

Rev. Mr. Sanson opened the meeting with prayer, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee appointed to draw up a resolution in reference to the death of the Earl of Shaftesbury, submitted the following, which was adopted :—

“We, the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society, desire to convey to the Parent Society the expression of our deep sense of the great loss which the Society has sustained in the death of their venerable and much honoured President, the late Earl of Shaftesbury, who by a long and noble life devoted to every good and beneficent work, illustrates the teaching of that Holy Book for the diffusion of which throughout the world he did so much, and while we acknowledge with devout gratitude to Almighty God, all that He enabled His servant to do, we would offer our most earnest prayers that the Society may by the continued blessing of the Most High obtain a worthy successor to him whose loss we deplore, and one who shall follow him in all good and holy work, as he followed Christ.”

Reports from Agency and Colportage Committee, and the Joint Committee on Building, were read and adopted.

J. K. Macdonald, Esq., Chairman of the Joint Building Committee made a verbal report of the meeting held immediately before the present Board meeting, as follows :—

“That it is desirable to have a suitable demonstration on the occasion of inserting the key-stone of the new building, and that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, be invited to be present.”

The report was adopted and the Joint Committee on the new building was instructed to carry out all the arrangements in connection with the demonstration.

The list of gratuities, statement of monthly balances, Depositary's cash statement, Schedule of colportage, colporteur's reports from Messrs. Taylor, Jackson, Cromar, Dobson, and Aston, were submitted and read.

An application from Rev. Thomas Culbert, of Cape Crocker, for twenty-four Bibles for an Indian mission, was granted.

A letter was read from Mrs. Woods, Secretary of the Haven, thankfully acknowledging the gift of Bibles.

Rev. Professor McLaren closed the meeting with prayer.

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The Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, the 15th December, at four o'clock, in the offices of the Confederation Life Association.

The President, Hon. George W. Allan, in the chair.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Joshua Denovan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Chairman of the Joint Building Committee, reported verbally, “That owing to the lateness of the season, and the probable early opening of the ‘New Building,’ when an appropriate ceremony can be had, it would be inexpedient to go on with any public ceremony at this time as the progress of the building might be thereby delayed and the cost somewhat increased.