

was decided to have it printed and distributed among the members of the Board previous to the next meeting on the 15th March, when the matter will be further considered. The Permanent Secretary reported donations of \$100 from an unknown friend of the Society, through Mr. John Dutton, Stratford, and of \$25 from Mr. J. G. Marwood, Indian Head, N.W.T. A letter was read from the Rev. E. J. Stobo respecting the work of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society. The Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Stobo, assuring him of the sympathy and support of the Board. Grants were made of 50 Bibles to the Rev. H. C. Dixon, for the use of the men attending the Free Breakfast, and of 36 Bibles to the Y.M.C.A. of Lindsay. The usual routine business was disposed of, and the meeting was closed by the Rev. T. R. O'Meara pronouncing the benediction.

The Board held its meeting on Tuesday, the 15th March. Rev. Dr. Gregg took the chair, and led the opening devotional exercises. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the chairman. A report from the Agency and Colportage Committee was submitted and adopted. The report of the Committee on the business relations of the Bible Society and Tract Society was considered, amended and adopted. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Tract Society, enclosing reports and statistics of its Colportage work in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, to the support of which the Bible Society has been contributing. The consideration of this matter was left over till next meeting. Grants of 50 Books of Psalms and 24 New Testaments in the Ojibwa language were made to the Rev. John Jacobs, of Walpole Island, also 24 Bibles in Cree to the Rev. George Flett, for the Indians on Okanase Reserve, N.W.T., and 20 Bibles for the use of a Union Mission Sunday School in a poor district. The statistics for the month of February were submitted, and the Rev. Dr. Johnston closed the meeting with prayer.

### THE BIBLE WILL STAND FOREVER.

BY REV. R. S. STORRS, D.D., LL.D.

The New York *Independent*, of November 16th, contains the sermon preached on the previous Sunday, in the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, by Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, on completing forty-five years of pastoral service. The following eloquent passage is taken from this discourse:

The Bible is certainly the boldest of books, as it is the oldest and one of the most extensive, still commonly read in Christian lands. It rears its majestic front along the march of three millenniums. It claims to be God's book for the world, and expects a permanence like that of the earth, or of the suns which hold it in balance. It challenges inquiry at every point, confronts all lines of human research, and demands from its readers such a reverent faith, such a moral submission as can be given to no other. Of course it is attacked, and has been since the canon was complete, by all the forces and all the arts of infidel minds; but it has strangely outlived them all, the names and the works of its determined and dexterous assailants having passed often from human remembrance, while the Bible lives on, young in its life as is the light of the morning, and moving forward to supremacy on the earth, as navies move upon and against resisting waters.

In our time the patient, earnest, and intrepid inquiry of Christian scholars is incessantly and widely engaged on this book—to ascertain more exactly than has been known the authorship and the age of its different parts, to see if discrepancies or errors occur in its great compass, and to set it forth in a clearer and a closer connection with the times in which its books were written, with the immediate occasions presented for narrative, legislation, prophecy, psalm. There is nothing in this modern endeavour which is not