

It was moved and seconded that the following be the officers for the ensuing year :

President,—HUGH CHRISTIE, Esq.
Vice President,—DUNCAN ROSS, Esq.
Secretary,—REV. J. McKILLICAN.
Depositary,—PETER McLEOD.

COMMITTEE :

A. ROBERTSON, Esq.	FINLAY MCGREGOR.
SIMON CHRISTIE.	A. MCARTHUR.
FINLAY MCCALLUM.	ANDREW FRASER.

And all resident ministers who are members of this Society.

PETER McLEOD,
Secretary.

EAST AND WEST HAWKESBURY BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the East and West Hawkesbury Branch Bible Society, was held in the Town Hall Vankleek Hill, on the evening of January 7th, 1857, when the following report was submitted :

TO THE SUBSCRIBERS AND FRIENDS OF THIS SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN.

Your Committee would congratulate you on the auspicious return of another anniversary of the organization, whose benevolent objects we have unitedly labored to sustain. It is our pleasure to point to the amount realized from our present endeavor as evidence that our zeal has not abated. Though it is but the gleanings where others have laboriously reaped, we see no cause for discouragement, and thanking you for past liberality would cordially invite your co-operation in future efforts to forward the good work.

"Holding forth the word of life" Phil. 2d. 16th, was the discharge of a duty which the Apostle urged upon his Phillipian brethren, to those around them. How exalted the work ! placing before the minds of those now destitute of it, a knowledge of the source and superiority of that spiritual life to whose excellencies, pleasures, and promised consummation they have hitherto remained strangers. It is life in its most exalted sense, a reimpartment of life with its Endenised purity and privileged communion, a life which calls forth human exertion in overturning the works of pagan darkness with their attendant corruption and misery, and bringing to nought every perverse system of belief which has originated with man ; a life, which having its purifying influences mingled with our present existence

"Makes the rough paths of peevish nature even,
And opens in each heart a little heaven."

A life whose every pulsation is an increasing moral refinement, and brings its possessor nearer that infinite joy which is its promised and unfailing inheritance.

Without the bible, the world of mankind must still grope their way in ignorance upon the great question ; "how should man be just with God?" but with it, he is plainly directed to a satisfying knowledge of the way of reconciliation with his Maker through a crucified yet exalted Redeemer.