

On motion of Robert Wilson, seconded by E. A. Bailey,

The thanks of the Convention were presented to Bro. H. E. Sharpe for his valuable services as treasurer of the Convention, and for his untiring zeal on behalf of the Baptist cause in Manitoba and the North-West.

Resolved, on motion of E. A. Bailey, seconded by John Gunn,

That the next meeting of this Convention be held at Brandon.

The president addressed a few closing remarks to the meeting to the effect that the gathering had been greatly enjoyed, and that the Lord's presence had been with the Convention; also that a clearer sense had been obtained of what the work was to be, and of the prospects before the Convention.

Rev. A. McDonald closed the proceedings with prayer.

ANNUAL REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN,—We heartily greet you at this our annual gathering, in the name of our exalted Head, whose presence we trust will be graciously manifested in our midst while we are together, and whose constraining love we hope will thoroughly quicken and closely unite us in all our deliberations.

During the year now closing your Board has felt the weight of grave responsibilities, yet we trust that we have had in a measure at least, a sense of our "high calling," and have known something of the joy that comes from engaging in a work whose issues are so incalculably glorious. Difficulties have been met, obstacles have been encountered and unexpected changes have come; the consciousness of great possibilities still unreached has been keenly felt, and the heavier part of the burden-bearing has necessarily fallen upon a few; but through all the grand old "gospel ship," with victory inscribed on her banner, has moved forward, and even now we feel the mighty impulse of onward movement: and as we regard the distances passed, and look into the ever-widening sea before us, the song we would have borne over the waters, and rise to the throne above is: "Power and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing be unto the Lamb, for ever and ever, for He alone is worthy." The work has had its faults; they are ours. It has had its successes, and souls have been richly blessed; this is of God through us. We would with honest humility and unfeigned regret confess the wrong; and with truly joyful and grateful hearts give praise for the good.

Previous to our last annual meeting, at which you committed to us this responsible trust, our missionary operations had felt the quickening

of a new and strong Superintendent, employed, was a abundant blessing numbers, such as and listening to the morning of a beginning to be and favor upon us we took up the work that the good work throughout the back to that period of summer last faith 103, churches cated 3.

Your Board directions as laid office of superintendent our work, and, according to permanently relief of Superintendent permanently appointed work was assuming which we would be missionary operations until the Superintendent accept the urgent of and that his resignation the Board to be his acceptance. At the presented, and after expressing regret for work which had been This change unsettled spirit of hopefulness suitable successor to committee was appointed to secure as soon as Bro. Best's resignation its first meeting, decided to recommend Bro. J. H. Doolittle