

at the meetings of the Board and a faithful supporter of the Bible Society. The vacancy was filled by Mr. C. R. Cooper, who was elected by the Board on 16th June, 1891. Whilst we have been graciously spared let us realize that our time here is short, and that it behooves us to be up and doing, for "the night cometh when no man can work."

We would most sincerely renew our expressions of obligation to those hundreds of faithful officers of Branches—many of whom are becoming old in the service of the Master, in connection with the Bible Society. To the younger officers we would say—Be of good courage, the world is the Lord's.

To the lady and gentlemen collectors we are under a deep sense of gratitude, for we know their work is frequently arduous and difficult, but, thank God, who sends encouragement, and does not despise the day of small things, but is ever ready to crown the efforts of His servants with His "Well done." Then shall we not in our Master's name and with His help strain every nerve and use every power, however feeble, in His service and to His glory.

In most of the Branches, the work is being performed courteously, efficiently and promptly, and there are officers who state "that they do not know of a family or individual in the district, destitute of a Bible."

A number of the Branches held their Annual Meeting under the direction of their own officers and neighbouring pastors. We believe the work was well and faithfully performed, and the proceedings much enjoyed by interested audiences. We trust that in future years much more of this work will be done by the resident ministers, so as to create increased interest, and save the Society the expense of agency. Will the officers of Branches and pastors kindly take this into consideration and notify the Permanent Secretary at Toronto of their decision by the 1st of September, as arrangements for visitations will be made during that month.

The flourishing Branch at Brampton having attained its 50th year, arrangements were made by its Officers for a Special Jubilee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday evening, 23rd February, '92. The venerable President, Mr. George Dawson, occupied the chair and gave a most interesting history of the Society. Mr. M. Treadgold, Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. Graham, Secretary, spoke of its work. By invitation the Revs. Dr. Thomas and J. Burton, B.D., of Toronto, were present and addressed the meeting with much acceptance. The Revs. A. Gandier, W. Herridge and W. J. McKay, resident ministers of the town, were also present and took part in this interesting meeting.

We desire respectfully and earnestly to urge that an Annual Report (Blank forms of Report are furnished from Toronto) showing the receipts for sales of Scriptures, free contributions, donations or legacies, accompanied with remittances of revenue, list of names of subscribers, and a statement of stock of Scriptures on hand at the Depository, should be sent by the Treasurer and Depository of each Branch Society to the proper Officers in Toronto before the 31st March, as our fiscal year closes at that date. This is essential to a full and correct knowledge of the operations of the Branch and the prompt acknowledgment in the "Recorder" and *Annual Report* of funds intrusted to the Society.

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