

Bible Society Recorder.

TORONTO, 15TH JANUARY, 1876.

BOARD MEETINGS.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Directors was held on Tuesday the 14th of December, in the Board Room at 7.30 p.m. The Chair was occupied during the first part of the meeting by the Hon. Wm. McMaster, and afterwards by the President. The meeting was opened with prayer, led by the Rev. J. M. Cameron. The ordinary routine business was attended to, and Reports submitted from the Revs. H. Cocks, R. Torrance, Dr. Bell, W. W. Ross and J. Rennie.

Mr. John K. Macdonald reported, on behalf of the Ketchum Bequests Committee, that they had consulted Messrs. Macdonald & Paterson, Barristers, and had received their opinion that the bond given to the late Mr. Ketchum by the two Societies required them to distribute the bequests to the Sunday Schools annually, and that the Committee would recommend that immediate steps be taken to secure the passage of an Act of the Local Legislature giving the Societies power to allow the payments to accumulate for a few years, as it is impracticable to divide so small a sum as one year's rental among all the Sunday Schools now existing in the city. A Committee was appointed to carry out the above recommendation.

A letter was read from the Rev. S. B. Bergne, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in reference to the discontinuance of the annual grant of £200, stating that the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society quite appreciated the action of this Board, and understood well that there was no desire to weaken the tie at present existing between this Auxiliary and the Parent Society.

The Rev. J. M. Cameron, on account of the many claims upon his time, requested to be relieved from his appointment as one of the distributors of the Ketchum bequest to the City Public Schools. Dr. Hodgins was requested to act in Mr. Cameron's place, and accepted the appointment.

The meeting was closed with prayer, led by the Rev. John Smith.

THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING of the Board was held in the usual place, and at the usual time, on Tuesday, January 11th. The President in the Chair. The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Rev. S. Rose. A Report was read from the Committee appointed to secure the passage of an Act of Parliament giving the Societies certain powers. The Committee reported that they had taken steps to carry out the wishes of the Board immediately after the last meeting, but found that it was already too late to get any legislation in the matter passed this session.