

Colporteurs' reports were submitted from Messrs. Lowry, McPhail, Rothwell, Brimstin and Taylor. Other routine business having been disposed of the meeting was closed with prayer led by the Rev. E. H. Dewart.

The Directors met again on Tuesday, Jan. 8th. The Hon. W. McMaster, in the chair. Dr. Hodgins submitted a copy of a circular that had been issued by the London Auxiliary to the Branches in its field. He also submitted the answers received to the circular of this Board, the large majority sustaining its views. It was, however, decided to postpone final action in the matter until the next meeting, unless the Secretaries should see reason to call the Board sooner to consider the matter.

Agents' reports were submitted from the Rev'ds. W. W. Ross, J. Alexander, W. B. Evans, J. G. Munly, J. J. Rice, and W. S. Griffin.

Colporteurs' reports were submitted from Messrs. McPhail, Brimstin, and Rouleau.

The Secretaries were requested to obtain information as to what opportunities might be had for extending the Bible cause in Manitoba, with the view specially of reaching the Indians in that country.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Very Rev'd Principal Caven.

EXTRACTS FROM COLPORTEURS' REPORTS.

OCTOBER REPORT OF MR. ROULEAU, COLPORTEUR IN MANITOBA.

During this month, I have been in Spring, Su myside, Caledonia and Clear Spring, but the greater part of my time was spent among the French Catholics of Big and Little Points aux Chénés. After I canvassed through these two neighbourhoods, on my way to Winnipeg, the news reached me that some of the Testaments which I sold at Big Point aux Chénés had been burned by the order of the priest Giroux. A few days after I went back to see what I could do about it. In a house where I had sold a Testament which had been given to the priest, I told them that the Testaments which I had sold were approved by the Archbishop of Paris, and it happened that they had one Testament in that house, which they had received from the convent. I told them that if we should shew it to the priest, and not tell him that it came from the convent, that he would say that it was a bad Testament. We went to see the priest, and I asked him to be kind enough to show us what was wrong in these books; that he could not do, but he said that those approbations of the bishops were false; that some one forged the name of that bishop after his death. The other Testament that came from the convent was handed to him, and not knowing that it came from the convent, he said it was also a bad Testament. He stated that a Testament not approved by the Pope, and without notes and commentaries, was not a good Testament. I asked him to get his Bible and we would compare them. He replied, "I have no Bible in French." I said, "I have a Testament here with me approved by Pius the IX. with notes and commentaries." He took the Testament and said it was a good Testament. Said I, "Let us compare this one, as it is good, with those others." "No," said the priest, "the Church is infallible, and it does not allow those translations." I replied, and said, "I will show you by the version which you acknowledge as being a good translation that there is no church infallible; if a church depart from God, God will depart from it," and I quoted to him the 4th and 5th verses of the 2nd chapter of Revelations and also what St. Paul said in his Epistle to the Romans xi, 21, 22. "I do not