

and devotion to the Bible cause, and for many years he not only acted as Secretary of the Branch ; but collected all the subscriptions also. Moreover, the value of this important Branch to the Society and the value of the services of its faithful Secretary have long been appreciated and recognised by the Board of Directors. Mr. Carder's wife died two years ago, but he leaves three married and one single daughter to whom he has been one of the kindest of parents. His funeral was attended by a very large concourse of relative and friends, and the Methodist Church, of which he was probably the oldest member, was draped in mourning on the Sunday when the Rev. Mr. Kershaw preached his funeral sermon.

In our last issue we noticed the retirement of the Rev. Mr. Jackson from the Secretariat of the Parent Society in England. We now have to add with regret that the Rev. S. B. Bergne has also retired after twenty-six years' service. Mr. Bergne is to retain some sort of consultative secretaryship ; but it has been with much regret that we have heard of his withdrawal from the active duties of the office, as it has been principally with him that the correspondence connected with our Society has been carried on. He has been dangerously ill, but we are glad to say that the last letter received reports that he is getting better, and we trust that he may be spared for many years, to help the Bible cause by his wise counsels.

BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, 10th February, at 7.30 p.m., the Hon. Wm. McMaster in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. B. Clarkson. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read, the Permanent Secretary read the report of the committee appointed at the December meeting of the Board to draw up a Code of Rules for the future government of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, and to suggest such alterations in the Constitution as may be considered desirable. On motion, the report was received, and was afterwards considered clause by clause, by the Board. The report will be found on page 6 of this issue.

The senior Secretary gave notice "that he will move, at the next meeting of the Board, that a general meeting of the Society be called in terms of the Act of Incorporation, for the adoption of the By-laws of the Society, as considered and recommended this day by the Board of Directors."

On motion made, it was also resolved to send specimen copies of "Gleanings for the Young" to the Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Toronto and Yorkville, with note of terms for the same, viz., 20 cents per annum, per single copy, and \$2 per dozen. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the Annual Meeting. Various applications for grants of Scriptures were considered and made, the Depositary's cash account submitted ; also, reports from Rev. Messrs. Manly, Gray, Grant, Young, O'Meara, and Sanderson, Agents, and from McPhail and Taylor, Colporteurs. The meeting was then closed with prayer by Rev. J. M. Cameron.

The Board again met on Tuesday, 9th inst., at the usual hour, the Rev. Dr. Rose in the chair. The Senior Secretary read part of the 119th Psalm, after which, by request of the Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Potts engaged in prayer. In the absence of the Permanent Secretary, from sickness, the Rev. J. M. Cameron, one of the honorary Secretaries, read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. A letter was read from the Bishop of Toronto, accepting the invitation to address the Annual Meeting of the Society, and the names of other eminent clergymen mentioned who might be invited to assist on the same occasion. It was agreed that the Rev. Geo. Cochran be invited to preach the annual sermon for the Society in the Queen