

The Report referred to the spread of Bible knowledge throughout the world. How that in well nigh every clime God's work was now read and treasured. It stated that the British and Foreign Bible Society, in its seventieth year, is still hale and hearty; its income is now £220,964, and its expenditure £210,183. During the last year it issued 2,654,080 copies of the Bible, Testaments and portions, making its total issues 71,131,111 copies. The American Bible Society has an income of \$700,000, and its annual issues are over 1,200,000. The receipts of the U. C. Bible Society, in its thirty-fourth year, were nearly \$35,000, and its issues 42,240. Since the last anniversary meeting deputations from the Kingston Auxilliary have visited and held meetings at Bath, Pittsburgh, Odessa, Wilton, Gananoque, Barriefield, Portsmouth, Glenvale, Elginburgh, and Collingsby, and in all these places collectors have been appointed.

The income of the Auxilliary for the past year was \$1,020. Of this \$168.60 was collected in three Wards of the city (the collectors in the other Wards not having yet reported), besides \$147.58 collected by the ladies. The sum of \$498.87 had been sent as a free grant to the B. and F. B. S., and claims to the amount of \$187.54 given to the U. C. B. S. Cash on hand, \$242.35; due by branches, \$131.10. Stock worth \$460.29, on which is due \$104.57. From the Depository were issued in 1874. 454 Bibles, 305 Testaments and 4 parts, of a value of \$202. Free grants of 48 Bibles have been given, half to the Y. M. C. A., and half to the Hospital. This was an increase of 167 copies over 1873. Since its formation the Auxilliary has issued 88,927 copies of the Scriptures. The Ladies' Bible Association employed Mr. Jack in the work of colportage for four months. He sold 120 Bibles and 17 Testaments. Among the branches of the Auxilliary the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association stands pre-eminent. Their receipts were \$147.58, expenditure, \$162.76, and they paid over \$48.84 as a free grant to the B. and F. Bible Society. Of the other branches, Gananoque sent in \$50, Portsmouth \$33.10, Glenvale \$24.20, Battersea \$9.60, Catarauqui \$18.85, Odessa \$8. The Report concluded with the prayer that all may work with more earnest prayer and more abounding liberality till the day dawns when the Written Word shall be translated into every tongue, treasured in every house, read by every eye, and the Word Incarnate who is enshrined within it shall reign in every heart.

The Rev. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, that the report now read be adopted, and that the following be the office-bearers for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. F. W. Dobbs.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. J. B. Mowat, N. McLeod, Esq., Dr. Mair, and the Rev. St. V. Rogers.

Treasurer—Dr. Skinner.

Secretary—R. V. Rogers, Esq.

Committee—Ministers of the Gospel, Rev. Ppl Snodgrass, Professor Fergusson, Professor McKerras, A. Chown, H. Cunningham, G. Robertson, B. Robertson, Major Wilson, S. Gaw, G. M. Macdonnell, J. Duff, Dr. Jarvis, G. S. Hobart, A. Macalister, R. Gage, G. Canfley, jr, R. M. Rose, D. Fraser, J. Lawson, M. Gage and the President and Secretary of each Branch.

Mr. Smith said he was not very familiar with the operations of the Kingston Branch of the Society, and therefore he was not prepared to say much in regard to it. To his audience it was not necessary to laud the Bible nor to speak of its preciousness. Men sometimes talked of God as familiarly as if the comprehension of Him was an easy matter. They were told that God was a spirit—an infinite, an eternal spirit. Left to ourselves what can we know of this holy Being? We were left utterly in the dark. Who by searching can find out God? None. This mental darkness prevailing where are we to go to find out about God? To God's Word. The Bible is the book—the holy book. Without it we would be ignorant of God's will concerning us. In it a declaration of His will was to be found. Such is man's estimate of Deity that a piece of wood or stone has sufficed to be his