

Kingston to arrange the union of the Kingston Bible Society with the Upper Canada Bible Society, and submitted a copy of the resolution, to that end, passed by that Society at its annual meeting; whereupon it was resolved, on motion of James Brown, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Alex. Gilray:—

“That, having heard the Rev. Mr. Cameron’s report of his visit to Kingston, and also the resolution passed by the Kingston Bible Society at its public general meeting, this Board desires heartily to welcome the Kingston brethren into this Society, and would say that it is quite willing that the Kingston Branch should continue to administer the Watkins bequest.

“The Directors also desire to express their earnest hope and trust that the closer union thus brought about will, by God’s blessing, really promote the more effective working of Bible Society operations in Kingston and its neighbourhood, and so increase the spread of God’s Holy Word.”

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Cameron was passed by the Board, for the satisfactory manner in which he had conducted the negotiations between the two Societies.

The usual routine business was transacted.

The meeting was closed with prayer, led by the Rev. W. S. Blackstock.

DEATH OF F. A. BALL, ESQ.

Since the issue of our last number the Society has lost two of its Directors, F. A. Ball, Esq. and Colonel Moffatt. Mr. Ball had been a member of the Board since the year 1879, and, although latterly unable to attend the meetings, he always took a very lively interest in the operations of our own Society, and of the parent Society. Only a few days before his death, when all hope of recovery was gone, he sent a message to the Permanent Secretary in reference to Bible Society matters. He was born at Locust Grove, Niagara in 1824, where his father, Mr. George Ball, had lived for many years, and where his brother, Mr. John W. Ball, one of our Society’s warmest and most liberal friends, still lives. In 1851 he went to Australia and engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1855 he returned to Canada, and settled in Hamilton. In 1874, being appointed Managing Director of the British America Assurance Company, he came to Toronto, and, under his management that Company prospered in a very marked degree. In 1881 he became Manager of the Toronto Branch of the London and Lancashire Insurance Co., which office he held to the time of his death, which took place on Saturday, February 7th. But for more than a year his health had been failing, and last summer he took a trip to England in hopes that it would do him good, and his fellow Directors hoped that he would return with renewed strength, and that they would have the benefit of his counsel and liberal support for some time to come. He was a Trustee of Wycliffe College, and will be missed by other institutions whose object is the spread of Evangelical truth. He leaves three sons, the eldest of whom is the Rev. Clarence W. Ball, of the Diocese of Huron.