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COMMITTEE :

The Wives of Ministers who qualify as Members of this Association ;

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| Mrs. Macauley, | Miss Sampson, |
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| Mrs. Davis, | Miss M. Hill, |
| Mrs. Hobart, | Miss J. Hardy, |
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Kingston Ladies' Bible Association.

I. That we form ourselves into an Association in connection with the Kingston Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment, particularly in Kingston and its vicinity: and that this Association be denominated *The Kingston Ladies' Bible Association*.

II. That all persons subscribing the sum of two shillings and six pence per annum, payable in weekly, monthly or quarterly payments, or making a donation of one pound or upwards at one time, shall be members of this Association.

III. That the business of this Association shall be conducted by a Committee to be chosen annually, consisting of a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and three Secretaries and other members. Three-fourths of the most regular attendants shall be eligible for re-election.

IV. That the Committee meet once a month, or oftener if necessary, on a day to be fixed by themselves; and that five members form a quorum.

V. That for the purpose of soliciting and collecting donations and subscriptions, either for the general purposes of the Society, or for the purchase of Bibles and Testaments, by weekly or other payments, the Committee divide the city and neighborhood into districts, and appoint one or more collectors to each district; and that these contributions be paid to the Treasurer at the monthly committee meetings.

VI. That the Committee make it their business to enquire whether any families or individuals residing within the limits of this Association are in want of Bibles and Testaments, and unable to procure them; in which case it shall be the duty of the Committee to supply them therewith at prime cost, or otherwise, according to their circumstances.

VII. That the funds of this Association, or as much thereof as the Committee shall direct, whether arising from donations, subscriptions, or the sale of Bibles and Testaments, shall from time to time be expended in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments at prime cost, to be sold to the poor in the city or neighborhood as before directed; and that any surplus which may arise may also, after deducting the incidental expenses of the Association, be paid into the funds of the Kingston Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, in aid of its general purposes.

VIII. That a general meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Association be held (on such a day as shall be fixed by the Committee) each year, when the accounts as audited by the Committee shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year reported, and the Officers and Committee chosen for the ensuing year.

IX. That a copy of these Rules, signed by the Secretaries, be transmitted to the Committee of the Kingston Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, with a request that they will grant permission to lay out the funds of the Association in purchasing at the Depository of the said Society, Bibles and Testaments at cost prices.

R E P O R T .

In presenting to the friends and subscribers of the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association the Twelfth Annual Report of their operations, the Committee desire to take a brief glance at the past, with humble gratitude for the blessing of God that has rested on their labours; and to look forward to the ever opening fields of usefulness, to which the example of their sisters in other lands calls them to press forward.

We rejoice in the cordial unanimity with which the various denominations of Kingston have for twelve years carried on the dissemination of the Word of God,—in the patient perseverance in collecting the little offerings of the poor, so willingly and cheerfully contributed, by which, in great measure, the Society is supported,—in the successful efforts of the Colporteur, in bringing to many a lonely and desolate home in the back Townships the cheering light of the Lamp of Life, and in the opportunities so often afforded of speaking a word in season to the weary and heavy laden, to the ignorant and the afflicted.

We rejoice that the supposed inaccessibility of the Romanist so often yields to the proffer of the simple Word of God; and that so many instances are recorded of their grateful acceptance, or willing purchase of the Book of God.

Besides the ordinary operations of the Society in supplying this City and vicinity with the Scriptures, and contributing to the support of a Colporteur to the surrounding Townships, special calls have from time to time been made upon the funds of the Society. The openings of Divine Providence succeeding the awful Mutiny in India, and the national struggles for light and freedom in Italy, justly demanded our sympathy and prayers, and called forth a special grant as substantial proof of the interest we felt in passing events,—yet do we maintain that the more legitimate sphere of our operations is the supply

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of the destitution of the Word of Life on our own portion of the North American Continent. So long as idolatry and superstition, ignorance and error remain, our primary efforts are due to the wants of our own people—to extended labours in our own city—and in echoing the call of Divine Mercy to our Roman Catholic brethren, “Come out of her my people,” ere the last judgements on the apostacy are poured forth in wrath.

Having a small surplus of funds this year, we have been enabled to send £10 to the Montreal Bible Society for the purpose of aiding in circulating Bibles among the French Canadians.

The visits of the City Missionary during the last winter, shew the existence of a wide field for christian effort in our own city— a lamentable extent of utter recklessness, ignorance and vice,—and the question arises, do existing organizations reach this lower strata of society? or do we not need here, as well as among the dense masses of London, an intermediate agency at work?—not to supercede the labours of any, not to diminish in aught the willing efforts of the voluntary agent, —but to aid and assist in carrying out every benevolent design, as instruments under the guidance and direction of those who cannot, without the abandonment of home duties, devote sufficient time to the extended work of investigation, and the multiplied claims that arise therefrom.

Having marked with deep interest the increasing efficiency of the labours of “Bible Women” in England, we hope that here also suitable agents may be found, and that ere another year passes, we may have to add our testimony to the value and importance of the “Missing Link” in our Society.

THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer’s Report shew that the sum of £82 11 3 currency, has been collected during the year.

The expenditure has been £76 4 4½.

CIRCULATION OF SCRIPTURES.

Distributed by the Ladies during the year, and by Mr. Dunoon during six months, 557 volumes; which, added to the 14,098 copies of former years, makes a total of 14,655 volumes of the Scriptures since the organization of this Association.

In conclusion, your Committee would urge that now is the time for the friends of the Gospel to labour unremittingly to promote its diffusion, to continue their work with steady purpose and zeal, ever conscious of dependance upon the Spirit of God for the wisdom that is profitable to direct, remembering the solemn words "The Lord is at hand."

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Abstract of issues of Bibles and Testaments by the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association, for the year ending the December, 1861.

1861.	Bibles.	Testaments	Total	Bound	Stiff	Children's	Pages	Value.		
			Copies.	Books.	Covers	Books.	of Tracts.	£	s.	d.
Issued by the Ladies in the City, and by the Colporteur,	301	233	534	173	20	152	9000	31	0	1
Do. Bibles with Psalms,	8	15	23	173	20	152	9000	28	18	3
Total issued, and value, . . .	309	248	557	173	20	152	9000	£59	18	4

In the above are included eleven Bibles and four Testaments, given to poor persons, by the Colporteur.

*The Kingston Ladies' Bible Association in account with the Treasurer, from
December, 1860, to December, 1861.*

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<p>To salary of Colporteur for six months,.....\$200 00</p> <p>“ expenses of Colporteur,..... 1 75</p> <p>“ use of City Hall for Annual Meeting,..... 6 00</p> <p>“ Printing Annual Report,..... 18 00</p> <p>“ Depository for Bibles,..... 13 18</p> <p>“ Stationary and incidental expenses,..... 5 95</p> <p>“ For the use of Committee Room,..... 20 00</p> <p>“ Transferred to the Auxiliary Society, to be sent to Montreal to aid in the circulation of the Bible among the French Canadians,..... 40 00</p> <p>“ Balance in hands, 42 56</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>\$347 44</u></p>	<p>By Balance,.....\$ 17 19</p> <p>“ Collected at the Annual Meeting,..... 13 20</p> <p>“ Monthly Collections for Colporteur,..... 279 85</p> <p>“ “ “ for Bibles,..... 11 45</p> <p>“ Donations to the Association,..... 4 25</p> <p>“ Subscriptions from Members,..... 21 50</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>\$347 44</u></p> <p>Balance in hands,.....<u>\$42 56</u></p>
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DIANA CLARKE, TREASURER.