

The question was then raised whether the Board could, according to the rules of the Society, appoint an Agent at any but a quarterly meeting. After a number of gentlemen had spoken on the point of order raised, and former minute books and reports had been referred to, the President, in giving his decision, stated that while on a previous similar occasion this by-law had not been observed, still he must hold that the point was well taken, and rule that the appointment could not be made that evening. A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Wood, Missionary Secretary of the Methodist Church, giving some interesting extracts from a report of the Rev. Mr. Green, in British Columbia, and thanking the Society for grants of Scriptures sent to that mission. Other ordinary business was transacted, and the meeting was closed with prayer led by the Rev. John Smith.

The Directors met again last night, the Reverend George Young, D. D., in the chair. After prayer and the reading of the minutes, the following resolution was unanimously carried :—"The Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society have recently learned of the death of the Rev. Dr. Willis, who had been a Vice-President of the Society since 1852. The Directors desire to place upon record their high appreciation of the services to the Society of the late venerable Dr. Willis while he remained in active personal intercourse with the Board. They recall with great satisfaction the pleasure which that intercourse always afforded the members of the Board, and the wise and judicious counsels with which, while here, he so frequently favoured the Society. They cannot but rejoice that at the ripe old age of eighty years he has gone so peacefully and triumphantly home to join the General Assembly and Church of the first-born in heaven."

The Depository's monthly cash account, a Report from the Reverend W. W. Ross of his visit to Manitoulin on behalf of the Society, Colporteurs' Reports, &c., were submitted, and other routine business having been disposed of, the following resolution was moved, seconded, and, after very full discussion, carried :—"That the Agency Committee be instructed to have the Branches visited this year by means of the Provisional Agency, and that no Permanent Agent be appointed till after the 31st March, 1880." Some instructions were given to the Secretaries about notices for the Quarterly Meeting, and the meeting was closed as usual with prayer.

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SINCE our last issue the Society has lost one of its oldest Vice-Presidents, in the person of the Rev. Michael Willis, D.D., who died in Edinburgh, on the 19th August, at the ripe age of eighty. Dr. Willis first visited this country as a deputy from the Free Church of Scotland, and afterwards in 1847, to occupy the chair of Systematic Theology, and to preside as Principal in Knox College, which he continued to do until 1870, when he resigned. He returned to the old country and resided in London, where the writer had