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Your Committee, about to render a brief account of the humble doings of this Auxiliary during the past year, and thinking of the triumphs of the Gospel in all lands,—cannot more appropriately express their feelings than by saying in the language of St. Paul, “Thanks be unto God, for His unspeakable gift—the Lord Jesus Christ,” Thanks be to God, for the book which testifies of Him, “Thanks be to God,” that the Pope, the enemy of the Bible, and, the Bible Society, has, in the wise and benignant order of Jehovah’s providence, been by the voice of his subjects deprived of his temporal power; and that the Prince, who now rules over united Italy, admits freely within the walls of Rome agents and colporteurs of that Society, and Christ’s ambassadors; so that “the glorious Gospel of the blessed God” is preached to attentive listeners, and the “Word of God has free course, and is glorified.”

Before giving an outline of the Auxiliary’s work for the past year, it is the melancholy duty of your Committee to refer to the decease of Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., M. P. At the first meeting after that event, the following resolution was adopted by your Committee, and a copy of it sent to the bereaved family. “That in the removal by death of the late President of this Society, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., we recognize one of those oft repeated admonitions, ‘Be ye also ready;’ and we would take this our earliest opportunity as a Committee to record our heartfelt sorrow that the Bible Society of Kingston has lost one of its best friends and one of its most devoted workers; one deeply in sympathy with the grand objects of this Society, and ever faithful in the discharge of his duties as President. His memory will be long cherished by the friends of the Bible cause, and his loss long lamented.”

DEPOSITORY’S REPORT.

Bibles and Testaments issued from the Depository, for the year commencing January 1st, and ending December 31st, 1870:—

Sales at Depository	Bibles	496	Testaments	493	Parts
Issued to Colporteurs	do.	244	do.	442	
” ” Branches	do.	231	do.	307	
Gratuitous ”	do.	22	do.	67	
Total Issues	do.	993	do.	1309	5

Value \$614.02

Stock on hand 31st December, 1870, 968 Bibles; 1083 Testaments; 150 Parts. Value \$758.89. Showing an excess of issues over previous year of Bibles 75, and a falling off of Testaments 71.

The value of sales exceeds that of last year by \$27 76.

For Treasurer’s Report see appendix.

AGENT’S REPORT.

The Agent’s Report was given in to the Parent Society, June, 1870, and appeared in the Recorder, Vol. I., No. 3.

The Auxiliary has not enjoyed the services of an agent since March, 1870, when Rev. A. Burns finished a month’s visitation of the branches.

COLPORTEUR’S REPORTS.

Your worthy Colporteur, Mr. John Finlayson, continues to perform his duties with zeal and perseverance. During the last twelvemonth, he has sold fewer copies of the Bible and New Testament than in former years, partly from the great scarcity of money, and partly, as he apprehends, in