

Colporteurs, beg to report, that they have met several times and have very fully discussed the whole matter referred to them, and would now recommend to the Board that as this Society sells all its Bibles at cost price, it should adhere to its practice of allowing no discounts; but that a commission of thirty per cent. be paid to the Upper Canada Tract Society for the Bible Society Bibles sold by its Colporteurs."

After a full discussion of the question this report was adopted.

Agents' reports were submitted from the Revds. J. G. Manly, Jas. Carmichael, John Learoyd, J. L. Murray, Dr. Hodgkin, John Gray, W. H. A. Claris, R. D. Fraser, S. Kappeler, Dr. O'Meara, and D. Gordon.

The Colporteurs' reports were submitted, the Depository's Cash account, and other routine business attended to, and the meeting closed with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. A. Gilray.

The Board held its December meeting on the 18th, at the usual hour. The Hon. William McMaster in the chair. The business was entirely of a routine character.

The secretaries reported another handsome donation of one hundred dollars from John W. Ball, Esq., of Niagara, and were instructed to express to him the hearty thanks of the Board for his repeated liberality.

Several grants were made, and a number of Agents' reports submitted, generally of an encouraging tone, and the meeting was closed with prayer led by the Rev. Hugh Johnston.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR PARENT SOCIETY'S REPORT.

GERMANY.

A letter was recently received at your Berlin depot, containing the writer's name and address, and couched in the following terms:—

"Excuse my taking the liberty to send you these lines. About three years ago a colporteur came round with Bibles. I refused to buy, saying the print was too small. Later on he came again with books of a larger type: and when I again tried to put him off, he spoke to me so earnestly that I bought a Bible. Amongst other things he said there was still room in our Father's house above, and that God's invitation was for me also. That I have been led to a knowledge of the truth is due, under God, to the colporteur. I do not know whether he is alive or what is his name; but this I do know that I owe him a debt of gratitude, and that it would give him joy to see some fruit of his labours. Will you convey to him my heartfelt thanks? May God repay him for what he has done to me and doubtless to many others also. Wishing the Bible Society every blessing, I remain, &c."

This letter exhibits well the motive that animates your colporteurs, the missionary character of their work, their perseverance and unwillingness to be repulsed, the excuses constantly made, the power of the written Word under the Holy Spirit's teaching, and the evidence of good that now and again meets the eye. The same features are brought out in greater detail in the following conversation between one of the German colporteurs and a shoemaker.