

printed. The reading of several papers was delayed till next meeting, to be held on the evening of Friday, 13th of February.

The second meeting of the third session, was held on Friday evening, 13th Feby., the Very Rev. Principal Leitch, D.D., President, in the chair. There was a full attendance of members.

Professor Lawson, the secretary, called attention to the proposal of the Home Government, to publish under the direction of Sir William Hooker, the Queen's Botanist, Floras of the colonies of the British Empire, and a communication was read from Judge Logie of Hamilton, on the subject. Application having been made by the Colonial Secretary for the approval and concurrence of the Canadian Government, with a view to the early publication of the Canadian Flora, several of the members expressed strongly their opinion of the importance of the scheme, both in a scientific and commercial point of view, and as affording a most effectual means of making known to Canadians, as well as to the inhabitants of European countries, the nature of the products of our rich Canadian forests, which would stimulate to new branches of industry, and to the development of commercial enterprise.

Dr. Dickson, V. P., moved the appointment of a committee to bring before the Legislature, by petition and otherwise, the importance of Sir William Hooker's proposed publication, and expressed a belief that, if the Government declined to grant the small sum required, persons would be found in Canada ready to raise the amount, in a very short time, by private subscription. Committee: Principal Leitch, Prof. Dickson, Rev. Mr. Mulkins, A. Drummond, Esq., Judge Logie, and Professor Lawson.

The following papers were read:—

1. On the *Selandria Ethiops* and its destructive effects on Pear Trees. By the Very Rev. Principal Leitch, D.D., President.

2. Additional remarks on Dr. Patterson's paper on Ailanthine, by the Very Rev. Principal Leitch, who gave a very interesting detail of the rearing of the Ailanthine Silk Worm in Dr. Patterson's garden at Leith.

3. Poem.—The Pines. By Charles Mair, Lanark, C. W. Read by Joshua Fraser, B. A.

4. A chapter on Fungi. By James Hubbert, Knox's College, Toronto.

The Society then adjourned until Friday, March 13.