

taries also stated that they had hoped to have had with them that evening, Mr. Braithwaite, a member of the Committee of the Parent Society, and to have heard from him much interesting information about Bible work in Eastern Europe, where he had been travelling with the late Mr. Reed, but unfortunately he had met with an accident near Picton, and was still unable to return to Toronto. The Depository's cash accounts for June, July and August were submitted. Thomas Ryan, Esq., of Winnipeg, was elected a life member of the Society. The colporteurs' reports from Messrs. Taylor, Pyke, Aston and Dobson were submitted, the first showing very interesting and encouraging work in Algoma. Other routine business was transacted, and the meeting closed with prayer, led by the Rev. W. S. Blackstock.

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES

DELIVERED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN
BIBLE SOCIETY IN EXETER HALL, LONDON.

The Bishop of SASKATCHEWAN.—“I ask you, my friends, to answer this all important question, Why has the Society been so successful? I think it is because it has been founded upon Bible principles, and because its work is carried on upon Bible principles too. * * * * *

“Now, briefly, what are the great principles of the Bible Society that I gather from the Report of last year? I have gathered these principles in detail from facts narrated in that wonderful Report. First of all there is an acknowledgment by the Society that the Word of God is a seed that has life. There is a great difference between God's Word and every other book in the world. There is this difference. We hear a great deal from scientific people about evolution, but I believe that the best scientific men have now come to the conclusion that there is no such thing as the evolution of life from death. Wherever there is life in the world it must have proceeded from a life-giving touch. I read some time ago of the shaking out of the folds of a mummy that had been discovered in a pyramid in Egypt. It had laid there for 3,000 years, and out of the folds there were shaken some seeds of wheat which fell into the ground, germinated, and after a time sprang up and brought forth fruit. Oh! these long 3,000 years that it had lain apparently dead—but there was the life within the seed. I take one of the little seeds in my hand, and place it side by side with something from the mineral kingdom—a stone. Where lies the difference? The chemist comes and takes the little seed, and skilfully analyses it. He tells me it is composed of certain primitive principles, and there is no denying the truth of what he says. But there is one thing the chemist cannot explain to me, and it is this: I put it in the form of a question. Where, sir, is that wonderful life principle which enables that little seed to lie buried in the folds of a mummy's dress for 3,000 years, and the moment it is brought into contact with another life-giving principle—the rain and the sunshine and the dew—the heavenly powers sent down upon it—it springs up into life? Can any of your evolution theories make a stone germinate into life? And so in the case before us there are two sources of life—the wonderful hidden life that God has placed in His own Word written, and the coming in contact of this Word with the mighty Spirit of the living God.

“Now I come to another principle of the Bible Society. What says Christ? Oh! to keep to these grand old Bible principles, and we should be more than a match for the infidelity, and the scepticism, and the nihilism,