

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held in Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, on Saturday, October 15th, 1887. D. E. Thomson, Esq., was in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. Hutchinson of Brantford, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The annual report was read by the Secretary and ordered to be printed in the "Year Book." Rev. Jas. Grant stated to the meeting that owing to pressure of work he was sorry to have to ask the society to accept his resignation as secretary. S. Tapscott, Esq., of Brantford, was upon motion of the retiring secretary, unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

The Rev. Jas. Grant was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society. The other officers and directors of the society were re-elected.

Upon motion a committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, was appointed to act with such committees as might be appointed by the other societies to frame a constitution which would embrace all the societies of the denomination.

Brethren Geo. Foster and Wm. Moyle were appointed auditors. Adjourned with prayer.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH EDIFICE SOCIETY.

The last year has been entirely uneventful in the history of the Church Edifice Society. Like many of the preceding ones it has done some good and would have done more if the resources at its disposal had been larger than they are. But no one aware of the fact can doubt the lasting service it has rendered in all parts to many feeble churches throughout the land, enabling them to tide over financial difficulties and get for themselves a position they could not otherwise have done. It is not too much to say that many a vigorous and successful Baptist church now sending out its helping hand to others in need would have had no existence, humanly speaking, (or a very feeble one), but for the timely aid rendered by the Society's work.

Three loans have been made—one of \$300 to Flesherton, and one of \$500 to the thriving church in the town of Norwich, and an additional one of \$250 to Por Arthur. Thus three places, at any rate, have been helped and cheered in their embarrassment.

Last year at the annual meeting held in Paris a committee was appointed from this society to confer with any similar committee that might be appointed by the Home Mission Societies, to ascertain if something could not be done to bring these two beneficent organizations closer together. They are natural allies in the work of Home Mission evangelization. And although there has been no meeting of the united committees it is hoped that the day is not far distant when they can co-operate more closely in giving the Gospel and building houses of worship in the destitute parts of the land.