

Christian philosophy ; the only solid and safe basis for philosophy is the Word of God. Give me the philosophy which does not leave me to the vagueness of human speculation or to the wildness of human fancy regarding the origin of evil, but which tells me the whole sad mystery in the story of the Fall. Give me the philosophy which does not leave me in painful uncertainty as to the reality and the mode of God's providence over the people, and of His rule in His Church ; but which exhibits them in gracious development in the lives of the patriarchs, and in the history of the Exodus.—*Family Treasury*.

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## Bible Society Recorder.

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### BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 10th, at the usual hour, James Brown, Esq. in the chair. The proceedings commenced with prayer, led by the Rev. Alexander McBean, of Halifax, who had been introduced to the Directors and invited to take part in the meeting. Several letters were read relating to various matters, the Depositary's cash account submitted, and other routine business attended to. Agents' reports were submitted from the Revds. J. G. Manly, E. Cockburn, W. H. A. Claris, C. R. Matthew, J. Carmichael, R. D. Fraser, L. S. Kapele, and Dr. O'Meara. Colporteurs' reports were submitted from Messrs. Lowry, Blouin, and Jackson. This was the first report from Mr. Jackson, and was very satisfactory. The attention of the Directors was also called to the fact that Mr. Lowry had, in the course of his colportage labours in the service of the Society, circulated twenty thousand one hundred and twenty-three (20,123) copies of the Holy Scriptures. The Secretaries reported the appointment, by the Colportage Committee, of Mr. James Ness, in the place of Mr. Taylor, recently resigned. A letter was read from Mr. Ansley, Secretary of the Parry Sound Branch, giving valuable advice as to colportage in Algoma and Manitoulin, and was referred to the Colportage Committee. A letter was read from the Rev. R. Jamieson, giving information about colportage in British Columbia, and expressing the hope that he would soon have a colporteur at work in the neighbourhood of Nanaimo. The meeting was closed, as usual, with prayer.

The Board met again on the 17th January, at 7.30 p.m. The chair was at first occupied by the Hon. William McMaster, and afterwards by the President, the Hon. G. W. Allan. The Rev. J. M. Cameron read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. Dr. Rose led in prayer. A report was submitted from the Agency and Colportage Committee informing the Board of the cessation of the labours of Mr. Blouin, the colporteur in Manitoba, and submitting correspondence in reference to the Society's affairs in that Province.