

time, and especially by the older members. Mr. Christie was not only constant in his attendance at the meetings of the Board; but always gave most conscientiously careful consideration to all business brought before it, and during the last four years, in which he has served the Society as Minute Secretary, his characteristic exactness has been of great value in that office.

"The Directors rejoice in the blessed assurance that their loss is his gain; and are thankful to hear of our Heavenly Father's merciful dealings with their departed friend and brother in his last illness; and yet desire to express their heart-felt sympathy with his family in their sore bereavement, and request the Secretaries to communicate to them such expression, and send a copy of this resolution."

The following minute, which the Rev. Dr. Reid had prepared at the request of the Secretaries, in reference to the death of the Very Rev. Dean Grasett, the oldest Vice-President of the Society, was read and unanimously adopted.

"It having pleased Almighty God to remove from this life the Very Rev. H. J. Grasett, D.D., Rector of St. James' Church and Dean of Toronto, one of the oldest members of the U. C. Bible Society, and for the long period of 44 years one of its Vice-Presidents, the Board of Directors desire to record their sincere sorrow at the removal of one so highly respected and so much beloved, their deep sense of the loss thus sustained by the Bible Society and by the religious community at large, and the feelings of affection and veneration with which they will cherish the memory of the departed. Occupying for nearly half a century a very prominent position in his own Church, Dean Grasett exerted a wide-spread influence, which was ever on the side of Evangelical religion. But his sympathies were not confined to his own church, however strong and warm his attachment to it might have been. His spirit was thoroughly Catholic, and he ever showed that he loved all who loved the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and in truth. While of a retiring disposition, and shrinking from ordinary public appearances, he showed himself to be, when occasion required, valiant for the truth and the uncompromising defender of the faith once delivered unto the saints. His faithful and impressive exposition of Scripture, his earnest preaching of the everlasting Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, enforced by his own consistent Christian life, and his tender and sympathizing discharge of pastoral duties especially among the sick and sorrowing, endeared him in a singular degree, to those connected with his own congregation and church, while to many outside his own Church, the name of Dean Grasett was, as it will be for years, as a household word. For many years he was President of the U. C. Religious Book and Tract Society, in the work of which he ever took a deep interest. In the cause of education also he took a deep interest, and filled important positions in connexion with the educational system of the City and of the Province.

"The members of the Board desire to lay to heart the removal of their Father and Brother, praying that they may be thereby stirred up to greater earnestness and diligence in the work given them to do, remembering that the time is short.

"To the widow and family of the deceased the Board respectfully tender the assurance of their deep and heartfelt sympathy. May the God of all grace and consolation richly comfort and sustain them. Amidst their sorrow they can rejoice in the assurance that he whom they mourn as absent from the body, is now present with the Lord. 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.'"

A letter was read from Mr. Radloff, Inspector of Tatar Schools, at Kazan in Russia, which we give in full on the following page.

A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Stevenson, of Montreal, consenting to address the Anniversary Meeting of the Society, on the 10th of May. The Secretaries were instructed to ask the Rev. Dr. Potts to speak also on that