

by the late Mr. Andrew Cerswell, of Tecumseth, of five hundred dollars (\$500). Dr. Fraser adds—"Mr. A. Cerswell was the younger brother of the late Mr. James Cerswell, who, two years ago bequeathed to the Bible Society \$1,000; and what was then said of the elder may now equally be said of the younger. Emigrating with their parents from the North of Ireland more than half a century ago, the two brothers with an elder sister—who still survives—lived together through all these years, with common interests and common pursuits, giving pleasing illustration of the advantage and comfort of 'dwelling together in unity.' Mr. Cerswell was an honoured member of the First Presbyterian Congregation of West Gwillimbury, from the year 1824, to the time of his death in January last, and his gifts by his will to various other religious objects, as well as to the Bible Society, are only in keeping with the liberality with which, all along, he contributed to the support of Divine ordinances in the congregation to which he belonged, as well as to the spread of the Gospel in other lands."

BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board was held on October 14th, at 7.30 p.m., the Hon. G. W. Allan in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer, led by the Rev. George Cochran. When the minutes of the last meeting had been read, the Senior Secretary read a minute in regard to the recent sudden demise of the Rev. Alexander Topp, D.D., which was unanimously adopted, as follows:—"The Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society desire to record their unfeigned regret at the decease of the Rev. Dr. Topp, who for nine years was a Vice-President of this Society. Although not an active member of the Board, yet Dr. Topp, by his advocacy of the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society in the pulpit and elsewhere, and by his readiness to advance the interests of this Society in other practical ways evinced his deep and fervent love for the Bible cause. The Directors desire thus to place on record their sense of indebtedness for these services and their high appreciation of the character and worth of their late lamented colleague and Vice-President."

The Secretaries were requested to transmit this expression of the Board in a suitable letter to the widow of the deceased Vice-President.

The following resolution was then moved, seconded, and after a considerable amount of discussion carried:—

"That the resolution of the September meeting respecting the appointment of a Permanent Agent be reconsidered."

After some further discussion another resolution was carried:—"That the resolution of the September meeting of the Board to the effect that no Permanent Agent shall be appointed till after the 31st. of March next, be and hereby is rescinded."

The next resolution carried was as follows:—"That we now proceed to elect a Permanent Agent according to the recommendation of the Committee on Agency and Colportage, to whom the applications and testimonials were submitted."

At this stage ten gentlemen desired to have their dissent recorded against proceeding to an appointment that evening, on the ground that proper intimation had not been given that an election would take place at that meeting.

A resolution was then carried:—"That we now proceed to elect a Permanent Agent, by ballot from among the names submitted by the Committee on Agency, and that Mr. Callendar and Mr. O'Hara be requested to act as scrutineers."