

A letter, dated 3rd February, 1890, was received from Rev. Dr. Little, of Syracuse, accepting the invitation of the Board to preach and speak at the annual meeting and services of this Society.

A letter, dated 14th instant, from Mr. A. E. O'Meara, solicitor, was submitted, in which the Directors were informed that Mr. J. W. G. Whitney, umpire of Messrs. H. Graham and J. E. Smith, arbitrators in the matter of the case for ground rent of premises, 106 Yonge Street, occupied by Mr. Riordan as the *News* Printing Co., had delivered his award as follows, viz.: That the rental of the land occupied by the *News* Printing Co. be \$1,500 per annum for the next twenty-one years, which amount is to be over and above all taxes.

An application from Mr. H. O'Brien, Chairman of the Hospital Visitation Society, for 24 Bibles was granted. An application was also received from the Sault Ste. Marie's Women's Christian Temperance Union through its President, Mrs. Brundago, for a grant of books for distribution in the lumber camps. It was agreed to send at once 50 Testaments, and ask for further information respecting this work.

The record of Monthly Balances, the Schedule of Colportage, Colporteurs' Reports, the Depository's Cash Account for January were all submitted.

Mr. Warring Kennedy introduced a resolution of condolence with Mr. Walter Geikie, M.D., on the recent death of his wife, and other members spoke kind words of sympathy in the sad bereavement. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote. Dr. Geikie replied with deep emotion.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Gregg.

The March meeting was held in the evening of the 18th, Rev. Dr. Gregg in the chair. After the opening devotional exercises, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A draft lease of premises, 106 Yonge Street, under decision of the umpire, J. W. G. Whitney, Esq., appointed by the arbitrators, was submitted, and the following resolution relating thereto submitted and adopted:

"That the draft lease of the land occupied by the *News* building, by the Upper Canada Bible Society and the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society to Charles Riordan for a period of twenty-one years from the first day of May, 1889, at the annual rent of fifteen hundred dollars, which is now produced, be and the same is hereby approved by this Board; and that any one of the Vice-Presidents and any one of the Secretaries of this Society be and are hereby empowered to formally execute the same when engrossed by affixing thereto the corporate seal of this Society, and their signatures. A letter of thanks from Dr. Reid was received for the resolution of congratulation to him passed by the Board. It was resolved that Mr. S. Alcorn be nominated as one of the Vice-Presidents at the next annual meeting. A report from the Agency and Colportage Committee was submitted and approved. An application from the Parkdale Collegiate Y. M. C. A. for 25 Bibles at half price was granted. On application from Mr. Herbert Mortimer, a grant of portions of the Bible in large print was made for the patients in the Home for Incurables.

The usual monthly statements were submitted, and the meeting closed by the Rev. T. R. O'Meara pronouncing the benediction.

The English Bible—a book which if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power.—*T. B. Macaulay.*