

Dr. Stewart submitted an abstract of the annual report, from which we glean the following interesting particulars: "The issues of the Society during the year have been 1,878, being an increase of fifty per cent. over the preceding year. Of this number 988 Bibles and 806 New Testaments were sold, 36 Bibles and 39 Testaments were given away, and 9 Bibles sold at reduced rates. The cash value of the sales was \$431.80. The value of the stock on hand, consisting of 500 Bibles and 529 Testaments is \$306.07. During the year Mr. John Lowry, one of the oldest colporteurs of the U. C. B. S., spent two months and a-half in the city, being sent here by the Toronto Directors. During that time he made 1,900 visits, sold 238 Bibles and 420 Testaments, gave away seven Bibles and Testaments, and sold seven at a reduced rate. The Treasurer's report shows that £100 sterling had been remitted during the year to the parent society in London, and \$50 sent as a contribution to the U. C. B. Society. Rev. S. Lyle moved the adoption of the report, and also that the following be the officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. W. E. Sandford; Vice-Presidents Messrs. Calvin McQuestin, James Watson, Dennis Moore, A. T. Wood, and Joseph Lister; Treasurer, John W. Bickle; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. William Stewart, D.D.; Minute Secretary, Mr. James Walker; Depositary, Mr. Donald McLellan. Rev. Dr. Stone seconded the resolution. Mr. W. E. Sandford, the President elect, then took the chair. In doing so he briefly thanked the Society for electing him President, and said he would deliver his address by proxy—Rev. Arthur Mursell being his speech-maker. Rev. Mr. Mursell delivered an interesting address. Rev. Dr. Burns moved the second resolution, seconded by the Rev. W. S. Griffin. A collection was here taken up. Mr. A. T. Wood moved a resolution thanking the trustees and stewards of the M. E. Church for their kindness in meeting the wants of the Association; to the Rev. gentlemen who had given valuable information in their speeches and in the report, and to the choir for their excellent music. Mr. Whipple seconded the resolution, which, with those preceding it, was unanimously carried. The proceedings were closed with the singing of a doxology, and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Laidlaw.

*Listowel.*—The annual meeting of the Listowel Branch was held in the C. M. Church on Friday evening last. There was a respectable audience present, and the meeting was very interesting throughout. Rev. J. W. Bell, late President of the Society, occupied the chair, and after devotional services, announced the order of business, speaking briefly upon the present condition of the Society. The Treasurer's and Depositary's reports were then submitted to the meeting by Messrs. Geo. Draper and R. Ferguson, respectively. These reports were very encouraging, as they showed that the Society is in a much better condition than at any time previous. In moving the adoption of these reports, very appropriate addresses were given by Revs. J. G. Scott and H. Cooper. The adoption of the report, naming the officers and collectors for the ensuing year, was moved and seconded by Revs. H. Norris and A. F. McGregor. The addresses of the reverend gentlemen were exceedingly practical and contained much information of an instructive character concerning the aim and accomplishments of the Bible Society. A collection was taken up at the close of the meeting considerably in advance of last year's contribution. The church choir added not a little to the harmony of the evening by rendering a number of anthems. Rev. Mr. Bell, the retiring President, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the zealous devotion which had marked his extended incumbency of the office. The following are the officers of the Society for the ensuing year: President, Rev. H. Cooper; Vice-Presidents, the resident ministers of the town; Depositary, Mr. R. Ferguson; Treasurer, Mr. Geo. Draper; Secretary, Mr. Wm. Hamilton.

*Manchester.*—The Secretary writes, February 27th: "We had a very good meeting last night considering the inclemency of the weather. I do not think there would have been more money raised on account of your Agent