

Agent for the Society in British Columbia. A letter was read from the Bishop of Athabasca, thanking the Board for a grant of Scriptures for use in his Indian mission field, and expressing his hearty sympathy with the work of the Society. The Bishop also offered to make arrangements for the establishment of a Depository for the sale of Bibles, and the Secretaries were instructed to correspond with him in reference to it.

Mr. John Pickering, of Lucknow, was unanimously elected a life member of the Society. The Depository's cash account was submitted, and other routine business attended to, and reports received from the following Agents : the Revds. J. G. Manly, J. L. Murray, E. M. C. Botterill, and C. R. Matthew ; and Colporteurs' reports from Messrs McPhail, Badger and Taylor. The Permanent Secretary reported to the Board the resignation of Mr. McPhail, and the Directors feeling that at his age they could not expect him to continue the arduous work of a Colporteur, accepted it. The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Revd. Professor McLaren.

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#### DEATH OF MR. EDWARD TYNER.

Since our last issue the Society has sustained a serious loss in the death of Mr. Edward Tyner, the Assistant Depository. Our readers will see, by the minute adopted at the last Board Meeting, the great esteem in which he was held by the Directors, and also how long, faithfully and efficiently he had been serving the Society. He had been in poor health for several years, and more than a year ago offered his resignation as he felt unable to do all his work. But both Boards felt that it was in the best interests of the Societies to keep the benefit of his intelligence and experience as long as possible ; besides being only what was due to one who had served so long and so well, and they hoped that with more open air exercise he might be spared for many years, if not restored to health and strength. He was therefore dissuaded from pressing his resignation, and allowed to employ help, and in the summer he was given three months' entire leave of absence, during which he made a trip to England. The sea voyage however did not benefit him as much as had been hoped, and though at times he appeared better, there was no real improvement in his general health. He continued nevertheless with a few interruptions to attend to his work daily up to within a fortnight of his death, and, as he had more energy than strength, he was more than once begged to be more sparing with himself. He died on the morning of Tuesday, March 8th, at the early age of thirty-six years, and will be long missed by the customers of the Depository, and still more by those of us who for years have been daily associated with him in work. He was the last of the eight sons of our former Vice President Mr. John Tyner who died in February, 1875, who had been a Director of the Society for over forty years, and who was one of the most careful and attentive Directors the Society ever had. He has left a