

THE BOOK OF ALL BOOKS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY LAST NIGHT.

The Bible in Many Languages—The Officers for the Coming Year—The Report for the Past Year—Relieved of Dead Stock—A Very Interesting Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Kingston branch of the Bible Society was held last evening in the hall of the first Congregational church. Rev. F. W. Dobbs presided.

The office bearers of the society, appointed for the ensuing year are:

President—Rev. S. W. Jackson, M.D. Vice-Presidents—Revs. F. W. Dobbs, R. Whitting and Dr. Mowat.

Secretary—Rev. S. Houston. Treasurer—G. H. Hague.

Depositor—G. S. Hobart. Auditors—A. Chown and Major Wilson.

Executive committee—The pastors of the city churches, to be assisted by Rev. Prof. Fowler, E. Chown, N. McLeod, B. W. Roberts, Joseph Bawden, S. Gaw, and Hugh Jack.

Rev. Dr. Jackson referred to the recent sickness of the treasurer of the society, Mr. Macalister. He had been missed from the week of prayer meetings, and it was regretted that he was unable to be with them on the present occasion.

Rev. Mr. Houston, secretary of the society, presented his report. It said it is to be feared that many professing Christians formed an imperfect estimate of the work of the Bible society.

The attendance at the meetings was small, and the spirit was cold; the collector, on his rounds, is met with indifference. The golden age of the Bible society is coming, however, when the demands that will be made upon it will tax to the utmost the liberality of the people.

During the year the translations and revisions numbered over seventy, reprints not included. The following figures show some of the expenditures made in foreign countries:

Russia, \$180,000; Germany, \$100,000; Austria, \$80,000; France, \$37,000; India, \$25,000; China, \$34,000; Japan, \$9,000; Persia, \$4,500; Africa, \$3,000. These sums added up make a grand total of \$500,000.

The total income of the society last year was not equal to that of the two previous years, nor was the circulation of books quite as large, but the average income from all sources for the three years has been about \$225,000 sterling each year.

While the circulation for the same years was 4,000,000 bibles each year. At the last anniversary of the society it was shown that fifty years ago the receipts were \$100,000 per annum, now they are \$225,000. Fifty years ago the auxiliary societies numbered at home 2,370, now there are over 5,300 in existence.

There were then 230 auxiliaries and branches abroad; now there are 1,300. The annual issue of the bible and of portions of it from the society was 600,000 bibles; now the circulation is 4,000,000. The cheapest copy of half a century ago was issued at two shillings; now the cheapest price is sixpence. The cheapest testament was tenpence; now it is a penny.

At the period referred to the scriptures were circulated in 136 languages; they are now distributed in 280 tongues. Fourteen fresh languages of Europe had been loaned by the Bible publication; now God's word is published in twelve fresh languages in Central Asia and Siberia, twelve in India, fourteen in China, Mongolia, nineteen in the Pacific, thirty in Africa, and thirty in America. In this fiftieth year of the queen's reign there is only one great language, which has not a complete translation of the scriptures, namely in Japanese language.

There are now in connection with the Upper Canada Bible Society 432 branches and depositories. The income during the year was \$31,000 of which \$21,000 was free contribution. Total circulation 41,648 copies, of these 1,440 were in foreign tongues numbering 28. The largest number in one tongue was in German, of which 700 copies were sold or given away. Five colporteurs laboured with diligence and fidelity. Mr. Lockhart is in the region around Kingston and the work he is doing with great devotion is much needed.

Mr. Houston also presented the financial statement of the treasurer, which showed that the income of the society was \$303,177; expenditure, \$345,855; balance, \$157,52. The society had \$800, which sum was made of permanent bequests; \$500 was invested and drawing a good interest, while \$300 was in the bank.

During the year the depository, superintended by G. S. Hobart, has been relieved of about \$100 worth of dead stock, which has been returned to the head depository of the society in Toronto.

An interesting meeting was brought to a close about 9 o'clock.

DIVISION COURT SESSION.

Cases Disposed Of This Morning—Lengthy Docket—Cases Not Heard.

A regular session of the division court occurred to-day; Judge Wilkinson presided. The following cases were dealt with:

F. H. Moody v. J. Marshall—Action for \$66.75. Judgment for plaintiff.

Thomas Lemmon v. A. Brown, J.P.—Suit for \$3. Judgment for plaintiff.

Henry Ross v. G. Morgan—Action for \$77.50. Judgment for plaintiff for \$62 and costs.

J. E. Twigg v. A. E. Docherty and L. M. Docherty—Suit for \$35. Judgment for plaintiff.

Smythe & Smith v. Mary Baker—Action for \$56.09. Judgment for plaintiff, subject to taxation by superior court officer.

There were four judgment summonses. The parties interested are a merchant, organ manufacturer, a farmer, and an iron worker.

The results of thirteen cases will be published to-morrow.

THE FARMERS' VISITING.

The Pleasant Way the Inverary Yeomen Meet to Discuss Matters.

The Inverary visiting farmers' club held their first meeting for this year on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at 2 o'clock p.m. at the residence of A. Ritchie, President; W. Ferguson, in the chair. There were present, vice president Quail and Mrs. Quail, secretary A. Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Tolls, Mrs. W. Ferguson, Mr. George, and Mr. S. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. Claxton (Mrs. Claxton not at home) and others.

The subject "Feeding Beef Cattle" was opened in an article by A. Ritchie, relating his own experience, and it was discussed by a number of those present. At 6 o'clock Mrs. Ritchie announced tea, and after this pleasant digression the discussion was continued. The secretary was asked to get prices of clover seed and report at the next meeting. At 9 o'clock the ballot decided that the club would meet at Mr. S. Perry's in two weeks, and talk about wintering stock. A. Ritchie to open the discussion.

The shuffling of seats for the council occurs this week. "This is a lucky seat," said Ald. Thompson last night; "many mayors have gone from it." Who'll take it?

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Entrance Examinations—The Pupils Who Did Themselves Great Honor.

The following information will be welcomed by the school children. They have anxiously anticipated it:

Sixth Class, Miss Holmes Teacher. Teachers' examination—Fannie Patterson, Aggie Taylor.

Senior Fourth Class. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, JULY.

Miss A. Davidson's class—George Osborne, William Thompson.

Mr. N. P. Joyner's class—George H. Smythe, Henry Crane.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER.

Miss H. Tandy's class—Alice Foley, Lottie Neal.

Mr. Joyner's class—John C. Innes, Charles Johns.

Prize List—Junior Fourth Class.

Miss Gill's room—Minnie Dowler, Emily Allen.

Mr. Bell's room—Dell Harkness, Fred Bell, James Bell.

Mr. Campbell's room—John McQuigg, Arthur Irwin.

Senior Third Class.

Miss Sutherland's room—Minnie Seymour; May Donnelly and Nellie McManney, equal.

Miss McDonald's room—Geraldine Daly, Florence Cunningham.

Miss E. Smith's room—Maud Porter, Raymond Baker.

Miss Hentig's room—Richard McLymont, Charles Ruttan.

Mr. Godwin's room—Orey Miller, Fredrick Hartman.

Miss Hyslop's room—Herbert Burnett.

Miss M. Davis' room—George Murray.

Junior Third Class.

Central school—Rose Kearns, Mildred King.

Wellington street school—Samuel Squire, Maggie Robertson, Isabella Henderson.

Queen street school—Lillian Dalton, John Derry.

Gordon street school—Mabel Varney, Mary Wilson.

Cataraqui school—Norval McDonald, Edith Seymour.

Williamsville school—Job Rogers, Anna Blair.

Frontenac school—Nettie Cuddeford.

Second Class.

Central school—Mabel Montgomery, William Gould.

Wellington street school—Hillyard Robertson; Lulu Pugh and Hamilton MacKerrans, equal.

Queen street school—Willie Hesley, Robert Campbell.

Cataraqui school—Carrie Bajaj, Annie McCormack.

Gordon street school—John Sparks, Jessie Comer.

Frontenac school—Gertie LeClair, Harold Gamble.

Part II. Class.

Central school—Edith Jenkins, Emma Driver; Edna Thompson and Albert Mahood, equal.

Wellington street school—Maud Stoba, Bertha Robinson.

Louise school—Fred, Belch, John Clarke.

Queen street school—Harry McArdle; Richard Creegan and James Laird, equal.

Cataraqui school—Fanny Anglin, Alexander Murray.

Gordon street school—Wardell Wilson, Etta Sparks.

Frontenac school—Annie Cuddeford, John Gates.

Part I. Class.

Central school—Lillie Garrison; Willie Houston and Charles McCullough, equal.

Queen street school—Edmund Hawkin, Gertrude Siler.

Cataraqui school—Bertha Swaine, Laura Swaine.

Frontenac school—Lily Kemp, Ethel Froiland.

FUNERAL REFORM SOCIETY.

The Motion Passed at Meeting of Anglican Clergy in St. George's Hall.

At a meeting of the Anglican clergy of the city, and of some influential citizens, held yesterday in one of the rooms of St. George's hall, and called by Dr. Henderson, Q.C., who has been appointed local secretary by the funeral reform association of England, of which the two archbishops are the presidents, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"That the meeting approves of the objects of the 'Church of England burial, funeral and mourning reform association, and would ask the co-operation of the ministers and members of all Christian bodies; (1) in promoting a fuller appreciation of the idea of Christian burial; (2) in encouraging burials in perishable coffins in the simple earth; (3) in simplifying and cheapening funeral and mourning ceremonial, avoiding excessive floral decoration, abandoning the use of crapes, scarfs, feathers, velvet trappings and the like, and exercising economy and simplicity in everything appertaining to the funeral.

"This meeting would further suggest that these objects be commended from the pulpits of the city churches, and that the names of those willing to assist in carrying them out be enrolled by the local secretary in a book kept for that purpose by the Rev. R. T. Burns at the Kingston post office."

A TALE OF LOVE.

It is Told in an Interesting Way by the Baird Dramatic Company.

R. H. Baird's dramatic company gave its first performance in the opera house last evening to a large audience. Individually the members of this troupe are superior to those usually connected with companies charging small admission fees. The play, "My Partner," given in four acts, is a story of love, in which the heroes are subjected to great persecutions, but it ends as satisfactorily as all romances of a similar kind do. "Wing Lee," a Chinaman, was ably taken by Harry Bradshaw. "Posey," a frivolous maiden of stout proportions, was ably sustained by Miss Leslie Walton. Miss Joie Robinson, the leading actress, very capably enacted the character of "Mary Brandon." Lewis Haywood and Edward Singleton, as the partners, were very good. R. H. Baird made a most audacious villain. Barry Harvey proved himself a first-class comedian. The play to-night will be "The Bells of Shandon," well-known to theatre-goers here.

Advice to Mothers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to the taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind.

COLLECTOR APPOINTED.

MR. GEORGE THOMPSON IS THE CHOICE OF THE COUNCIL.

A Postponement of the Question Proposed, But the Majority Put the By-Law Through—The Minority Fighting Hard to Defeat the Measure—To Collect the Water Rates.

Mr. George Thompson was appointed tax collector by the city council last evening by a vote of thirteen to seven. Not a break was made in the ranks from the start to the finish of the debate. Thompson's supporters were stayers.

Applications for the position were read from J. B. Youres, J. G. Layton, G. Thompson, E. M. Horsey, J. B. Forsythe, W. S. Gordon, A. McArthur, A. F. Macpherson, S. W. Day, Kingston; A. Dunlop, Hamilton.

Ald. Gildersleeve brought in a by-law to appoint a collector.

Ald. McIntyre was on his feet to move a resolution deferring the selection of a collector until the council of 1888 had assumed office. He objected to the old council undertaking the responsibility of making the appointment when it had less than a week to live. A collector should be appointed by those who would have more immediately the oversight of the office. It was reasonable to think that the appointment could keep a week. He objected to precipitate haste, and urged concerted action in reaching a conclusion. Who suggested the appointment? The members of the finance committee should have something to do with it.

Ald. Wilson—"Are they the gods of the city?"

Ald. McIntyre—"No, they are not." He added, however, that the by-laws of the council gave the finance committee authority to deal with this matter.

A chorus of "nos" went up, and Ald. Hartly said, "No one knows it better than you do." He asked for the particular clause of the by-law, referred to by Ald. McIntyre, to be read.

Ald. McIntyre would do so later on. He was surprised that Ald. Hartly seconded Ald. Gildersleeve's action in this matter.

Ald. Thompson—"There are more than him to second it."

Ald. Gildersleeve—"It's not the first time you've been surprised." (Laughter.)

Ald. McIntyre—"No, I am not surprised at anything you do, but the people are surprised, knowing the acumen of the man at your right."

Ald. Hartly to Ald. McIntyre, bowed his head reverentially.

Ald. McIntyre enquired why there had been a caucus over the collectorship and why he had not been invited to attend it.

Ald. Hartly—"You'd have given it away." (Laughter.)

Ald. McIntyre held that the whole council should have been taken into each other's confidence and they discharged their duty without the hole and corner business adopted by some persons. The council of 1888 should make the appointment and he protested against further action by this council.

Ald. Gildersleeve pointed out that the old council had the power to make the appointment. Moreover, it was desirable, and if a future council did not approve of the appointment it had the power to undo the same. There was no risk or danger in filling a vacant office at the present time. Other councils had done similar work and their practices should be followed. The amendment of Ald. McIntyre was defeated on the following division:

Yeas—Alds. Drennan, Hobart, Muckleston, Swift, McIntyre, Shannon, Wilmot—7.

Nays—Mayor Carson; Alds. Downing, Gildersleeve, Hartly, Hiscock, Phelan, Redden, Rees, Robinson, C.; Robinson, W.; Snowden, Thompson, Wilson—13.

The subject of the by-law submitted by Ald. Gildersleeve was read for the first time.

Ald. McIntyre wanted the whole of the bill read and Ald. Gildersleeve told the clerk to read it leaving the name of the appointee blank.

Ald. McIntyre protested, and other aldermen became quite excited.

Finally Ald. Gildersleeve exclaimed, "Oh, yes, read it! Give the boy a sugar stick!"

The by-law proposed the appointment of George Thompson as collector of rates and taxes at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. He was to collect the uncollected taxes of 1887.

On the second reading Ald. McIntyre took the chair in the committee of the whole.

Ald. Gildersleeve referred to Mr. Thompson as a worthy citizen and one who would fill the office to the satisfaction of every one. The appointment brought up the question of remuneration and it was evident that at least one of the officials, who discharged very onerous duties, was not well paid. He referred to the city assessor, and it was desirable to do him justice. He admitted that the assessor deserved recognition at the hands of the council, but as it was not easy to get a man, to act as assessor, who possessed the knowledge to which Mr. Gordon had attained, it was considered preferable to appoint a collector, retaining Mr. Gordon in his own department with a salary equal to that of the collector. It was proposed to give each \$1,000.

Ald. Shannon was out with a resolution, urging the appointment of Alexander Macpherson at \$750 per year. Economy was dwelt upon most vigorously.

Ald. McIntyre said Mr. Macpherson would do the work as efficiently as Mr. Thompson.

Ald. Muckleston opposed the by-law and added that the council had no official notification of the vacancy referred to.

There was a laugh and Ald. Gildersleeve asked if a summons to a funeral was not notification enough.

Ald. Muckleston—"I don't know. Not necessarily." (Laughter.) He dwelt lengthily on the sacredness of the trust reposed in the council, and urged time for the consideration of all the claims. He asked the chairman if he could realize the effect which a unanimous appointment would make in the country and city. "Can you realize it?" he dramatically exclaimed while his colleagues roared with laughter. He denounced caucusing, and prayed the council to seriously consider his remarks. But, of course, if a man had to be appointed why not appoint Mr. Macpherson at \$750 per year?

Ald. Thompson attended to the last speaker's inconsistency. He pointed out that by mere accident one of the applicants stated the salary desired, and the minority in the council grabbed at the straw. But Ald. Muckleston was not so consistent some weeks ago when he urged the retention of ex-manager Wilson, a man who could be dispensed with. He had the credit of bringing out a candidate in the late municipal election to sustain his extravagance.

Ald. McIntyre objected to such statements. They were irrelevant and out of order.

Ald. Thompson said he had right to draw comparisons, and several aldermen sustained his contention. Ald. McIntyre said he had not, that it was unparliamentary, and that he would be ruled out of order.

Ald. Thompson said he would appeal, and then Ald. McIntyre remarked, "Of course, you can, for you know you have the men at your back to sustain you."

Ald. Thompson favored the selection of his namesake.

Ald. Muckleston was favorable to the retention of Mr. Wilson in the water works; it meant a saving of thousands of dollars to the city.

Ald. Hartly—"You're quite consistent, you're quite right."

Ald. Thompson—"Your side of course?" Ald. Swift was shocked at the idea of caucusing about the appointment. It would be bad form to select Mr. Thompson in view of Mr. Macpherson's offer.

Ald. Hartly held that Mr. Macpherson had not the necessary strength and health to fill the position. As was said of Lieut. Gov. Letellier de St. Just, "His usefulness is gone." The city required a more vigorous and active man. He read a clause in the Municipal act, ordering a council "to fill up any vacancy at as convenient a date as possible after the same occurs." Mr. Middleton's son, only the day after his father's funeral, had appealed to him for advice in protecting the city in the collection of taxes from a person in difficulty. The surprise was that aldermen were trying to delay an appointment instead of rapidly filling it. Then he took Ald. Swift to task for his verbiage in the matter of caucuses. He could assure him that before the week was finished he would have attained a thorough knowledge of these things. He would then undoubtedly pocket his indignation and take a hand in the caucus like a little man. (Cheers.) The same could be said of his colleague in Sydenham ward. He would be found to toe the ring, walk in like a major and show no feelings of indignation. He called a truce to such palpable nonsense, to one class of men appearing purily and looking on the rest as rascals. "We are all tired with the same stick," said Ald. Hartly, "and nothing we do you won't do, and what you do we will try to do." (Cheers and laughter.)

Ald. McIntyre—"You set us a bad example."

Ald. Hartly—"Yes, but I learned it at an earlier date from you."

Ald. Hartly had favored the promotion of Mr. Gordon, but on considering the knowledge attained by him, after years of trial, he felt the city could not spare him from his present office, though it would be a relief to Mr. Gordon, who, in looking after the city's interests, had been subjected to great criticism, and charged with personal opposition to various parties. With Mr. Gordon aside he favoured Mr. Thompson's appointment.

Ald. Gildersleeve explained that it was the intention to make the new appointee collect the water rates after the expiration of the present quarter, and without an increase of salary. He objected to a position going a begging, to its being put up for public bids. If a good man could be found he should receive a salary commensurate with the nature of his duties.

Then the committee of the whole voted on Ald. Shannon's resolution, defeating it.

The council resumed and Mr. Macpherson's name was again introduced in substitution for that of Mr. Thompson's in the by-law. Ald. McIntyre said Mr. Macpherson was capable of performing the duties of the office. He was not older than the late incumbent.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

Yeas—Aldermen Drennan, Hobart, Muckleston, Swift, McIntyre, Shannon, Wilmot—7.

Nays—Mayor Carson; Alds. Downing, Gildersleeve, Hartly, Hiscock, Phelan, Redden, Rees, Robinson, C.; Robinson, W.; Snowden, Thompson, Wilson—13.

Ald. McIntyre had another amendment. He suggested Capt. A. Dunlop for the office.

The division upon this motion was the same as that on the previous one. Here the consistency of the minority was exposed. They had jumped up to \$1,000 as a proper salary for the new officer of the council.

R. M. Horsey's name was proposed by Ald. Muckleston and rejected by the odd numbers of 13 to 7.

W. S. Gordon's name was proposed by Ald. Swift, and with the same result.

Ald. Gildersleeve—"I see you are bringing up the names in the order of esteem in which they are held."

Adam McArthur was proposed as collector by Ald. McIntyre; result as usual.

Ald. Gildersleeve—"Oh, get the directory and begin at the A's." (Laughter.)

The by-law was adopted, the minority having cleared itself of promises, and the division was 13 to 7.

Ald. Gildersleeve, who was busy at the time, voted "nay." Everyone laughed as the alderman grasped the situation and changed his vote, adding, "I thought another man was being put up."

Without opposition a by-law was passed fixing the salary of W. S. Gordon, as assessor and city commissioner, at \$900, and allowing him to act as sanitary inspector for \$100 per annum.

Ald. McIntyre introduced a by-law for a first reading, declaring the office of tax collector vacant. This surprised the majority and they sought means to escape, but Ald. McIntyre said he could introduce any by-law he liked and the aldermen could not help themselves. "I can carry it at a future meeting," he added.

Ald. Hartly—"Getting quite cocky, ain't you?"

Ald. C. Robinson thought the office was vacant until the bonds of the new incumbent were filed, but he was mistaken.

CONDITION OF OUR MILK.

A Report Upon It Submitted by the Government Analyst at Ottawa.

The following is the result of the analysis by Thomas McFarlane, government analyst, of samples of milk, collected on August 11th, 1887:

H. & C. Rees, township of Kingston, Front road—Water, 88.89; butter fat, 2.77; other solids, 8.34; total solids, 11.11; below average.

H. & R. Rees, township of Kingston, concession 3—Water, 88.89; butter fat, 3.29; other solids, 7.82; total solids, 11.11; below average.

Henry Wilder, township of Kingston—Water, 87.25; butter fat, 4.22; other solids, 8.53; total solids, 12.75.

J. P. H. Ferris, township of Kingston—Water, 89.83; butter fat, 2.65; other solids, 7.52; total solids, 10.17; below average.

W. Pickering, Earl street—Water, 87.74; butter fat, 3.98; other solids, 8.28; total solids, 12.26.

George Wilder—Water 89.68; butter fat, 2.00; other solids, 8.32; total solids, 10.32; partly skimmed.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Mrs. Day, wife of Wilson Day, was in the city yesterday.

On the 30th ult. Sir Hector Langvin completed thirty years of continuous parliamentary life.

James Metcalfe, M.P.P., is expected to return to the city in a few days. His son, who went west a month ago, returned yesterday.

The government papers are supporting Mr. W. F. Powell's candidature for the house of commons in Carleton county. The Tory convention meets on Wednesday.

No one tries to match our prices on underwear, because they can't, you know. J. C. Hardy & Co.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing Escaping the Attention of Those Who are Taking Notes.

The officers of the L.C.R.U. were installed last evening by Rev. Father McGrath. No matter how low you get goods quoted elsewhere come and see Hardy before you buy.

Breck & Booth's is the cheapest place for pine blocks, bunchwood, hard or soft wood cut or un-cut.

If you are not pleased with the coffee you are using, try Henry &