

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.*

The forty-second Anniversary Meeting of the Society was held in Knox Church on the evening of Wednesday, May 10th. Daniel Wilson, Esq., LL.D., Vice-President, in the chair.

After the singing of the hymn "The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord," the Rev. Mr. Parsons read a portion of Scripture and led in prayer.

Letters were read from the Hon. G. W. Allan, President, and the Hon. W. McMaster, Treasurer, regretting their inability to attend as they were detained in Ottawa by their parliamentary duties.

Dr. Wilson then addressed the meeting, referring to the serious inroads made by death since the last Anniversary, among those who had been long connected with the Society, and to the duty devolving upon younger hands as the pioneers of the Society passed away. After mentioning the names of some noted men in the scientific world who had also passed away during the same period, and speaking of the mistake some people make in fancying that science is opposed to revelation, he pointed out that the conception of the character of Christ was a powerful evidence of the truth and inspiration of the sacred record. The union and development of the philosophies of Greece and Rome had resulted in the Augustan ages, in which the Saviour was born, in an Epicureanism which, if distinguished for intellectual power, was prurient in moral tone. In such an age and in such society the Christ of the Gospels could not have been conceived apart from the divinity of His mission.

Mr. Robert Baldwin then moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Dr. Hodgins and carried.

It was moved by Mr. John K. Macdonald, and seconded by Mr. Richard Brown:—"That thanks be given to the Officers, Committees and Collectors of the various Branches throughout the country, to whose zeal and energy the Society is so much indebted; and that the following gentlemen be officers and directors for the ensuing year:" (See list on page iv).

The motion was unanimously adopted.

It was then moved by the Rev. Dr. J. F. Stevenson, of Montreal, and seconded by Mr. Henry O'Brien and carried:—"That as it is righteousness that truly exalteth a nation, and as the Bible is the written revelation of the righteousness of God to man, every true Canadian should earnestly desire to see every Province of our Dominion thoroughly permeated with the Holy Scriptures. Therefore this Society will continue in the future, as it has been in the past, ever ready to do all in its power to this end, and after providing for the wants of its own large field, to assist its sister societies which occupy parts of our land where the darkness is more dense."

In moving the resolution the Rev. Dr. Stevenson gave a most eloquent address and it is much regretted that no report of it was taken.

* The Directors do not hold themselves responsible for sentiments uttered by the various speakers.