

and was unanimously adopted. A large Joint Committee on Building was appointed, with instructions to get designs and plans from architects. Several were submitted, and the choice of the Committee, afterwards adopted by the two Boards, fell on the design furnished by Messrs. Gordon & Helliwell. The design for the front elevation and the plans for the internal arrangement of the Depositories, offices, etc., have been carefully considered; but the Directors, of course, do not wish to ask for careful specifications and tenders until they are in a position to sign contracts. We earnestly hope that the necessary funds will be liberally, cheerfully and promptly subscribed as an expression of the appreciation in which the Society is held.

CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

The unmistakable success which attended the special children's meetings in most of the places in which they were held last year decided the Board of Directors to continue, and, if possible, extend the experiment. The Rev. Mr. Botterill was again commissioned to carry it out. In a few places his overtures have not been so readily and heartily responded to as we hoped and expected. We think this arises from the officers of the Branches in these places not knowing how amply rewarded their trouble would almost certainly be; for of course we acknowledge that to make it a success they will have to put themselves to some trouble to bring the children together, and, if possible, to have some good hearty singing.

In our last annual report we referred to the testimonies received as to the benefits of these meetings. We might now refer to others, but will only give two, hoping that these will encourage our friends to be ready to help heartily in this effort. The first is taken from a newspaper account of the last annual meeting of one of our model Branches, and is as follows.—

At the meeting of the Fergus Branch Bible Society on Thanksgiving Day, a short report was read, which referred to the meeting for children and young people held last November, and to the collection taken up then, which had not apparently interfered with the contributions made in the schools by lessening the amount received from the scholars, leading to the conclusion that interest had really been felt and good accomplished by means of the Rev. Mr. Botterill's visit. The Society's Permanent Agent, the Rev. J. G. Manly, gave an interesting address in which he conveyed much valuable information about the work of the Society in following the settlers into the new districts, &c., &c., instancing the labours of its colporteurs in Manitoulin, Muskoka, Algoma, Manitoba and British Columbia.

The other from a letter received from a gentleman in Newmarket, who writes, "The announcement of a children's meeting in connection with our Branch Bible Society meeting received a very hearty response in Newmarket. I consider it the best Bible Society meeting I ever attended. I very much admire the commendable earnestness of the Agent, Mr. Botter-