

the employ of the Association, and her efforts had resulted in the reclaiming of some erring souls, the comforting of some troubled households, and also, through the private liberality of several friends, in the relief of many cases of poverty and distress. The other labourer in the field, Mons. Buessard, also laboured with much zeal in the charge entrusted to him. The Mothers' Meetings had also been continued during the winter months: donations, however, are much needed for their effective maintenance.

Rev. Dr. Cook then rose to move the first resolution as follows:—

"That the reports which have just been presented to the meeting be adopted, and published with an abstract of the Parent Society's report; and that the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year."

President:—H. S. Scott.

Vice-Presidents:—Henry Fry, James G. Ross, John Ross, John Gilmour, N. N. Ross, John C. Thomson, and Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations, who are members of the Society.

Treasurer:—James Hossack.

Recording Secretary:—George Lamb.

Committee:—James Gillespie, James Woodley, W. H. Tapp, Joseph Whitehead, Thomas Morkill, Peter Mcnaughton, Alexander Woods, Henry W. Powis, William Marsh, James Hamilton, Jas. S. Crawford, William Cream, William Brown, Peter Johnstone, R. D. Dobell, Thomas S. Cole, W. C. Scott, A. D. Webster.

The reverend gentleman resumed his seat, after delivering an address which was listened to with marked attention by the audience.

Rev. H. D. Powis seconded the resolution without making any speech, and it was declared carried. The Revds. L. Gaetz, G. V. Housman, and J. Nicholls also addressed the meeting. The doxology was then sung and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. C. W. Rawson.

INCIDENTS FROM REPORT OF NEW YORK BIBLE SOCIETY.

The details of work in the various departments of the Society furnish many incidents of great interest, from which we quote a few. Speaking of the *marine work*, Mr. John S. Pierson says:

Vessels returning from Spain last winter reported a more than usual call for Spanish Testaments and tracts. In one instance, soon after the eighteen copies on board had gone, persons who had already received came asking, one for a Testament for "his father," another for "his sister," another for "his son," etc. Possibly this special demand may be owing to the fear inspired by the reactionary tendency of the Government, that the Spanish Bible will presently again be a prohibited book, and hard to be obtained.

"No, sir!" was the reply Mr. Jones received from the captain of the brig —, bound to Spain "we want none of your Spanish books. Take them ashore. I had trouble enough with them last voyage, at Cadiz. A crowd of Spaniards covering the deck, and quarrelling for the Testament, so that I had to drive them ashore. And then all the rest of the time I was there, numbers of them coming every day and bothering us with their begging, as if the ship *was* loaded with nothing but Testaments and tracts." Striking testimony this, though roughly given, as to the interest of the people in the Scriptures, and the demand which our distributions have awakened.

A captain describing a distribution in a Brazilian port says: "One man fifty years old states that he had *learned to read* from the Portuguese Testament I had given him. He had been waiting for me, and now wanted a good lot of Testaments and tracts to take into the interior, where he had organised a class of a dozen, and was teaching them to read also." How the good seed sows itself!

A pleasant looking, neatly dressed young man, of about twenty-three, called one morning at the office and made the following statement:—"In the