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ANNUAL MEETING OF BIBLE SOCIETY

held in the First Methodist Church Last Night. The Summary of the Work Done in the Province by the Society During Past Year—Eloquent Addresses.

Despite a bitterly cold night there was a good attendance in First Methodist Church at the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society last evening. The hall was occupied by Rev. Mr. Dobson in the absence of the President, A. W. Stems and the Vice Presidents owing to illness.

After singing, the following report of the Executive was submitted by the Secretary J. D. Seman.

With gratitude to God for the measure of success of the past year, we have again the pleasure of presenting our annual report of business of the P. E. I. Auxiliary British and Foreign Bible Society. The Lord has been on our side, we seek ever to be on His side, and to go forward with a conviction of ultimate triumph. The bright day will surely come when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

That day is still far off, for in too many places ignorance and superstition, vice and folly, prevail, and multitudes are still without God, and without hope. Let those who love the Lord join with us in our effort for the diffusion of the true light, and for the overthrow of the kingdom of darkness and sin.

Since our last annual meeting the Parent Society has celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. The past century of the Society's history has been full of labor for the distribution of the word of God, and the forward view is of a century into which new life will be infused and more successful work will be performed.

This Auxiliary in common with all the other branches of the Society throughout the Christian world observed the Centennial by special services in the churches on Sunday, March 6th, followed by a public meeting in Zion Church on Monday evening March 7th. An appeal was sent to all the Protestant clergymen in the province asking them to observe Bible Sunday, March 6th by preaching a special sermon in the interests of the Bible Society and to take up a special collection for the Society. The response to this appeal was very general throughout the province and the contributions were generous.

The branch societies have not all reported for the year. From reports received we feel that the interest in our work is being maintained by the branches.

The total receipt from all sources for the year has been \$173.20. Of this amount \$173.20 was for the special Centenary fund, ordinary collections \$60.31, sales at the Bible Society Bazaar. There has been remittance to the Parent Society as free contributions \$111.00 in certain fund and \$33.00 ordinary collections, also \$157.41 on purchase account.

There has been sold during the year 230 Bibles and 28 Testaments and 2 Bibles have been donated. The committee desire to express their thanks to all who have done anything toward advancing the work of the Society during the year. We are assured that the friends of this society are persuaded of the great value of the society as a means of disseminating a knowledge of the word of God. While great good has been effected in the past, the ability to extend the good work is limited on account of the insufficiency of the funds at the disposal of the society. May we ask, therefore, for a more generous support than has been ac-

complished in the past; a contribution which comes but once a year should bear some relation to the ability of the giver. Death marches on, souls are passing daily to the judgment seat. We trust they shall have an opportunity of hearing of the Love of God, may depend in the case of some, upon the generosity of the support given the Bible Society. Jesus at Jerusalem marked the "widow's mite" her all, given with abounding faith which glorified her act, and He still looks on while His people open their purses and decide how much they owe their Lord: "He has sounded forth the trumpet, that shall never call retreat. He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat, O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him, be jubilant, my feet. Our Lord is marching on."

Rev. Mr. Woodroffe moved the following resolution.

Resolved, that this meeting renders thanks to Almighty God for the continued tokens of His blessing upon the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society during the one hundred years (100 years) of its existence, and prays that the operations of the Society may be more signally blessed during the next century upon which it has just entered than they were during the past century of its history.

Mr. Woodroffe in speaking to the resolution traced briefly the history of our English Bibles, the Wycliffe translation down to the present time. He referred to the magnificent



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work done by the Bible Society which in one hundred years of its existence has issued and distributed upwards of 300,000,000 copies in 450 different languages and dialects. All Christian work and especially missionary work is aided by the efforts of this Society which he urged the people generously to support.

In seconding Rev. Mr. Sedgewick, quoted the testimony to the worth of the Bible, of Burns, the peasant poet, John Richard Green, the historian, President Roosevelt, the statesman, and Huxley, the scientist and agnostic—all of which agreed in the excellency of the Book. All peoples and ages have been looking for the Golden Age in which shall come the Universal Brotherhood of Man. For the accomplishment of this some have looked to commerce but commerce has not brought it; some to the cultivation of a cosmopolitan literature and though we have a Shakespeare and a Voltaire and a Dante whose works are studied by all nations they have not brought the Golden Age. Some have looked to science but have not found it. Christians' hope is in the one great power—the gospel of Jesus Christ which unites men as brethren.

The second resolution moved by Rev. W. W. Lodge and seconded by G. Herbert Haszard was as follows:

Resolved, that the following gentlemen do compose the officers and committee of this Auxiliary for the current year, viz:— President—A. W. Stems, Esq. Vice Presidents—John McPhail, Esq., L. J. Beer, Esq., H. J. Cundall, Esq. Treasurer—H. J. Cundall, Esq. Secretary—J. D. Seman, Esq. Depository—G. Herbert Haszard, Esq. Committee—All Protestant clergymen on the Island ex officio and Messrs. James Lewis, W. A. Weeks, J. T. McIlhiss, James D. Lawson, J. A. Lawson, Geo. Bremner, J. K. Ross, M. Stevenson, Joseph Knight, John T. McKenzie, Chas. Chandler, Armas Lord, W. S. Louson, J. J. Clappell, W. T. Huggan and V. L. Goodwill, M. D.

This resolution also carried unanimously and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

PARIS IS SAD.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The news of the surrender of Port Arthur created a profound impression here and was the universal theme of conversation in official and diplomatic quarters and with the public generally. The newspapers discuss the matter at much length and in a tone of sadness. The Russian officials here learn the situation from the Associated Press. Despatches from Tokio while the Japanese delegation received a brief official summary of the progress of negotiations. The prevailing French view is summed up by the Temps, which says the historic defence of Sevastopol has now been surpassed. Port Arthur adding a glorious page to military annals, which will long remain unequalled.

Continuing, the Temps points out that the surrender will exert tremendous moral effect favorable to Japan. The Japanese, the paper says, are now revenged for the loss of Port Arthur after the Chinese-Japanese war.

French military critics regard the surrender of Port Arthur as rendering General Kurapatkin's position increasingly dangerous, as the besieging army of 80,000 men is now released and will reinforce the Japanese army in the north. It is expected that Vice-admiral Rojestvensky's squadron will proceed no further in the direction of the sea of war.

The hope is expressed in some official quarters that the surrender of the fortress will hasten peace; but the prevailing view is that the fall will accentuate Russia's resistance. Some Paris journals assert that Japanese occupation of Port Arthur will constitute a menace to all Europe, which the chanceries should prepare to meet.

A Live Topic. A member of the faculty of the University of Chicago tells of the sad case of a young woman from Indiana who was desirous of attaining social prominence in Chicago.

Soon after her arrival there she made the acquaintance of a student at the university to whom she took a great fancy. Evidently it was at this time that she realized for the first time her early education had been neglected, for she said to a friend:

"I suppose that, as he is a college man, I have to be awful careful what I say. What'll I talk about to him?"

The friend suggested history as a safe topic. To her friend's astonishment she took the advice seriously and shortly commenced in earnest to "bone up" in English history.

When the young man called the girl listened for some time with ill-concealed impatience to his talk of football, outdoor meets, dances, etc., but finally she decided to take the matter in her own hands. She had not done all that reading for nothing. So, a pause in the conversation affording the desired opportunity, she suddenly exclaimed, with considerable vivacity: "Wasn't it awful about Mary, queen of Scots?"

"Why, what's the matter?" stammered the student, confused. "My gracious!" almost yelled the girl from Indiana. "Didn't you know? Why, the poor thing had her head cut off!"—Harper's Weekly.

A Painful Incident. Two burglars broke into the house of a merchant who was generally considered to be very rich. After herculean efforts they managed to open the safe, but who can describe their disappointment when they found that it was empty and their labor in vain? At that moment the master of the house, awakened by the noise, appeared on the scene. For a moment all three stood there as if turned to stone. The merchant was the first to come to himself. "Gentlemen," he said, "let us all maintain a discreet silence over this incident, and now permit me to show you to the door."—Berlin Journal.

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