

REPORT OF BRANCHES.

STRATHROY.—The annual meeting of this branch was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on the evening of Thursday, October 20th, 1898, and was another added to its long series of successful anniversaries. The spacious audience room of the church was well filled with a very representative gathering, and from start to finish the whole proceedings were full of interest. The President occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were the speakers of the evening, Revs. J. R. Gundy, of Strathroy, and Robert Johnston, of London. The choir of the church furnished excellent music, and of the addresses it is enough to say that they were both able, eloquent and inspiring, and along the right line, setting forth the claims of the Bible and of the great Society whose one object is to make it known to all the world's peoples. The report, read by the Secretary, was on the whole very satisfactory. There had been a slight falling off in the amount of contributions, although the chairman explained that this was not from a lack of public interest but from other causes, chiefly a number of special calls for other objects during the year.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: President, H. McColl; Vice-presidents, the Evangelical ministers of the town, with J. Heard and L. Fortner; Secretary, G. M. Haldane; Depository, T. B. Welch; Treasurer, F. J. Craig; Auditors, J. H. McIntosh, H. Nicholson; Committee, Messrs. T. P. James, Jas. Sadleir, Richard Bell, H. D. Johnston, Albert Kinder, Jas. English, G. G. German, John Hambly, John C. Scott, Rev. J. Neelands, Geo. Thompson, Frank Harrison, John McPherson.

The following is an abstract of the statements of Treasurer and Depository:

Treasurer's Statement.

Dr.	
To cash on hand at last audit.....	\$ 1 48
" Collection at annual meeting.....	7 49
" Cash from Depositant.....	1 88
" Collections and subscriptions.....	169 19
	\$180 02

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By Cash, expenses last annual meeting.....	\$ 4 75
" " Printing.....	3 00
" " Donations to B. & F. Bible Society.	120 00
" " " W. O. " " " " " "	40 00
" " Bank Draft.....	25
" " Balance in hand.....	12 02
	\$180 02

Depository's Statement, 1898.

Dr.	
To Stock on hand last audit.....	\$31 10
" Cash.....	6 95
	\$38 05