

and his heart-felt interest in the progress of the Upper Canada Bible Society. He made the cheering statement that the distribution of the Word of God in Lower Canada by the Colporteurs of the F. C. Missionary Society was during the past year, larger than in any former. The following resolution, moved by J. K. Macdonald, Esq., seconded by Henry Graham, Esq., was unanimously adopted, viz., "That the Board of Directors take the present opportunity to express the pleasure its members feel in meeting with so many of the Society's agents, and hearing from their own lips the difficulties or the encouragements they have met with in the discharge of the onerous duties assumed by them in this very important department of the society's work, and would assure the agents that the Board will, in due time, take into consideration the suggestions made by them in respect to the future work of the agency." Prayer having been offered by the Rev. W. S. Ball, this interesting conference closed at 10.20 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board for the *present month* was held on the 20th inst., the Honourable W. McMaster, Senator, in the chair. After the Secretary had attended to the introductory religious exercises, and the ordinary business was observed, the report of the professional accountants, Messrs. Kerr and Anderson, was presented. It represented the books of the Society to be in a satisfactory condition.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gemley, seconded by Dr. Hodgins, a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Topp for the excellent sermon preached by him in behalf of the Society on Sunday, the 4th inst., accompanied with the request that he furnish a copy of the same for publication in the *Bible Society Recorder*, was unanimously adopted.

The gratuities for April, amounting to \$35.90, were approved of. Committees on the important question of Colportage, and upon other subjects of interest, were appointed. At 10.30 P.M., the Rev. Dr. Green pronounced the benediction, and the meeting closed.

PARENT SOCIETY.—The annual public meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in Exeter Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. We have pleasure in noting the coincidence that our own annual meeting was held in this city on the same day, and we are indebted to the prompt kindness of the Secretaries of the Parent Society for the following summary, and for the general notice of the anniversary meeting. "Circulation during the year 2,592,936, being 8,579 in advance of last year." "Receipts, £188,837 2s 3d sterling; increase in receipts (exclusive of special funds) £4660 14s 2d." "Expenditure, £205,213 6s 1d." This excess of expenditure over receipts, coupled with information of increasingly urgent appeals to the benevolence of the Parent Society, and especially of loud calls from Russia, where the "enlargement" of the work is demanded; and, with this enlargement, there must be a "corresponding drain" on the "resources" of the Society, furnish