

BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday evening, the 21st January, Rev. W. S. Blackstock in the chair. The Rev. Manly Benson led the devotional exercises, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Mrs. Williams thanking the Board for their resolution of condolence on the occasion of the death of her husband, the Rev. Dr. Williams; a report from the Agency and Colportage Committee was submitted and adopted. The special committee on "Indebtedness of Branches" reported that a circular was prepared, also, a form of statement showing the whole stock of Scriptures on hand, which is to be filled in by each Branch Depository, and returned to the Secretaries at Toronto. The appointment, by the Secretaries, of Messrs. James Thomson and J. K. Rae, to be collectors of subscriptions and donations in Toronto for the Society was approved. The Permanent Secretary reported that the distribution of prizes to the Public Schools in Toronto and Jesse Ketchum School in Yorkville had been completed under the terms of the "Ketchum Bequest." An application for 150 Bibles by the Prisoners' Aid Association was granted. Instructions were given to the Secretaries to secure the services of speakers for the annual sermon and meeting of the Society, and after the usual routine proceedings the meeting was closed with prayer.

The Board met on Tuesday evening, the 18th February, the Rev. Dr. Potts in the chair. The meeting was opened by the Rev. F. H. Duvernet reading from the Scriptures, and leading in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The following resolution relating to the death of the Hon. John Macdonald, one of the Vice-Presidents, was read and adopted unanimously:—

"That this Board places on record its deep sense of loss in the death of one of its Vice-Presidents, the Honourable John Macdonald. Though of late years seldom at a Board Meeting, his interest in the work of the Society has continued unabated, and his purse ever open to its needs. Endowed with business capacity, God blessed his endeavours with wealth, and these talents, with others, he held tributary to the cause of Christ and of humanity. This tribute is cordially offered to his memory; and to his family, the sympathy of this Board accompanied with the prayer that the God of all comfort may comfort them in this their hour of bereavement. The memory of the just is blessed; such a memory is theirs and ours to cherish."

The following resolution of congratulation to the Rev. William Reid, D.D., was unanimously adopted:—

"The Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society embrace the earliest opportunity of tendering in the most affectionate manner their sincere congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Reid in having attained his fiftieth year of the Christian ministry. The Board recognizes the faithful services he has rendered to the Bible Society since his connexion therewith, extending over a period of about forty years, and whose wise counsels have been of great value in the management of its affairs. They desire to express their sense of gratitude to a kind Providence for having so long spared him to the Church of God, and earnestly pray that he may live to enjoy many years of companionship with the Church Militant, and finally be brought home to receive the Victor's reward. Further, it is resolved, that a copy of this resolution be engrossed and forwarded to Dr. Reid."

A report from the Agency and Colportage Committee was submitted and adopted.

The Joint Committee of the Secretaries reported the resignation of Mr. James M. Robertson, as assistant and salesman in the Depository, and stating the steps taken for the appointment of a successor. The report was adopted, and the matter referred back to the Joint Secretaries for completion.