

"The Committee would now recommend that the members of the Boards of the Bible and Tract Societies be invited to meet on the occasion of placing the 'Top Stone,' and asked the concurrence of the Board to this change in carrying out its instructions."

The recommendation was heartily approved.

Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. J. M. Cameron, Herbert Mortimer, Esq., and John Macdonald, Esq., were appointed a committee to prepare a resolution of condolence in reference to the death of Robert Baldwin, Esq., late Secretary of this Society, with the request that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

It was resolved that a circular be sent to the respective branches of the Bible Society throughout the country, asking that in the case of each of these branches a special appeal be made in aid of the Building Fund, with the hope that the money so given be not permitted in any way to lessen the ordinary contributions sent in to the Society.

Reports from the Agency and Colportage Committee, and from Rev. J. M. Cameron, on his visit to St. Catharines, were read and approved.

A letter from Rev. Thomas Culbert, Indian missionary at Cape Crocker, was read, thankfully acknowledging the gift of Bibles for the use of the Indian mission S. School, of which he is superintendent.

The appointment of a collector of City subscriptions having come up, it was resolved to commit it to the President and Secretaries.

The Depositary's cash statement, and the list of gratuities for November, were read and submitted.

The meeting then adjourned, Rev. W. S. Blackstock leading in prayer.

THE WORK OF THE BRITISH BIBLE SOCIETY.

(From the London Daily News.)

Very few of those who read their Bible by their own fireside have the faintest idea of the vastness of the organization having its centre in Queen Victoria Street, but sub-centres all over the globe, in which work is done and whence the results are distributed. Almost from pole to pole—certainly from England to its Antipodes—may be found diligent grammarians and dictionary-makers hard at work in reducing savage languages and dialects to form and system, and in translating the Scriptures into them. Considered apart from its civilizing and Christianizing influence, the Bible society is a vast philological engine which has supplied and continues to supply a mass of matter to those highly learned in the tongues of the earth. The society retains at its head-quarters in London the services of an admirable linguist, Dr. Sauerwein, who probably knows more languages than Pico di Mirandola, and certainly with greater accuracy. But London is only the heart of the society from which flow gold and counsel through many arteries, and which receives back both gold and new knowledge and experience through a thousand veins.

In the handsome building, not, be it well understood, paid for out of the funds of the society, but by compensation money for original site and special subscription, there hangs the portrait of one of the worthiest celebrities of this current century, or for that matter of any other. It is a magnificent work of art, painted by Sir John Millais, and represents to the life the presi-