

the Colporteurs' Reports, &c., &c., were submitted, and the meeting was closed with prayer, led by the Rev. J. M. King.

DEATH OF THE REV. N. B. BERGNE.

In our March number we announced the retirement of the Rev. Mr. Bergne from the Secretariat of the Parent Society, hoping however, that the Committee would yet for some years enjoy the benefit of his long experience and wise counsel. But we regret to say we have now to record his death, which took place on the 19th of July, in the 75th year of his age. Mr. Bergne was minister of the Poultry Chapel, London, when, in 1853, he was invited to become Secretary in place of the Rev. George Browne, who had in turn succeeded the Rev. Joseph Hughes, one of the original secretaries of the Society. As we said in March, the correspondence with this Society was chiefly through Mr. Bergne, and probably no one at the Bible House in London understood so much of our operations and methods. We shall therefore for a long time miss his kind and genial letters, which constantly exemplified the truth of the minute adopted by the Committee of the Parent Society on the occasion of his death, part of which reads as follows: "In a Society where those who love the Bible join with one accord to deliver its inspired message to all mankind, he represented in a rare degree that moderation and charity which alone make such cooperation possible. The work set before the Society, was, in his view, so unspeakably grand and needful that he mourned whenever a disposition was shown to lift secondary matters out of their proper place, or to narrow the foundation on which, under the Divine blessing, so vast a superstructure had been reared."

EXTRACTS FROM THE LAST REPORT OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

TURKEY.

It might have been expected that in this Empire, so smitten, so shaken, so devastated, so nationally hopeless, the report of your Agent would tell of lessened labours, smaller issues, shrivelled results. On the contrary, Dr. Thomson's report is amongst those where the issues are in excess of the number preached in the previous year; and the work of the colporteurs, performed amidst unusual perils, has been marked, not in one place but in many places, not in one language but in many languages, by features of far more than average encouragement.

Part of this improvement in the present and better hope for the future is no doubt due to the changes brought about by the late war. The two strongest enemies with which our work in the Turkish Empire has to contend are the fanaticism of the Mahommedan rulers and the hostility of the Greek