FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Kingston Ladies' Bible Association.

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REPORT.

In rendering an account of the past year we have cause of thankfulness for many tokens of success in the endeavor to circulate the Word of God amongst the destitute and neglected portions of the community, not only by the Collectors, who have steadily carried on their work of visiting from house to house in their several districts, but by means of Colportage in the country, and by the agency of a Bible Woman in the neglected parts of the City, where many families have been reached, who have been visited by no other instrumentality, who seem never to have connected themselves with any Church; whose children are growing up in ignorance, and are sought out by no Sabbath Teacher, and connected with no Sabbath School.

CIRCULATION OF THE SCRIPTURES IN THE CITY AND COUNTRY.

Distributed by the Ladies during the year, and by the Colporteur during six months, 298 copies.

THE TREASURY.

By the Treasurer's Report it will appear that the sum of $230 45 has been collected during the year.

The expenditure has been $242 33½—leaving the Society in debt to the Treasurer $10 55.

REMARKS.

We regret to state that Mr. Dunoon, who has been employed as a joint Colporteur between the "Kingston Auxiliary" and your Association, since May, 1860, has been obliged to resign from ill-health. We hope, however, that an Agent will soon be found to fill his place; to carry the Word of God to those who are removed from Gospel privileges, and who are in danger of becoming indifferent to the things which concern their immortal souls.

We refer you to the gentlemen for extracts from Mr. Dunoon's Reports, and would give a brief account of the Bible Woman's work.

The labors of our Bible Woman seem to have been highly appreciated by many, and to have been blessed to some, whose departure from this life, amidst many hardships and privations, has been soothed and comforted by the kindness and sympathy of your Agent.

We add an extract or two from her Reports.

Miss Mary Henley says:—"During the past 8 months I have been much encouraged in my work. By request, I visited a sick woman, who, when in health, had been often urged to attend public worship—her excuse was, she could not leave her young family; but when I went to see her in her affliction, she looked at me earnestly and said, "Oh! if I had had the will I could have found time to go to the House of God." For many weeks she was ill, and as I read and spoke to her of the love of Christ, she would listen attentively, begging me to return again soon. She is now restored to health, has repented of her past life, and seeks to glorify her Saviour by leading a godly life.

"Another woman who had often said she was leading a sinful life, and thought she would die soon, was taken ill and sent for me. I found her in great distress of mind and talked to her of the Saviour. She afterwards sought Him and found peace through believing, and I have every reason to hope she died trusting in Jesus.

"A woman spoken of in last report as an unnatural mother, has left her family again and again; been in gaol twice this Summer; is now begging from door to door, and one of the many who unwilling to work, get relief in this way, and spend it for liquor.

"Seven of those I have visited this year have been removed by death. One young woman, a Roman Catholic, who I saw shortly before she died, said she loved the Saviour and longed to be with him. I have reason to hope that five of the seven died in the faith of the Gospel. Those who attend the meetings for reading and prayer seem very much in earnest. Some of the girls would like to meet oftener than once a week. I have occasionally visited the Hospital, Gaol and House of Refuge.

"I have made 954 visits and distributed 1000 tracts during the year."

IN CONCLUSION.

Whilst rendering thanks for increasing opportunities afforded, and for such measure of success as has been vouchsafed, we would ask, can this agency accomplish much unless effectually followed up by the energetic efforts of many, in giving individual supervision to those neglected families who are brought to our knowledge by the visits of the Bible Woman. We would earnestly entreat the co-operation of all who have time at their disposal, and the love of Christ in their hearts, in aiding this work and assisting to remove that mass of ignorance which leads to innumerable other evils.

We lament that our funds are not adequate to meet the claims on the Society, and that apprehensions are entertained of the necessity of withdrawing from the field of labor one whose agency is greatly needed, and whose usefulness has been proved.

Christian friends, shall this good work languish for want of means? Shall we refuse to support the agency employed for reaching those who seem without the fold of any—living unknown and uncared for. Shall we not rather increase our efforts, and energetically sustain the work, till every neglected family is linked on to some of the existing opportunities for regular ministerial supervision and Sabbath School instruction, till it can be said by none in the community, "No man careth for my Soul."

In every place, at home and abroad, the laborers are few, compared to the wants of the harvest. Shall we neglect that portion of the Lord's vineyard which is especially allotted to our care, and pass by unheeding, those sinking deeper and deeper in the scale of moral degredation, whose downward course might be staid; and whose children, at least, might be rescued from the ruin impending over homes where ignorance and vice prevail.

Rather let us stir up both ourselves and others, to be more zealous in rendering aid by personal exertion and by liberal contribution, to this and every good work, remembering that "the time is short." "The night cometh when no work can be done."

Abstract of issues of Bibles and Testaments

—BY THE—

Kingston Ladies' Bible Association,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1863.

1863.	Bibles	Testaments.	Total Copies.	Bound Books.	Stiff Covers.	Children's Books.	Pages of Tracts.	Value.
Issued by the Ladies' in the City, and by the Colporteur,	128	116	244					84 60
Do. Bibles and Testaments with Psalms,	21	33	54	34	60	58	18,000	36 73
Total issued and value,	149	149	298	34	60	58	18,000	$121 33

THE TREASURER

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

KINGSTON LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

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1863.	
To Balance of Cash,	$ 1 33½
" collection at Annual Meeting,	3 30
" Monthly Collections for Colporteur,	204 81
" " Bibles,	2 34
Received from Members of the Association,	20 00
Amount due to the Treasurer,	10 55
	$ 242 33½

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1863.	
By Cash, use of Room for Annual Meeting,	$ 1 50
" Printing Report,	7 00
" Paid the Colporteur,	147 33
" Paid the Bible Woman,	53 00
" Paid Depositary for Bibles & Testaments,	8 23
" Stationary,	1 27½
" Incidental Expenses,	4 00
" Paid the Gentlemen for use of Com. Room,	20 00
	$ 242 33½

DIANA CLARKE, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct.

G. C. HALE.

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