

meeting was rather thin, but Mr. Grant, in his usual happy way, gave an excellent discourse on the Bible, and the history of the Bible Society. The collections, amounting to \$82.00, have been received. Last year they were \$97 00.

PAISLEY.—"The annual meeting of the Paisley Branch was held in Knox Church, January 18th, 1877. In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by A. Lefroy, Esq. After the opening exercises, and chairman's address, the annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted. The Rev. Mr. Wall delivered an interesting address on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Europe. The Rev. Mr. Anderson followed with a cheering and comprehensive account of the spread of the Gospel throughout Africa, Asia, and Polynesia. During the evening the choir rendered several pieces of choice music, which served much to enliven the exercises. Votes of thanks were tendered to the retiring Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Smith, to the President, speakers, choir, and chairman, and the meeting was closed with the benediction."

PARIS.—The annual meeting of the Paris Auxiliary Bible Society, was held in Dumfries Street Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, 31st January. The President occupied the chair. The Secretary read the annual report, which showed the amount collected for the current year to be \$181.38, against \$202.95 received the previous year. In the words of the report, "although the amount raised is not quite so large as your committee could have desired, yet, considering the hardness of the times, your committee is thankful that the amount collected is as large as it is." The Rev. Messrs. McLeod, Anderson, McDonough, and Allworth, the Hon. David Christie, and Dr. Clarke, spoke in support of the various resolutions, including a vote of thanks to the lady collectors for their valuable services, and the meeting was closed by singing the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Allworth.

PORT HOPE.—The annual meeting of the Port Hope Branch, was held in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, on Monday evening, the 30th October, 1876. The attendance was fair, although not by any means what it should have been, and the report of the previous year's work, which was read by the Secretary, expressed "a feeling of regret in being obliged to record this year, not only no increase, but a very considerable diminution, in the contributions of our citizens for the great work of Bible circulation. This falling off can, undoubtedly, be in a large degree accounted for by the remarkable stringency of the times. * * * We trust this year will witness a renewal of that continuous advance which was maintained without interruption for five years." The Rev. Dr. O'Meara made a very interesting appeal in moving the adoption of the report, which was supported by the Rev. Mr. Shaw, and the Rev. A. H. Baldwin, of Toronto; and the office-bearers of the Society were re-elected.

Since the date of the meeting the collections have been made, and remitted as a donation to the U. C. Bible Society, amounting to \$147.96, just about same as the previous year.

PETERBOROUGH.—The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch Bible Society was held in the Bible Christian Church on the 24th January, 1877, the President, Col. Haultain, in the chair. The Rev. Mr. Willoughby, opened the meeting with prayer. The Chairman then gave his address, which was effective and forcible, on the need and value of the Bible to mankind. The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance of \$26.47 on hand. Resolutions were moved or seconded by the Rev. Messrs. Campbell, Mulhern, and Willoughby, in able addresses, and office-bearers appointed for the ensuing year. Peterborough has remitted \$200.00 free contributions, and \$120.00 on purchase account.

PRINCETON.—The annual meeting of this Branch was held January 21st. As the late President and Secretary had both removed from the vicinity since last annual meeting, the Branch was in rather a disorganized condition. The