

The Anniversary Meeting was held in the Free Presbyterian Church, on the 24th October, Thomas Tait, Esq., in the chair. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. J. Falloon, D.D., and Rev. James Sieveright, the Rev. John McKay, Rev. Mr. Bate, Rev. Professor Cleveland, and Rev. James Green, Travelling Agent of the M. A. B. S. It was an excellent meeting. From a statement made by Mr. C. Wood, it appeared that Bibles and Testaments to the amount of \$13.52 had been sold during the year, and the Ladies have since collected the following amounts :—

Collected in Melbourne by Mrs. Tait and Mrs. McKay.		Collections at Annual Meeting per Rev. J. Green.....	
Thomas Tait, .....	2 00	Collected by Mrs. G. K. Foster and Mrs. Edward Cleveland of Richmond.	
Mrs. Tait, .....	2 00	Mrs. Stayner.....	2 00
Edmund Langrene,.....	2 00	Mrs. F. Gowin.....	1 00
Edward Lawson,.....	2 00	Mr. J. S. Martin .....	2 00
Charles Wood,.....	1 00	Mrs. J. S. Martin.....	1 00
Rev. John Bate,.....	1 00	Mrs. T. Hart.....	1 00
Rev. John McKay, .....	1 00	Mr. G. K. Foster.....	1 00
Mrs. S. S. Wood,.....	1 00	Mr. Cooper Smith.....	1 00
Mrs. Falloon .....	1 00	Mr. Aaron Driver .....	1 00
Mrs. W. H. Webb,.....	1 00	Sums under \$1.....	17 42
Mrs. Minden Wilson.....	1 00		\$27 42
John McKenzie .....	1 00	Collected by Mrs. Tait and Mrs. MacKay, in Melbourne, per statement sent forward ....	31 58
Mrs. Sieveright.....	1 00		\$59 00
Mrs. Capt. Aylmer .....	1 00	Collected at the meetings at Melbourne and Richmond ..	11 02
H. A. P. Holland.....	1 00		\$70 02
Mrs. George Gibson .....	1 00		
Sums under \$1.....	7 50		
Collected by Misses Skinner and Dustin, sums under \$1.	3 57		
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JOHN MACKAY, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF LANCASTER BRANCH.

Your Committee hail with pleasure the return of the season when they have an opportunity to lay before you the Annual Report of their proceedings, and to urge you to renewed and increased exertions.

The Committee fear that this important cause in which the Society is engaged, is not properly realized by the inhabitants of this place, though the circulation of the Word of God is a work in which every Christian should feel deeply interested; for truly, if we have experienced the power of the truth in our own souls, we cannot feel regardless of the millions of human beings who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, and deprived of so many privileges and blessings with which we are so highly favored.

Your Committee held four meetings during the past year, at each of which the greatest harmony, and an anxious desire to advance the good work, prevailed.

The Treasurer's Report is, on the whole, gratifying; since he, after having paid the expenses of this Society, amounting to \$3.05, transmitted to the Mon-