

On the care of the premises :—Dr. Geikie, and Messrs Brown, Mortimer, Lugsdin, and Higgins.

On distribution of Scriptures on Railways :—Messrs Harvie, Rogers, Trees and Thomson.

A Special Committee was appointed to consider and report upon prices, the management of Branch Depositories, &c.:—The President, Treasurer, and Secretaries, the Rev'ds Dr. Rose, J. G. Manly, J. Smith and E. M. C. Botterill. Other business was attended to, and the meeting closed as usual with prayer.

The Directors met again last night, Hon. W. McMaster in the chair. After the reading of the Scriptures, and prayer led by the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, the minutes were read and approved. A report was presented from the Committee on Agency and Colportage recommending that this year, as in 1877-78, all the Branches be visited by Agents, and making some suggestions as to Colportage. The Report was adopted. Several applications from Muskoka were considered and grants voted, the ordinary business transacted, and the meeting closed with prayer led by the Rev. H. D. Powis.

We regret much to notice in the papers the announcement of the death of Thomas Dallas, Esq., Treasurer of the Orillia Branch. The Society has lost in him a very warm friend and a very active Branch officer.

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### SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, May 5th, the Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Exeter Hall.

The Right Hon. the EARL OF SHAFTESBURY, K. G., President, in the chair.

The Rev. CHARLES E. B. REED opened the meeting by reading part of the 60th chapter of Isaiah, and engaged in prayer.

The Rev. WALTER J. EDMONDS read the abstract of the Seventy-sixth Annual Report.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANBURY: My Lord, and my Christian friends, it is a great satisfaction to me, in this age of much indifferentism and of much compromise, to stand in the presence of an assembly which is united under your presidency for the maintenance of a great truth. The age is tired of negotiations, is tired of attempts to bring men together who have nothing in common. We, thank God, have in common our faith in the Book of Life. We are united here to-day to proclaim our allegiance to the God who has given us that Book. We believe that on the precepts and practice of that Book is built the civilization, not only of this Christian country, but of the world. We thank God that that Book is so freely circulated throughout the world, and we look for the most blessed results in the real civilization and elevation of the human race, through that best gift of God to man. My Lord, if I may venture to say so in your presence,—and unfortunately you are now growing old, and there is no danger of spoiling you by a few words