

of sympathy on the occasion of the death of her husband the Rev. Dr. Nelles.

A grant of fifty Bibles was made to the Prisoners' Aid Association.

The Permanent Secretary reported the donations to this society of fifty dollars from Mr. James Robinson, Toronto, and fifty dollars from Mr. Hugh Ross, of Ripley. On motion, both were elected life-members of the society.

The routine business having been disposed of, the meeting adjourned after benediction, pronounced by the Rev. A. F. McGregor.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th of March, at 7.30 o'clock, the Rev. J. G. Manly in the chair. The Rev. A. Gilray read from the Scriptures and led in prayer. A report from the Agency and Colportage Committee was submitted and approved. The arrangements for the annual sermon and meeting were considered, and a committee struck to carry them out, and also to secure the attendance of speakers.

A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. John Hall, of New York, dated 3rd of March, consenting, D.V., to preach the anniversary sermon and address the annual general meeting, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 8th and 9th of May next.

The routine business was proceeded with, and the meeting adjourned after benediction by the Rev. T. W. Campbell.

THE BIBLE A CENTURY HENCE.

FROM AN ADDRESS BY BISHOP J. F. HURST.

Hawthorne says a woman's face is never so beautiful as after her soul has passed through a great struggle. Our Bible will have passed through its great struggle, and how beautiful will be its face! Many of these dark passages will have lost their perplexity. Years ago we used to pore over words relating to slavery, and wonder at their confusion. That is now all past. We read the letters plainly now, for they are written in gold and blood. Grant's sword and Lincoln's pen, and God's golden scales of even justice to guide them, have proven a perfect exegesis for the knotty question. We now make inquiry about the character of the sacred wines—what kind of wine it was that the water was converted into at Cana of Galilee, and whether it was really wine which Paul gave Timothy liberty to drink. When no man who advocates the manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks will have the effrontery to ask for public office in these coming brighter days, and when each party will hold up the cup of cold water, and declare that it never did hold up anything else; and when the American saloon shall be rent asunder, one half falling into the Atlantic and the other half into the Pacific, to be tossed about and rent asunder by the mad tides of all the seas, then the exegesis of that biblical question will be settled for ever.

Shall our descendants, when they take up this Bible, find the Pentateuch eliminated; the second half of Isaiah put after Daniel; Job made the beginning of the Canon; Hebrews banished; John's Gospel declared spurious, and the Book of Revelation only a romantic myth? No. When we shall have passed away, and our names will be well-nigh forgotten,