

# Seventeenth Annual Report

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## Kingston Ladies' Bible Association.

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MRS. MACHAR.

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MRS. CLARKE.

SECRETARY:

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COMMITTEE:

The Wives of Ministers who qualify as Members of this Association; Mrs. Macaulay, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. McNee, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. H. Fraser, Mrs. McAlister, Mrs. Chaffey, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Irons, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mrs. Aitkens, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Moffatt, Mrs. W. C. Evans, Mrs. Grange, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. R. Chown, Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Geo. Fenwick, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. T. Hendry, Mrs. Leckie, Miss Sampson, Miss Twining, Miss Fowler, Miss Gray, Miss M. Gray, Miss Robertson, Miss C. A. Dupuy, Miss Mair, Miss Stoughton, Miss Harper, Miss Leckie, Miss Hill, Miss A. Hill, Miss Patterson, Miss Coy, Miss Jenkins, Miss Bell, Miss Bibb.

### REPORT.

Your Committee would submit a brief statement to their friends and subscribers of what has been done by this Association during the past year, and they desire to ascribe all praise to Him who has so graciously prospered them in their work in the Bible cause.

#### CIRCULATION OF THE SCRIPTURES IN THE CITY AND COUNTRY.

Distributed by the Ladies and Bible Women in the City, 250 volumes; by the Colporteur in the Country, 254; making a total of 504 copies of the Scriptures.

#### THE TREASURY.

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which she enters into their troubles, secure her a favorable reception, and enable her to gain their confidence, so that when she speaks to them of Him who 'hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,' she is heard with a deep and often an increasing interest. She visits many a sad and comfortless dwelling, where poverty and wretchedness weigh down the unhappy inmates; and where that worst of miseries, intemperance, too often adds its degrading influence against this terrible vice, so especially sad in its effects when occurring in the mother of a family. Mrs. Jack's efforts have been most earnestly and perseveringly directed; in some cases with the result of a commencement, at least, of reformation. Her mother's meetings have been well attended, and a good deal of interest has been shown in them. As a proof of this it may be mentioned that when intending to discontinue one of them for the winter, she was met by so many expressions of disappointment that she was encouraged to continue it.

"In selling Bibles, Mrs. Jack has been successful; and it may be hoped that these will eventually prove real seeds of life in the families into which, by God's providence, His word has been introduced. It was thought necessary to employ a second Bible Woman for a few months to assist Mrs. Jack. Mrs. Bollard was employed from July to the end of the year, and was most useful in visiting in Stuartsville, and in selling Bibles in that district.

"The funds of the Association would not allow of supporting more than one Bible Woman, with a Colporteur, or your Committee would have been glad to continue her services."

#### IN CONCLUSION.

Your Committee would remind the members of this Association that "the time is short." "To-day, whilst it is called to-day," is the hour of labor, and toil, and prayer. May each one be diligent in laboring in Christ's cause, "looking for, and hastening unto, the coming of the day of God."

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BY WHOM ISSUED.	Bibles.	Testam'ts	Total copies of Scriptures.
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Mr. Downie, Colporteur for 3 months,.....	60	120	180
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#### REMARKS.

The Collectors have continued to visit in their districts, supplying the poor with Bibles and taking up subscriptions from both the rich and the poor, for sending out a Colporteur to the surrounding country.

During six months of this year Mr. Downie has been employed as Colporteur jointly with the Tract Society. We regret to state that he has been obliged to resign for the winter, but we hope that an Agent will soon be found to fill his place.

Mr. Downie's statement will show what has been his work during that period. He writes:

"During the six months I travelled 1207 miles, visited 1688 families, sold 136 Bibles and 259 Testaments, and gave away 8 Bibles and 11 Testaments. The sales were comparatively few, considering the labor, for money is more scarce with farmers in summer than in winter.

"I conversed with more than 500 families on vital godliness, not without effect, I trust, in some instances. Some had no regard for the truth, yet others showed heartfelt love for it, and gratitude to the Association for sending them the Bible. People have hastened after me on the road when they knew I had Bibles to sell, in order to purchase from me; and when I was travelling on foot, near the Railroad, some men who were working stopped me to buy Bibles.

"Many old people bought large type Bibles; and children have brought their purses and emptied their little savings into my hand to buy Bibles for themselves. Indeed, in some cases, I have witnessed great love in both old and young for God's sacred word."

Besides several grants to individuals, your Association have purchased a Loan Stock, which will supply the aged and poor with the Scriptures. They have also granted 12 Bibles to the Orphans' Home, 6 Bibles and 6 Testaments to the House of Industry, and 12 Bibles and 12 Testaments to the Midland District School.

A short account of the Bible Women is here given from the Lady Superintendent's Report:

"Though not able this year to carry on her systematic visiting so continuously, Mrs. Jack has been faithful and diligent in her visits to the homes of the poor women; towards whose moral and spiritual improvement her efforts have been more especially directed.— Her kind, gentle manners, and the interest and sympathy with

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Total issues,.....	228	276	504

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE TREASURER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN ACCOUNT WITH THE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kingston Ladies' Bible Association,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FROM JANUARY, 1866, TO JANUARY, 1867.</p> <p>Balance from last year,..... \$ 35 09½</p> <p>Received in monthly collections,..... 203 27½</p> <p>Subscriptions from members,..... 16 00</p> <p>Donation..... 1 00</p> <p>Proceeds from sale of Horse,..... 4 87½</p> <p>Bibles &amp; Testaments sold by Bible Women,..... 26 49½</p> <p>Returned by Mr. Downie, over-paid on Bible,..... 25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$286 99</p>	<p>Printing Annual Report,..... \$ 7 00</p> <p>Paid Depository for Bibles &amp; Testaments, including grants to Orphans' Home, \$2 16, and House of Industry, \$6 48,..... 44 99</p> <p>Salary of Colporteur,..... 50 00</p> <p>Paid Bible Women,..... 83 00</p> <p>Distributing notices,..... 3 10</p> <p>Book and Paper,..... 1 00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$189 07</p> <p>Balance in Treasurer's hands on 31st December, 1866,..... \$286 99</p>

DIANA CLARKE, TREASURER.

G. C. HALE, AUDITOR.