

Wherefore, dear friends, let us be of good heart. Let us pray that the cheering signs which are now vouchsafed to us may be the harbingers of still brighter days, and of a still wider spread and fuller glorification of the living and abiding Word; let us pray to love that Word, ever more and more, and, in the strength and comfort of that Word, let us go forward, hopeful, thankful, and rejoicing.

Bible Society Recorder.

TORONTO, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1876.

BOARD MEETINGS.

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, August 8th, at 7.30 P.M., the Hon. W. McMaster in the chair. A report from the Agency and Colportage Committee was submitted, regretting that all their efforts to make satisfactory arrangements for the free distribution of portions of the Scriptures in French at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, had proved futile, and asking power to employ the requisite number of provisional agents to visit the Branches on the same plan as last year, &c., &c. The report was adopted. The Permanent Secretary was authorized to correspond with the different hotel keepers, and to offer good-sized Bibles for their sitting rooms gratis, and smaller ones at half price for their bed-rooms. The President, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Mr. Kingstone were appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee of the Tract Society, as to what legislation, if any, is needed in the matter of the bond given by the Societies to the late Mr. Ketchum and the Act of Incorporation.

The Board met again on the evening of Tuesday, September 12th, the Hon. William McMaster in the chair. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to consider if any legislation was needed, reported that the documents had been carefully examined by Mr. Kingstone, who had also consulted another lawyer of high standing, and that it was found unnecessary to ask for any legislation in the matter of the Ketchum bequest, but that it is desirable to have the Act of Incorporation amended so as to enable the Society to receive devises of land to a greater extent than it is at present able to do. The report was adopted, and the Secretaries were instructed to give the necessary notices.

A motion by Dr. Geikie was carried, to the effect that it is desirable to hold Bible Society meetings in different sections of the city, and a committee was appointed to consider the practical carrying out of the scheme and to report.

An application from the French Canadian Missionary Society, through their Agent, the Rev. Mr. Manly, was considered, and a grant of \$250 worth of French Scriptures voted.