

exhibited at them. The Branch had during the year lost two sincere and earnest friends by the deaths of Messrs. George Smith and Charles Mickle. The meeting was further addressed by Mr. McCrea and the Rev. Messrs. Maxwell, Williams, Ball, McGregor and Torrance. The Treasurer has remitted to Toronto, \$66.85 on purchase acct. and \$440.00, as a free contribution, equally divided between the Upper Canada and the British and Foreign Bible Societies.

GRIMSBY.—The meeting was held on the last of October. The attendance was not as good as could have been wished; but the meeting was made interesting by the late Secretary, Mr. Dennis Palmer, giving a history of the Branch from its first foundation. The meeting was also addressed by the President, the Rev. J. G. Murray, who has always taken a warm interest in the welfare of the Society. Since the meeting, Mr. D. Palmer who had been the Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch for eight years has been called away to be "absent from the body, but present with the Lord," and Mr. Brock Palmer has been elected to take his place. Remittances to the amount of \$34.69 have been received from this Branch.

HAMILTON.—The forty-first anniversary of this Branch was held on the 6th of January in the Centenary Church, which was crowded with members of all the Protestant Churches of the City. The President, Mr. W. E. Sanford, occupied the chair and was surrounded on the platform by the Rev. Dr. James, the Revs. W. W. Ross, Fitzpatrick, Brown, Goldsmith, Goodman Laidlaw, Wakefield, and Dr. Macdonald, the Hon. F. Leland, Mr. R. M. Wanzer and Mr. James Walker, the Secretary. After the usual devotional exercises, the President briefly addressed the meeting and in the course of his remarks stated that the Secretary had received a letter from the Bishop of Niagara regretting his inability to be present. The report, after calling attention to the Christian obligation of sending the treasure of God's word into all the world, reviews briefly the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and then of its most important auxiliary, the Upper Canada Bible Society. In doing this the report makes a generous recognition of the efforts of the Board to curtail the expenses and manage the affairs of the Society with wisdom. The report goes on to say that it would be difficult to calculate the benefit of our Bible Society work in Canada upon our churches, and to speak of its peculiar adaptedness to our rapidly populating Dominion. Reference is also made to the valuable labours of the Society's veteran colporteur, Mr. John Lowry, who had during the year worked for several weeks in the city. The adoption of the Report was moved by the Rev. Thomas Goldsmith and seconded by the Hon. F. Leland. Mr. Sanford, the retiring President, introduced Mr. Wanzer, the President elect, who addressed the meeting in a few brief and appropriate remarks. The Rev. W. W. Ross gave an able and interesting sketch of the history of the translation of the Bible. Dr. Macdonald and others also addressed the meeting, which was closed with the benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick, and which was thought by many to be one of the most successful Bible Society Meetings ever held in Hamilton.

HARRISTON.—The annual meeting was held in the Methodist Church on the 18th of February. The attendance was not large, but the meeting was made interesting by the addresses of several resident ministers, and one from the Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Mount Forest. Mr. C. O'Meara also delivered a short address which was well received. It is not known yet what the financial results will be.

MANCHESTER.—This Branch had a good meeting and has remitted \$46.91 as a free contribution to the funds of the Society.

ONEIDA.—At the meeting of this Branch the Rev. Messrs Yeomans, Munroe, and Grant gave excellent addresses which were listened to with much pleasure. The collection at the meeting was not as large as the officers of the Branch desired; but they have remitted \$69 as free contributions to the funds of our Society.