

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The fortieth anniversary meeting of the Society was held in St. James Square Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday evening, May 12th.

Hon. G. W. Allan, President of the Society, occupied the chair.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. M. King, Pastor of the Church.

The Chairman gave a short address, calling attention to the fact that the annual report would be found to contain much that was encouraging, but it told also of shortcomings, for there had been a decrease both in the total receipts and in the total issues, during the year. The former could be accounted for by the fact that the good health of the friends of the Society prevented so many bequests being left to its funds. He much preferred that the friends should be spared and should be stirred up to work with increased vigour in the cause. The field is ever widening, both at home and abroad. The great North-West, that is in everybody's thoughts and on everybody's lips, is rapidly filling up with hardy and industrious settlers who are seeking to make homes for themselves in its broad valleys and fertile plains. We must keep pace in our Bible work with the increase of the population of this great country. It is some eight years since the first efforts were made to establish branches of the Bible Society in Manitoba, and the report speaks cheerfully of them. We must see that Bible distribution is vigorously pushed on in this new territory, and we who have our churches and Sunday schools, and Bibles in our houses, should do all that we can to send the word of life to our less fortunate countrymen. Let us also remember the work of the great parent society, which is really co-extensive with the world itself. It is the privilege of the humblest members among us to aid, by their contributions to the British and Foreign Bible Society, through this, its largest auxiliary, in distributing among every nation under heaven, in their own tongue, the wonderful story of God's mercy and love in redemption.

Mr. Robert Baldwin moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. John K. Macdonald, and carried.

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Woodhouse, and seconded by Mr. H. E. Clarke,

"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 names on page 4.)

The motion was carried unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Lorimer of Chicago took pleasure in submitting the following resolution, which was seconded by Hon. John McMurrich:—"That as vigorous efforts are being made in our times to disseminate, in the name of science and advanced thought, a literature antagonistic to Christianity, subversive of morals, and only favourable to godless materialism, therefore an unprecedented obligation rests upon the followers of Christ to circulate in all the languages of earth the Holy Scriptures, whose teachings are indispensable to human welfare, and whose influence alone can counteract the pernicious effects of every