

IX. The Board of Directors for the time being shall have the appointment of the Permanent Secretary, Agents, Depositary, Colporteurs, Bookkeeper, and assistants of the Society, and the fixing of all salaries and allowances; and shall have the superintendence and management of all the property, real and personal, of the corporation, as well as the management and control of its general affairs and the appropriation of its funds, with full power to enact such rules as may be requisite to effect the objects contemplated by the Act of Incorporation.

X. The Board of Directors shall meet for the transaction of business on the third Tuesday of each month, at the hour of 7.30 p.m. Special meetings may be called by the Secretaries at any time, at the request of the President, or of any three Directors.

XI. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Wednesday in the month of May in each and every year, or at such other time as the Directors, for the time being, may deem best for the interests of the Society; when the Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be chosen. A report of the operations of the Society during the foregoing year shall be presented, together with the Treasurer's and Depositary's accounts, duly audited. Special general meetings may be called at any time by the Board.

XII. In case of the death or removal of any Director during the year, the Board shall at the next ensuing meeting thereof fill such vacancy.

XIII. No alteration in these By-laws shall be made except at a General Meeting of the Society, and after one month's notice of the proposed alteration has been given to the Board.

#### MEETINGS OF BRANCHES HELD WITHOUT THE HELP OF AN AGENT.

ANCASTER.—The annual public meeting of this Branch was held on the evening of the 19th of December. Excellent addresses were delivered by the Revd. Messrs. Clark and Laing. The attendance was better than it had been for some years, and the Secretary thinks that the contributions of the Branch will equal, if they do not exceed those of last year.

APPIN.—The meeting was held in the Town Hall on the 19th of December. The chair was occupied by the President, W. Black, Esq. The Rev. Mr. Sutherland addressed the meeting at some length on the duty of circulating the Word of God over the whole earth. The Branch has remitted \$43.00 on purchase acct. and \$40 as free contributions.

BALTIMORE.—The annual meeting was held in the Methodist Church on the 23rd of February. Two very able addresses were given by the Revd. Messrs. Barker and Beattie; the one on the history of the Bible with its different translations and the other on the origin and progress of the Bible Society. The meeting would have been held at an earlier date but for the unavoidable absence of the ministers at missionary meetings.

BERLIN.—The annual meeting of this Branch was held in St. John's church. In the absence of Sheriff Davidson, the President, the chair was occupied by Dr. Bowlby, and in the absence of Mr. A. Young, the Secretary, Mr. Fennell read the report, which, so far as the returns were complete, was encouraging. Able and eloquent addresses were delivered by the Revds. Dr. Beaumont, Fellman, Tait and Williams.

BEVERLY.—The annual meeting of this Branch Society was held in Kirkwall on the 24th of February. Notwithstanding very unfavourable weather and roads the meeting was large and enthusiastic. Stirring addresses were delivered by the Revd. Messrs. Dickson and Woods, of Galt, and by the Rev. R. Thynne, President of the Society. The contributions will be in excess of last year.

CALEDONIA.—This Branch held its annual meeting in the Presbyterian Church, on the 23rd December. The attendance was good considering the very