

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.*

The forty-third Anniversary Meeting of the Society was held in the Metropolitan Methodist Church, on the evening of Wednesday, May 9th, beginning at half-past seven o'clock.

(The Anniversary sermon had been preached the evening before by the Rev. Dr. Hall, of New York, in the Jarvis St. Baptist Church, and will be published in the October number of the *Recorder*.)

The chair was occupied by the Rev. John H. Castle, D.D., one of the Vice-Presidents.

After the singing of the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" the Rev. Hugh Johnston, pastor of the church, read a portion of Scripture and led in prayer.

The Chairman read a letter from the President, the Hon. G. W. Allan, regretting his unavoidable absence in Ottawa, and wishing a good meeting; and also expressed the regret of the Treasurer, the Hon. Wm. McMaster, who was also kept away by his parliamentary duties. He then proceeded to speak of the object of the meeting, and gave an outline of the great success the Bible Society had had, mentioning the fact that our Parent Society issues about 10,000 copies daily and the American Bible Society also sends forth several thousand copies each day. After referring to the encouraging measure of increased prosperity experienced by our own Upper Canada Bible Society during the last year, he spoke of the pressing need of a new building for the Depository and offices, and made an earnest appeal for funds to enable the Society to erect one.

Mr. Robert Baldwin then moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Dr. Buchan and carried.

It was moved by S. Trees, Esq., and seconded by John Harvie, Esq.:—"That thanks be given to the Officers, Committees and Collectors of the various Branches throughout the country, to whose zeal and energy the Society is so much indebted; and that the following gentlemen be Officers and Directors for the ensuing year:—(See list on page 4.)"

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Dr. HALL was received with loud applause, and moved the following resolution:—

"That the course of events in the history of the past, and in the condition of the present, calls for increased activity in circulating the Holy Scriptures."

He said: Mr. PRESIDENT, it affords me very great pleasure to be here again in connexion with this cause. I think the only opportunity I have had to meet with Christian people in this city in a public way, has been in connexion with the Bible Society. One is reasonably assured to meet the best people in any community in connexion with a cause like this, and we listen

* The Directors do not hold themselves responsible for sentiments uttered by the various speakers.