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grants, totalled \$ 90, 976.00. The bills from the contractor and architect totalled \$ 90, 975.92. We therefore came through with a balance of eight cents, and I suggest that we get a coin-collector's plaque and place on display eight 1966 pennies, as a good luck omen, a mascot for the future.

Second At the meeting held on February 28th it was voted that the Building Committee be authorized to borrow the sum of \$2, 500.00 or "such sum as... needed for the final payment to the architect and contractor." Use of this fund, however, was made unnecessary by the device of allotting to local workmen part of the work for which the contractor would have charged 10% in addition to the costs set by his sub-contractors. Considerable money has thus been saved and no money has been drawn from this fund. But the transfer of some of the work naturally threw a somewhat heavier load upon the Committee's remedial work than had been anticipated.

Third - For remedial work it was voted at the meeting of February 28, as you will remember, that the Committee be authorized to spend \$3, 500.00 from the Library's general funds. Of this sum bills for \$3, 067.67 have been paid and one job is on order, the payment for which will be contained within the allotted sum. So financially all is clear. The speed with which this work has been accomplished has been due in considerable part to the fact that, at the moment when I was bowed down by the details, which it involved, Mrs. Lockwood, graciously and helpfully undertook to serve as chairman in ordering equipment for the new wing, a task which she has performed efficiently and well, in spite of unexpected handicaps.

Fourth -- As I reported to the Building Committee a few days ago, I had a fruitful conversation last week with Mr. Garriepy, the Chairman of the Town Council. I thanked him for the inclusion in the Town Budget of the \$5, 000. voted for toward the new wing in 1964, 1965, and 1966, comprising three of the four payments promised us three years ago. I reported that the building is now clear and told him about the surplus of eight cents, which amused him very much. Then I spoke about the problems of furnishings - namely, that as a result of \$5, 000 recently granted us by the State and the 1966 donation from the Town, we had in hand the sum of \$10, 000.