

resolution adopted at a former meeting of the Committee, expressive of the regret felt by the Society at the loss sustained by the removal by death of the late lamented John Ratcliff, Esq., who had been its efficient Secretary from the formation of the Branch on the 24th April, 1854, to the time of his death on the 9th of March last (1878). The following office-bearers were then duly elected, viz.: President, Rev. W. C. Beer: Vice-President, Rev. J. A. Carmichael; Secretary, James Burns; Treasurer and Depository, Stephen Hugoe." Interesting addresses were delivered by the President and Vice-President. The collectors are to make their returns by the 15th of March.

*Derry West.*—The Secretary writes, February 10th, "One of the most successful meetings ever held in the interests of the Bible Society in this Branch was held in Trinity C. M. Church on Friday evening last. We had no Agent. We were very ably addressed by the Rev. E. F. Goff, of Britannia, and the Rev. John Breckenridge of Streetsville.

*Drummondville.*—"This Branch held its annual meeting on the 7th November, in the United Presbyterian Church, Stamford. Though the evening was wet and very unfavourable there was a good attendance. In the absence of the President, the Rev. R. Acheson, Pastor of the Church, and First Vice-President of the Branch Society, occupied the chair. The Chairman in his opening address gave a brief, but comprehensive and interesting sketch of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the duty of supporting it by our prayers, our means, and our influence. The Secretary then read an abstract of the financial report of the Branch for the past year, showing an advance on former years of over \$100—taking into account the liberal donation of Mr. McClive. The Rev. Mr. Swan (Methodist) moved, and the Rev. Mr. Thompson (Presbyterian) seconded, the adoption of the Report in very interesting addresses, followed by H. C. Mewburn, Esq., in a short address of great practical value. Office-bearers were then chosen for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks to the Lady Collectors adopted. This brought to a close one of the most interesting and enthusiastic meetings of the Branch."

*Erasmosa.*—"The Secretary writes, January 20th:—"This Branch held its annual meeting on the 9th inst. in the First Canada Presbyterian Church. There was a good attendance. The President, James Loughrin, Esq., occupied the chair, and, after prayer by the Rev. C. Duff, of Speedside, gave a short address on the Bible, and the enormous population that are destitute of the Scriptures in heathen lands. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson (Fergus), the Rev. D. Smyth, and the Rev. C. Duff, also gave interesting addresses." The Secretary goes on to say: "I am sorry to say that our subscriptions are not up to last year. We think the cause is the hard times and the scarcity of money, for our collectors have canvassed their sections as well as any previous year."

*Fergus.*—"The annual meeting was held in Melville Church on 4th December, 1878, the Rev. G. Smellie, President, in the chair. After the opening exercises the Report for the past year was read by the Secretary, which, as the Committee had concluded to dispense with the services of an Agent, was accompanied by a synopsis drawn from the British and Foreign Bible Society's Report of last year's operations in the various countries of Europe. Little comparatively had been done at the Depositories in Fergus in sales of the Scriptures, a fair supply remaining on hand. A dozen Bibles had been granted to the County Industrial Home. The collectors for the Branch had little more than commenced their work, but the Report expressed the hope that the means usually placed at the Committee's disposal would not be curtailed through the effects of the late harvest, but that the importance of the object would be sufficiently felt by contributors, to cause them, if retrenchment was found necessary in some things to let it be in the direction of personal gratification in non essentials, so as to let them have the gratification