlan. |
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| “ Brydges. | Madame L. Masson. |
| “ Buntin. | Mrs. Meeker. |
| “ J. Burnett. | “ Mercer. |
| “ F. W. Campbell. | “ Merrick (Kingston). |
| “ W. Chipman. | “ Alexander Mitchell. |
| “ J. Coristine. | “ Moat. |
| “ T. Craig. | “ Molson. |
| “ Cramp. | “ W. Molson. |
| “ Crane. | “ J. H. R. Molson. |
| “ Benj. Cronyn (Huron). | “ W. A. Molson. |
| “ Dakers. | “ Morris. |
| “ Benjamin Davis. | “ Edward Murphy. |
| “ S. Davis. | Miss A. B. Murray. |
| “ Doutre. | Miss G. Murray. |
| “ Dow. | Mrs. Nelson. |
| Miss Dow. | Miss Notman. |
| Mrs. G. A. Drummond. | Mrs. A. T. Patterson. |
| “ O. C. Edwards. | “ Geo. Reaves. |
| “ W. N. Evans. | “ Edward Rawlings. |
| “ Ewing. | “ Redpath. |
| Miss Ferguson (Kingston) | “ J. J. Redpath. |
| Mrs. Foster. | “ Peter Redpath. |
| “ Geo. Fraser. | “ Reid. |
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| Miss Livingstone, (Como). | “ E. K. Greene. |

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 " Greenshields.
 " Guerout (Berthier).
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 Miss Hall.
 Mrs. J. Hamilton.
 " R. C. Hamilton.
 " Hanson.
 " Heney.
 " Henniker (Sherbrooke).
 Miss Hill.
 Mrs. Hingston.
 " P. Holland.
 " R. P. Howard.
 " H. Aspinwall Howe.
 " T. Sterry Hunt.
 Miss Hunter.
 Mrs. Ingram.
 " Jack.
 " Jellett (Belleville).
 " H. J. Joseph.
 Miss Joseph.
 Mrs. E. Judge.
 ,, G. Kemp.
 " Kennedy.
 Madame Lamothe.
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 Mrs. Lewis.
 " Lindsay.
 Madame Rivard.
 Mrs. Alex. Robertson.
 " M. P. Ryan.
 " Stimson.
 " E. Stuart.
 " Sutherland.
 " W. L. Sutherland.
 " Saunders.
 " W. E. Scott.
 " Seargeant.
 " C. Selby.
 Miss Shepherd.
 Mrs. W. B. Simpson.
 " Skelton.
 " J. Q. Smith.
 " G. Stephen.
 " G. W. Stephens.
 " Melbourne Tait.
 Madame Thibaudeau.
 Mrs. F. W. Thomas.
 Miss Thornton.
 Mrs. Jos. Tiffin, jun.
 " Mark Tomkins.
 " F. W. Torrance.
 " Vanneck.
 Hon. Mrs. Waud.
 Mrs. Wheeler.
 Miss Wood.
 Mrs. Thomas Workman.
 Mrs. Wurtele.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Sanctioned,

October 31st, 1879.

WHEREAS the Ladies hereinafter named, resident in the City of Montreal, have, by their petition, represented that they, with others, have organized and are now maintaining by private subscription a private society in the City of Montreal, under the name of the "Montreal Society of Decorative Art," with the following benevolent and industrial objects, namely, to afford an opportunity to individuals who are forced by adverse circumstances to employ their skill or accomplishments as a means of support, and who, shunning publicity, seek a channel for the disposal of articles, whether of their own workmanship or not, at a fair price ; to afford facilities for instruction in decorative art, and in the several branches of art where skill and ornamentation are employed, and to encourage tasteful manufactures in this Province ; and whereas the want of such a Society has been much felt, and similar societies are now successfully established in other cities, and are found to be beneficial ; and that the usefulness of this Society would be increased, and donations and bequests encouraged, were it incorporated ; and whereas the said Ladies have prayed for an Act of Incorporation, and it is

expedient to grant their prayer : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Mesdames Delphine Choquette Rivard, Anne Molson, Annie Shaw Wheeler, Margaret Macdonald Hingston, Harriet Goodhue Thomas, Jennie Frank Greene, Emma Elizabeth Badgley, and Mary Ann Douglas Mercer, with others who now are or may hereafter be associated with them, under the provisions of this Act, and the by-laws made under authority thereof, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Montreal Society of Decorative Art."

2. The said Corporation shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, with power to alter the same ; and may, under the said name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in all courts whatsoever in this Province ; and from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be able and capable to have, take, accept, under will or otherwise, acquire, possess, hold and enjoy, to and for the use of the said Corporation, all lands or property, moveable or immoveable, which may be hereafter sold, ceded, given, bequeathed, or granted to, or acquired by the said Corporation, or to sell, hypothecate, alienate, convey, let or lease the same at pleasure, subject always to the by-laws of the said Corporation lawfully enacted ; provided always that the said Corporation shall not hold permanently more real estate than shall be required for its use and occupation, but the said Corporation shall sell any real property other than that required for its use and occupation within five years after the same shall have come into its possession.

3. The capital, over and above what is required for the use, establishment and maintenance of the said Corporation, shall

from time to time be invested in Government securities of the Dominion of Canada or of the Province of Quebec.

4. The said Corporation shall have power to act as an agent for the sale, either by public auction or private sale, of all articles, goods or wares consigned to it for sale, and to make a reasonable charge therefor, under such by-laws as shall be formally and legally enacted by the said Corporation.

5. The affairs and business of the said Corporation shall be managed by such officers and committees, and under such restrictions touching the powers and duties of such officers and committees as shall be from time to time appointed by by-laws regularly and legally enacted.

6. The said Corporation may make such regulations and by-laws as they shall deem expedient for the administration and government of the said Corporation, not contrary to law or to this Act, and may repeal or amend the same from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as may be prescribed to that end by such by-laws.

7. The regulations and by-laws of the said Society, not being contrary to law or to this Act, shall be the by-laws of the said Corporation until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid.

8. Until others are elected according to the by-laws of the said Corporation, the present officers and committee of the Society shall be the officers and committee of the said Corporation.

9. No member of the said Corporation shall be individually liable for any debt incurred by the said Corporation for all or any of the purposes authorized by this Act.

10. If at any time there is a failure to hold an annual meeting, or to elect officers and committees of management at the time or times appointed, the said Corporation shall not be thereby dissolved, but such election shall be made within the then cur-

rent year at a general meeting of the Corporation called for that purpose, and the officers and committee then in office shall continue as such until their successors are appointed.

11. The said Corporation shall have its head office in the city of Montreal, but branches may be established in any or all cities, towns or villages in the Province of Quebec, with the necessary officers and committees for the management of the same.

12. This Act shall come into force the day of its sanction.

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MONTREAL SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE ART.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In presenting the second Annual Report of the Montreal Society of Decorative Art, it is satisfactory to be able to state that the past year has been one of increasing usefulness and prosperity. The monthly meetings have been regularly held and fairly attended ; while the ladies of the Executive Committee have met every week ; and during the Christmas Season as often as three times a week for the purpose of examining and passing work received.

The number of articles received for sale this year has been much larger than last, and the work generally has been of a better class.

It is encouraging to know that the proceeds of sales amount to a sum far in excess of the first year, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report. This result may be attributed to the return of more prosperous times, and to the efforts of the Lady Superintendent as well as to the kind patronage of members of the Society, and their efforts to bring it to its present condition.

It is also pleasing to notice that the membership of the Society has considerably increased,—Many of the new members reside out of the city, and some of them even in our sister Province of Ontario ; and, as contributions are received through them, the Society's usefulness is thereby extended.

In September His Excellency the Governor General visited the rooms, and was much pleased with the work exhibited.

During the year the rooms occupied in the Art Association Building having proved inadequate to the requirements of the

Society, the present rooms were engaged, and are found much more suitable for displaying the work.

The Society has been greatly aided by the gift of \$100 from Miss Frothingham, enabling it to rent the room of the Medical Society, in which its monthly meetings have been held, and also the painting classes. A report of the work in this branch of Decorative Art is submitted by Mrs. Edwards. The Teacher of Art Needle-work has also a report to submit.

The Society has met with a serious loss in the resignation of Mrs. Wheeler as its President; she was one of its principal promoters, and has since taken a most deep and active interest in its welfare. The Society cannot permit her to retire without expressing its sincere thanks for her untiring efforts in its behalf. Having, however, accepted the office of Honorary President, the Society feels that it will continue to have the benefit of her valuable advice.

The experience of the past year ought to encourage the Society to look forward with confidence to its being able in the future to carry out successfully the objects of its formation.

Respectfully submitted,

LILY M. TAIT,
Secretary.

May 25, 1881.

**THE MONTREAL SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE ART. THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR YEAR
ENDING 30th APRIL, 1881.**

| RECEIPTS : | |
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| Members' Subscriptions..... | 550 00 |
| " Donations..... | 117 87 |
| Sales of Donations of Work..... | 8 80 |
| | 676 67 |
| Fees, &c.: | |
| First Painting Class..... | 61 00 |
| Second " | 32 35 |
| First Work Class..... | 43 80 |
| Second " | 25 50 |
| Third " | 35 50 |
| Ticket money due on Art Lecture..... | 2 00 |
| | 200 15 |
| Sundry allowances and returns : | |
| Total Sales amounting to..... | 2428 65 |
| Less Amount returned to Consignors..... | 2189 79 |
| Balance retained as Commission..... | 238 86 |
| | 1,122 50 |
| Revenue 1880-1..... | 79 91 |
| 1880. | |
| May 1, Balance on hand as per statement..... | 9 91 |
| Safe sold..... | 70 00 |
| | \$1,202 41 |

| DISBURSEMENTS. | |
|---|------------|
| Rents, Taxes and Water Rates..... | 239 40 |
| Insurances..... | 9 50 |
| Gas Accounts..... | 15 00 |
| | 263 90 |
| Expenses, First Work Class..... | 42 52 |
| Second " | 16 00 |
| Third " | 23 00 |
| Lessons in Stamping Patterns..... | 5 00 |
| Rents of Class-rooms..... | 58 00 |
| | 144 52 |
| Superintendents' Salary..... | 300 00 |
| Wages and Cleaning..... | 30 56 |
| Messengers..... | 8 70 |
| Printing and Advertising..... | 53 50 |
| Stationery, Books, Postages and Art Journals..... | 88 79 |
| | 481 55 |
| Furniture and Repairs..... | 32 75 |
| Tinsmith..... | 13 80 |
| Carpenter..... | 14 00 |
| Gilder..... | 90 |
| | 61 45 |
| Expenditure 1880-1..... | 951 42 |
| Paid on account of Articles taken from room..... | 6 88 |
| Advanced on Toronto order..... | 30 89 |
| | 37 77 |
| 1881. | |
| April 30th, Balance of cash on hand..... | 213 22 |
| | \$1,202 41 |

Certified,
Montreal, 26th May, 1881.

ARTHUR H. PLIMSOLL,
Accountant.

EMMA ELIZABETH BADGLEY,
Treasurer.
Montreal, April 30, 1881.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR 1880-81.

The Treasurer reports, with the audited account, the following financial details :

Subscriptions have been received from one hundred and ten annual subscribers.

Donations have been received from

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| Miss Frothingham..... | \$100.00 |
| Mrs. L. Holton..... | 5.00 |
| Miss Taylor (England)..... | 2.87 |
| Mrs. Barrett, (England)..... | 5.00 |
| James Hunter, Esq..... | 5.00 |
| | \$117.87 |

Sales from 1st May, 1880, to 30th April, 1881, inclusive :

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| May | \$84.15 |
| June..... | 152.25 |
| July..... | 47.50 |
| August..... | 24.35 |
| September | 165.65 |
| October..... | 248.55 |
| November..... | 268.66 |
| December | 669.28 |
| January..... | 147.20 |
| February..... | 229.73 |
| March | 253.15 |
| April..... | 128.18 |
| | \$2428.65 |
| Contributors have been paid..... | \$2189.79 |
| Commission due Society..... | 238.86 |

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MONTREAL SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE ART.

The Committee beg to state that they have met almost weekly for the reception and inspection of work, except during the summer holidays, when articles were received by the Superintendent and at once placed in the room, and at the seasons of Xmas and Easter, when they held the meetings twice and three times weekly, there being so many consignments and the Committee not wishing to lose any possible sale from work not having been passed by them.

They beg to call attention to the marked improvement in the work, and advice on the different subjects has been very kindly received and acted upon by the consignors, where such notice was found to be necessary.

The correspondence has been large, but unfortunately no account of letters has been kept, a mistake which will be remedied in the coming year. Contributors have sent articles to the Rooms from the following places besides Montreal: Toronto, London, Quebec, Three Rivers, Galt, Kingston, Halifax, St. Andrews, Como, Hamilton, Compton, St. Hilaire, Hawkesbury, Pointe Claire, Belleville, Cornwall, Guelph, Perth, St. Johns, Sarnia, Barrie, Arnprior, Richmond, Cookshire, New York and England.

Classes have been held for instruction in Art Needlework and painting of different kinds. The reports of the Teachers speak for themselves, great satisfaction and improvement having been shown.

1,000 articles have been received, many of them being of a high standard of merit and deserving of much commendation in execution, shading, etc.

The Committee have been offered two extensive orders during the year: one from a wholesale firm in Toronto, for a large quantity of crewel work, they accepted and had executed; the other they were most reluctantly obliged to decline, from inability to procure the necessary materials in this country.

One hundred and ninety-five (195) orders have been executed to the apparent satisfaction of those interested.

The following donations have been received, viz. :—

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| From No. 7 Wooden ware valued at..... | \$ 95 |
| “ “ “ Piece of crewel work..... | 6 00 |
| “ “ 68 Crewel tidy. | 1 50 |
| “ “ 80 4 Painted Needlebooks..... | 1 40 |

All of which have been sold.

Also from Mrs. Barnard, piece of carpet; Mrs. G. W. Stephens, table cover; Miss Hill, bell for door; Mrs. Judge, pair of curtains; Mrs. Buntin, large quantity of paper and envelopes.

John Lovell, Esq., very kindly gave the Society a Directory for the current year.

As will be seen by the Treasurer's statement the increase in the sales has been very marked, it amounting to nearly one thousand (\$1,000) over those of last year.

It is a matter of congratulation to this new Society, in this its 2nd year only, prospering so greatly, and being the means of affording so much assistance to many who need it.

The Society is now prepared to take orders for stamping, instruction and patterns having been received from a competent person from Boston.

The Committee take two work journals, the Art Interchange and Art Amateur, which can always be inspected by any visitor. The present quarters not being found quite suitable, the Executive Committee decided on moving, and have taken a

house close to their present one, where they hope to meet with still greater encouragement than hitherto.

They submit this report to the kind consideration of the friends of the Society.

H. A. THOMAS,
Chairman.

TO THE LADIES OF THE DECORATIVE ART
SOCIETY, MONTREAL.

DEAR MESDAMES,

It affords me very much pleasure in presenting this report of the painting class under your auspices. There has been an attendance of thirty-three different pupils since January. Some remaining only one term (principally those for china painting), and others for longer.

The pupils who have remained in the class for two or three terms have made marked and rapid improvement. Some of the pupils who had never handled pencil or brush before are now able to take a group of flowers or natural objects and portray them on canvas with unusual ability.

The drawing in the class is taught entirely from the round instead of the old and laborious method of beginning with copies from the flat. The style of painting taught is that known as the impressional, or teaching the pupil from the first to aim at getting the effect directly of the object looked at.

We hope to have in the studio in your new building much better arrangements for teaching in this method.

Yours respectfully,

HENRIETTA M. EDWARDS.

Montreal, May 3rd, 1881.

TO THE PRESIDENT,

SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE ART.

MADAM,

I beg to submit my report of the classes for Art-Needlework held during the past winter, as follows :—I held between the 5th February and the 28th of April 41 classes, which were attended by 24 ladies. The work done (principally in crewels) was, altogether, very satisfactory. I may say the attendance at the morning classes was much more regular, and consequently more satisfactory than at those held in the afternoon. In regard to the future, I should judge, by the interest shown during the season just past, that there is every probability of a demand for instruction in this branch of Needlework when the Fall has set in, and I would suggest, should the Society undertake similar classes again, that an exhibition of the work executed should be held (if possible) so as to enable the Committee (together with the general public) to judge of the work accomplished.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

M. C. HENDERSON.

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 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 and express charges.*

Every article offered for sale must be presented 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.

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

MRS. E. W. BIRD,

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

1270 ST. CATHERINE STREET.

CONSTITUTION.

I.

This Society shall be called the "Montreal Society of Decorative Art."

II.

The objects of this Society are to establish a place for the exhibition and sale of sculpture, paintings, wood-carvings, lace-work, high-class needle-work, china and decorative art work of every kind; to encourage profitable industries among all classes by furnishing instruction in art needle-work and decorative work, distributing information by means of teachers, books, and journals; to enable many, who are forced by adverse circumstances to use their accomplishments as a means of support and who object to publicity, to dispose of their handiwork at a fair value.

III.

Any lady paying an annual subscription of \$5 may be a member of this Society after nomination at one monthly meeting, and confirmation of the same by ballot and separately for each candidate, at the following meeting. She shall have the right to vote and be eligible to office, provided, however, that she shall have signed the "Constitution" and "By-Laws," and have been a member for a period of not less than six months, with no arrears.

IV.

This Society shall be governed by a General Committee of members, consisting of not less than 20, from whom the Executive Committee shall be elected. All vacancies occurring in the General Committee shall be filled by election at a regular meeting of the Committee.

V.

The Officers of the Society shall be, two Honorary Presidents, one President, three Vice-Presidents, one Secretary, one Treasurer.

These officers, together with 10 members, shall constitute an Executive Committee. The Officers and General Committee shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of members, and shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year and until their successors are elected, but no person shall be eligible as an *office-bearer* who has not served at least on the General Committee of the previous year. Officers shall be *ex-officio* members of all standing committees.

VI.

The *President* shall preside at all meetings of the Society, shall nominate the chairwoman of all standing and special committees, shall call special meetings at discretion, and shall have the object and general good of the Society in charge.

VII.

The *Vice-Presidents*, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in order named, shall, in the absence of the President, perform the ordinary duties of the President. Vice-Presidents are eligible as chairwomen of standing and special committees.

VIII.

The *Secretary* shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, of the General and Executive Committees, and of all events affecting the general interests of the Society, and be responsible for the issuing of all notices of meetings of the Society, and conduct all correspondence other than that assigned to the Lady Superintendent.

IX.

The *Treasurer* of the Society shall collect all fees and contributions, and shall disburse the funds only upon the order of the President or Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society in books which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the officers; shall present a monthly report to the General Committee, and an annual report to the Society, duly audited. The Treasurer shall also supervise the accounts of the Lady Superintendent of the Rooms.

X.

There shall be an Advisory Council of gentlemen, residents of Montreal. Their duty shall be to further the objects of the Society, and to meet and advise with the Executive Committee at such time and place as the latter may appoint.

XI.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-third vote of the members at any regular or special meeting of the General Committee, written notices having been sent of the proposed change to all members one week previous to such meeting.

XII.

The Fiscal year of the Society shall date from the 1st May.

BY-LAWS.

I.

All elections shall be 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 Wednesday 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 Cnmmittee 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 to 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 months 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 employées 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.

 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.