

The adjourned meeting took place on Wednesday evening, May 5th, at four o'clock, the Hon. Wm. McMaster in the chair.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Elmore Harris and the Rev. Dr. Rose. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the permanent secretary submitted the annual report, which was approved and ordered to be printed for distribution.

The resignation of Rev. H. D. Powis was read and accepted, and in view of his leaving for England, a committee was appointed to prepare a minute in reference thereto.

A letter was read from Dr. Hodgins, senior honorary secretary resigning his office. On motion of Rev. Dr. Potts, a committee was named to frame a resolution in relation thereto.

The Board then proceeded to revise the list of office-bearers for the year 1886-87. For list of Office-bearers, see Annual Report.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by the Rev. E. A. Stafford.

The usual monthly meeting of the board was held in the new building (for the first time), on the 18th of May, at 7.30 o'clock, the Hon. Wm. McMaster in the chair.

The Rev. P. McF. McLeod, led the opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The standing committees for the year were struck.

Letters were read from the Montreal and Quebec Auxiliary Bible Societies, conveying their thanks for remittances received.

Letters were also read from the Parent Society, congratulating this Society upon its successful work of the past year, and from the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society, respecting the boundaries of the districts occupied by the respective Auxiliaries for Bible Society purposes.

A resolution in reference to the resignation of Dr. Hodgins was submitted by the committee appointed to prepare the same, which was adopted and ordered to be engrossed, and afterwards presented by a committee, consisting of the President and Secretaries.

The resolution reads as follows :

"In accepting the resignation of the office of Senior Honorary Secretary of the Upper Canada Bible Society by our honoured and beloved brother,

JOHN GEORGE HODGINS, ESQ., LL.D.,

We, the members of the Board of Directors, desire to place on record our high sense of his eminent worth as a Christian gentleman, the valuable service which he has rendered the Society during the more than thirty years that he has held a place in its governing body, and the great loss which it sustains in the severance of his connection with it.

"Dr. Hodgins has endeared himself to us by his gentlemanly deportment and Christian spirit as well as by his devotion to the cause which it is the object of the Society to promote.