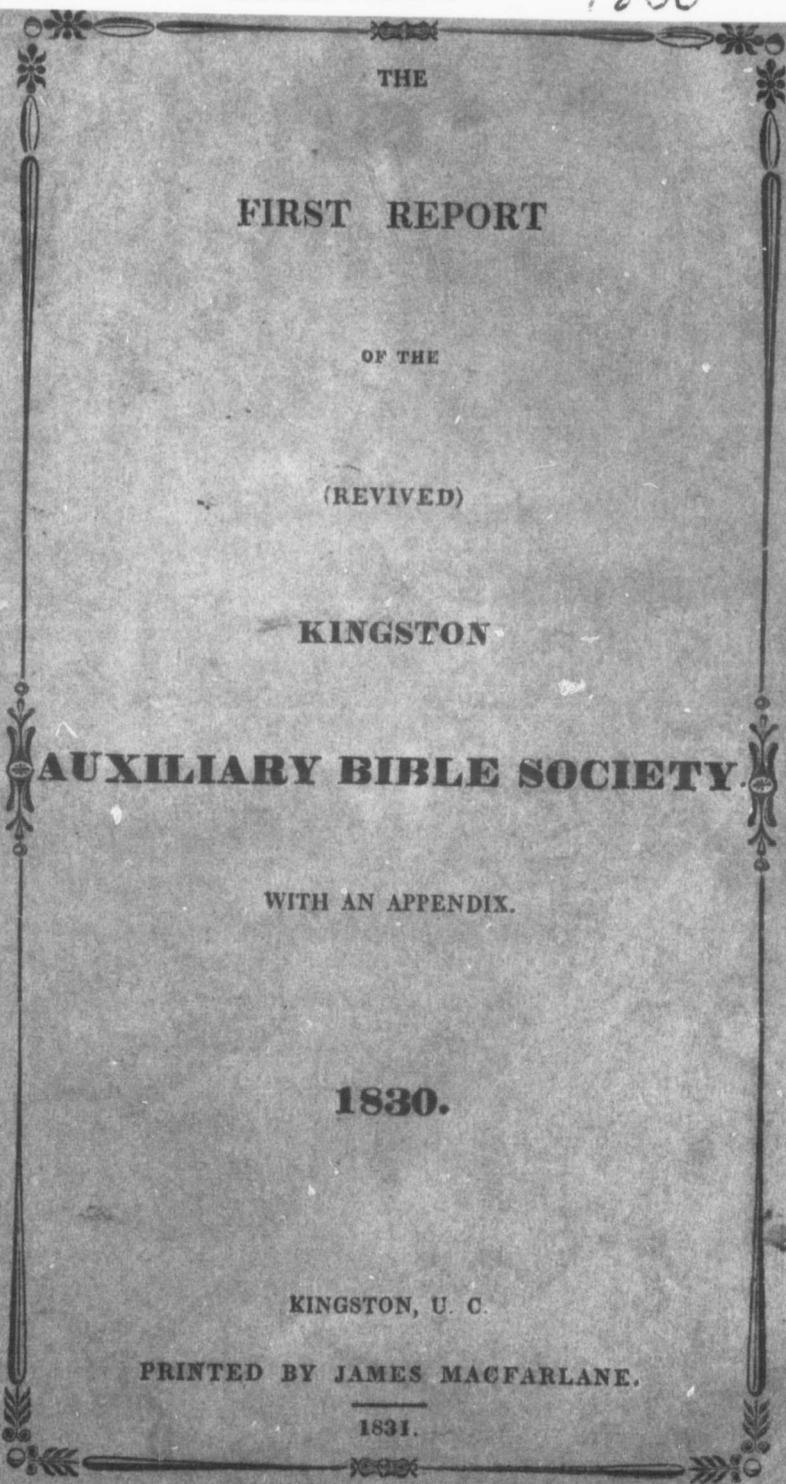


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NOTE.—The Name of H. C. THOMSON, Esq. M.P.P. was, on a motion to that effect, unanimously added to the Committee.

AT the Annual Meeting of the (revived)
KINGSTON AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY,
held in the Court House on the 21st day
of June, 1831.

JOHN McLEAN, Esq. *President, in the Chair.*

THE Meeting having been opened by reading a portion of the Word of God, and the Secretary having read the Report, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:---

I.—Moved by the *Rev. R. Cartwright*, and seconded by *Lieut. Colonel Roberts, R. A.*

That the Report now read be received, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

II.—Moved by the *Rev. John Machar*, and seconded by *Alexander Pringle, Esq.*

That the success which has attended the operations of this Society, while it calls for our gratitude to God, at the same time presents the most ample ground of encouragement for continued and increased exertions in its behalf.

III.—Moved by the *Rev. James Richardson*, and seconded by *Mr. Thomas Askew.*

That the Parent Institution is entitled to the most grateful acknowledgments of this Meeting for its great liberality to this Society.

IV.—Moved by *George McKenzie, Esq.* and seconded by *Mr. George Hardy.*

That this Meeting, viewing with much satisfaction the formation of three Auxiliary Associations in different parts of the country, and feeling the great importance of such institutions, earnestly recommend to their Committee the encouragement of such Auxiliaries as they have no

doubt will continue to be formed in the neighbouring counties.

V.—Moved by *Captain Hornsby, R.A.* and seconded by *Henry Cassady, Junr. Esq.*

That the thanks of this Meeting are due to his Excellency Sir John Colborne, for his readiness in becoming the Patron of this Society; and also to the President and Vice-Presidents for their attention to the Institution.

VI.—Moved by *Lieut. Col. Wright, R. E.*, and seconded by the *Rev. John Machar.*

That the Secretary be directed to convey to the Rev. W.R. Payne the thanks of this Meeting, for his unwearied attention and assiduity in promoting the revival of this Society.

VII.—Moved by *H. C. Thomson, Esq. M.P. P.*, and seconded by *Mr. Charles Tolkien.*

That the following Gentlemen be elected Office-Bearers for the ensuing year, (*See List on page third.*)

VIII.—Moved by *Dr. Yeomans*, and seconded by *George McKenzie, Esq.*

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the President for his services in the Chair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

I. That the object and constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society having the cordial approbation of this Meeting, the "*Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston*" be now revived and re-organized for the purpose of co-operating with that institution in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, both at home and abroad.

II. That conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society, shall be without note or comment, and those in the languages of the United Kingdom of the authorised version only.

III. That all persons subscribing 12s. 6d. per annum, or upwards, or L.5. or upwards at one time, shall be Members of the Society; that nevertheless, the smallest subscription shall be thankfully received, and the Subscribers entitled to purchase at the Depository Bibles to twice the amount of their subscription, at prime cost.

IV. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, Depository, and a Committee, consisting of not less than ten other Members, and that five Members constitute a quorum.

V. That every Clergyman, or other Minister, who is a Member of this Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings of the Committee.

VI. That the Committee shall meet once every three months, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

VII. That the Committee divide the Town and Neighbourhood into sections, and appoint two or more of their Members for each section, who may associate with themselves any subscribers, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions and donations from the inhabitants thereof, and that they establish proper agents and correspondents in different parts, within the limits of this auxiliary society.

VIII. That the whole of the Subscriptions and Donations received by the Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses, in the first instance to the purchase of such a number of Bibles and Testaments from the Parent Institution, as are required for local distribution, and that the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Parent Society. That the Members of this auxiliary society shall be entitled to the privilege of purchasing from its Depository Bibles and Testaments on the same conditions as the Members of the Parent Institution.

IX. That for the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent design of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their grant of the Scriptures for distribution among the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to enquire, either personally or by means of Bible associations, what families or individuals residing within their several sections, are in want of Bibles and Testaments, and unable to procure them, and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith, at prime cost or otherwise, according to their circumstances.

X. That for the still further promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures, it is expedient to encourage the formation of Branch Societies within the sphere of this Auxiliary, in such places as may not be sufficiently populous to form Auxiliary Societies of their own—such Branch Societies, and the individual Members thereof, to be entitled to the same privileges from the Auxiliary Society, as it and its individual Members enjoy from the Parent Institution.

XI. That such persons as may not find it convenient to become Members of the Auxiliary Society, or any one of its Branches, shall, upon forming themselves into Bible Associations, and sending a copy of their Rules to the Committee, be entitled to purchase at the Depository of this Society, under the direction of the Committee, copies of the Scriptures at prime cost, for gratuitous distribution, or sale among their poorer neighbours.

XII. That all Clergymen and other Ministers within the sphere of this Society, making collections in their respective congregations in behalf of the Institution, shall be entitled, on remitting such collections to the Treasurer of this Society, to receive Bibles and Testaments to an amount not exceeding one half of the said respective collections, estimated at prime cost, as shall be found to be needed by the poor in the vicinity—such return of Bibles and Testaments to be claimed within one year from the remittance of the collection. It is recommended in all practicable cases, to supply the poor by sale rather than by gift.

XIII. That a General Meeting of the Subscribers be held on the 2d. Tuesday of January in each year, when the accounts shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year stated, a new Committee appointed, and a Report agreed upon, to be printed under the direction of the Committee, and circulated among the Members.

XIV. That in the formation of the new Committee, the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, Depository, and such three-fourths of the other members as have most frequently attended the Committee, shall be re-eligible for the ensuing year.

REPORT.

THE circumstances under which the Committee who are now to report, received their appointment, will be fresh in the recollection of most of those here assembled. The Bible Society of Kingston, after it had, from various causes, languished for several years, had at last died. There were a few persons who lamented its decease, and wished much to see it a living thing once more. By these its revival had been contemplated for some time ; more, however, as a thing desirable than a thing practicable. Its friends were some of them gone to their rest, or removed to other scenes, and their places could not be easily filled up; others had apparently cooled in their zeal for the diffusion of the truth ; while others still had been so far separated from each other by local and party jealousies and misunderstandings, that it seemed hopeless to attempt binding them together again, even by the holy bonds of the *Bible*. But better days at last came forward. One Religious Institution had been revived in

Kingston, under circumstances of much hopefulness, and it was thought that the revival of another might be accomplished under auspices as fair. It was not thought that the one would interfere with the prosperity of the other, for it was remembered that Religious Institutions, like the trees of the forest, grow best together, while they are almost sure to die if planted in solitude and companionlessness. It was at last resolved to carry the project of a revival of the Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society into execution; and this auspicious event took place amidst trembling hope, and after many prayers. After several preliminary consultations among the friends of the cause, a general meeting was held in this place somewhat more than a year ago, when, after earnest prayer to Him without whom nothing is strong, the Society was regularly constituted and organized. The result is well known; the interest manifested in its proceedings, and the liberality with which many came forward to create a fund for its support, fully justified the attempt that had been made for its resuscitation.

The views and motives by which the friends of Bible Societies were actuated on this occasion, will readily occur to all who know what

the Bible is, and yet it may not be out of place here briefly to advert to them. They felt then, and still feel, in common with their fellow Christians in every land, the excellence of the Bible; and thus feeling, they cannot but regard the circulation of the Bible, wherever it is wanted, as a duty of plain, of imperious obligation. They see in every man, whatever his character, or country, or condition, a neighbour and a brother; and if they have not yet learned their duty to those who stand to them in such relationships, they cannot plead in extenuation of their ignorance of it, that it is either darkly stated or feebly enforced. "Who-so hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" The friends of the Bible remember this word; and, taking it in the acceptation in which it is usually understood, they reason, that if to look upon the bodily wants of a brother, and yet refuse to do what might be in their power to relieve them, would argue an utter ignorance of the first and great commandment, much more would it argue the same deplorable ignorance, to look with indifference on his spiritual necessities. They

feel that if it were a deed of cruelty to withhold the bread of earth, which can keep the bodily frame together, at the most for a little while, it were a deed of yet deeper cruelty to withhold the Bread of Heaven, *with* which the soul might live forever, but *without* which it must perish forever. Nor do they regard the circulation of the Bible as a duty merely ; they view it as one of their noblest privileges, and they bless God for the high honours which he confers upon those of his creatures who have been brought into the marvellous light of the Gospel, in allowing them to be in this way channels of blessing to their brethren of mankind. They know that in giving them the Bible they would become channels of blessing to them. They know this from seeing the degradation and wretchedness of those lands where the Bible has never come, as compared with the dignity and happiness of those upon which its light has shone. They know it from the blessedness which the Bible has imparted to themselves. They have found in it a balm for every wound, a consolation for every sorrow, a fullness for every want. It has told them how misery may be brought to a full end, by showing them how the source of misery which is sin, may be dried up—how the flesh

with its affections and lusts may be crucified and slain. It sheds light and joy around their present path : it tells of life and immortality beyond the grave. And deriving from the Bible such invaluable blessings,—and seeing from the state of Heathen countries, how wretched must have been their own lot, had no friendly hand conveyed it to them, they cannot but wish to see it go forth to every land, and they cannot but feel that it is indeed a noble gratification to think that God should use their poor instrumentality to introduce its light into any of those “dark places of the earth,” which for lack of it, are still “full of the habitations of cruelty” and sorrow.

O 'tis a Godlike privilege to save :
And he who scorns it is himself a slave.
Inform the mind : one beam of heavenly day
Will heal the heart, and melt his chains away. (1.)

The friends of Bible circulation in this place could not be insensible to these considerations, the force of which they are assured they feel in common with all who love the Bible in every land. They are considerations which will remain in force as long as there is a Heathen to be enlightened upon the face of the earth, and which they trust would impel them to do some-

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thing for the spread of divine truth in any circumstances in which they could be placed. In reviving the Kingston Auxiliary, however, besides these general considerations, other motives for circulating the Bible of a more special kind—arising from the state of this country, and their connection with it—presented themselves to their minds. If every man is our neighbour, and we are to do good unto all, yet some men are more our neighbours than others, and have stronger claims upon our sympathy and support. Such are the inhabitants of these Provinces; the supply of their wants is a matter of nearer concern and more imperious obligation than the supply of the wants of any other people. If the field for the spread of the word of God be the world, we are not to forget that our peculiar field is Canada, and more especially Upper Canada. The Upper Canadians are our *own* people; it is of them that God says to *us*, ‘Go forth, and plant and water’; for the way in which we shall have acted to them shall we have hereafter to account; and it will avail us little that we supplied the wants of other lands, if we shall be found to have left our own destitute. So speaks that word that cannot err: “If any

provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own kindred, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”

While the friends of the Bible in this place, feel Upper Canada to be *their* field of labour, they see it to be a field eminently requiring cultivation. They see that unless something is speedily done to reclaim it, it is in danger of becoming as rugged and unproductive in a spiritual point of view, as it still is in many places, notwithstanding its great capabilities, in a natural. When they contemplate its still partially unsettled state, and look at the width of surface over which its population is scattered, they see that many years must elapse before well-qualified ministers are likely to be settled in places where spiritual labourers are greatly needed, and they feel that it requires little sagacity to foresee that a fearful growth of carelessness and ignorance must mark the dreary interval. Taking these views of the state of Canada, which must occur to every considerate mind, it is natural to ask, Can we do nothing for those whom their situation has rendered, in some sense, outcasts from their God? Must they be left in hopeless abandonment to the natural consequences of their in-

felicitous circumstances? Though we may not do all that it were desirable to do for their relief, may we not do something?—May we not give them the Bible—that book, through the reading of which, in the absence of other means, faith may come, or be prevented from failing—that book, of whose contents it is said, “These are written, that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we might have life through his name.”

But besides these motives for circulating the Bible in this country, there are many other circumstances which, in contemplating the situation and prospects of Upper Canada, present themselves to the friends of truth to engage their exertions on this field of beneficence. By storing this extensive Province with Bibles, a way will be laid open for the Christianization not only of those Indian tribes which yet linger within its limits, but of those far more numerous tribes which stretch away beyond its western border to the shores of the Pacific—tribes which exist almost in their aboriginal condition, and to which if Christianity is known at all, it is known only as a name. But in whatever direction the friends of the

Bible look in this country, they see motives for increasing the facilities for its circulation. While the state of the Indian tribes claims their compassion on the west, their attention is arrested by an increasing tide of emigration from the east. That tide is swelling from year to year, and it will prove salutary or noxious according to the nature of the infusion that is poured into it, whether of right or of evil principle. In such circumstances, can any benevolent Christian look on this tide with indifference, and without doing something to procure that efficacious ingredient which can alone heal its noxious qualities, and bid it fertilize the land on which it is to settle? The more he regards it the more forcibly, surely, must the words of the wise man occur to his mind, "Cast thy bread upon the waters : for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight ; for thou knowest not what evil shall be on the earth."

In the midst of such numerous and such powerful calls to circulate the Bible in this country, it is pleasing to think that these calls have been heard in many quarters, and that something has been already done to meet them. From Quebec the accounts on this

subject which your Committee have received are very gratifying. The Auxiliary there has had, and still has to conflict with many difficulties, but it is growing notwithstanding; and we think that its friends may know that God is for them, because, in the midst of so many opposing circumstances, they do more than maintain their position. The Montreal Society is greatly increasing its distribution of the Scriptures from year to year. The accounts received from York respecting the Auxiliary there, are also encouraging. This Society will learn with pleasure, that the last mentioned Auxiliary are actively prosecuting the work of getting the Scriptures translated into the more prevailing Indian languages; nor do the Committee doubt but their constituents, duly appreciating the importance of this object, and participating in the joy naturally arising from looking forward to its accomplishment, will rejoice to aid their brethren at York in its prosecution.

And now, in adverting to the Kingston Auxiliary, the Committee trust that their constituents, if they do not see all done which they would wish, will see enough to make them thank God and take courage. Your

Committee no sooner received their appointment, than they ordered a supply of Bibles from the Parent Society to the extent of £260 sterling, in value; but in order to lose no time, they, meanwhile, applied to the Montreal Auxiliary for a small supply, which was readily granted. These were soon called for, and the shelves of the Depository would have again been empty but for the seasonable arrival of the order from London, which, being a large one, placed the Committee above any fear of inability to meet the demands made on them for some time.

The Depository in his report, which is brought up to the 4th of January last, states that the total number of Bibles or Testaments received into the Depository, during the last year, was 2,762; and that of these there had been issued a total of 831 books, viz. 812 English Bibles or Testaments; 13 French; 4 Gaelic; 1 German, and 1 Irish; while there remained in the Depository a total of 1931 books.

On a reference to the Treasurer's account also brought up to the 4th of January, it will be seen that his receipts, arising from subscriptions and donations, from sales, and from

remittances of Branch Societies, amount to £212. 9s. 11½*d*, while his disbursements for charges and for bills of exchange are £192. 11s. 3½*d*—leaving a balance in his hands of £29. 18s. 8*d*. It will be seen also, from the same account, that exclusive of £23 4s. 7*d*. currency, remitted to the Montreal Auxiliary, £130 sterling had been remitted to the Parent Society, in payment of Bibles. Subtracting this sum from the amount of the different invoices of the Parent Society, the debt due by this Auxiliary to that Society, is £129. 9s. 4*d*. sterling.

The Committee have great pleasure in reporting to their constituents that three Branch Societies, which are to co-operate with the Kingston Auxiliary, have been formed during the past year, one at Gananoque, another at Waterloo, and a third at Napanee; and that from all of these places favourable accounts continue to be received.

GANANOQUE.—A letter has been received from the Secretary at this place, containing many interesting notices regarding the operations of the Gananoque Branch and the spiritual condition of the surrounding districts. 69 books had been sold at the date of this letter, and the number of subscribers was 90.

WATERLOO.—Dr. Yeomans, the Secretary, writes as follows :

“The number of Members of this Branch Society was ascertained to be 55, and five Donors. 40 Bibles and 19 Testaments have been distributed, the most of them to families that had not a copy of the Scriptures ; and the number yet destitute the Committee have not been able to ascertain.”

NAPANEE.—The Branch at this place, which was formed in September last, has purchased at the Depository in Kingston, 55 Bibles or Testaments, nearly all of which, according to a letter from the Secretary, have been disposed of. The number of Subscribers and Donors to this Branch are 150.

And here in adverting to these Branch Societies, your Committee feel that you will painfully be reminded that the gentleman who, more than any other individual, contributed to their formation, is not here to-day to hail you with a Christian greeting, and to give you an account, in his own kindly manner, of his labours of love. How many changes does even one year produce ! The Committee have had to deplore the loss, by removal to other scenes, of two of the most active and

useful of their members, to one of whom you would feel it an omission if your Committee did not particularly allude—we mean the Rev. Mr. Payne, late Chaplain to the Navy at this station, and the most indefatigable and efficient of your Secretaries. The fidelity of this gentleman as a Christian pastor, will be long remembered in this place, and his loss lamented. How pleasing the reflection, that when the call that removed him from us came, it found him at his post, spending himself, and being spent in extending the efficiency of this Society! But the Committee can truly say that they have witnessed with deep regret the departure of both these Christian friends. It has not often been their lot to meet a pair possessed of so many estimable and endearing qualities. The intercourse enjoyed with them in this place was uniformly delightful, and the memory of it is sweet. May the blessing of the God of the Bible accompany them wherever they go, and when their days and ours are numbered here, may our intercourse be renewed in our Father's house above, where, in the enjoyment of a more direct and unclouded revelation of the Divinity, even the Bible will not be needed—

where hope shall rise into fruition, and faith be changed into sight !

The friends of the Bible in this place will learn with pleasure, that in consequence of an application made by the Committee to His Excellency Sir John Colborne, His Excellency has kindly consented to become Patron of this Society. The readiness with which the wish of the Committee was acceded to by his Excellency, will surprise none who are aware of the zeal with which His Excellency enters into every plan for advancing the best interests of the Province ; but the Committee do not advert to this circumstance either through a desire to compliment him, or through an opinion that the Bible cause can derive any greatness from the sanction even of such names as his, but simply for the purpose of remarking how comely a thing it is, and how much in unison with the Bible, to see Judges and Rulers "bringing their honour and glory" to such Institutions. If as is foretold in prophecy, the Rulers of the earth are to be "nursing fathers to the Church," they cannot surely better fulfil their high destiny than by promoting the free and unobstructed circulation of those Holy Oracles, without free and un-

obstructed access to which, it must be evident to every enlightened mind, there would soon be no Church to nurse, but as in the days that preceded the Reformation, "darkness would cover the earth and gross darkness the people."

Your Committee cannot speak in terms too grateful of the liberality of the Parent Society to this Auxiliary during the past year. Last summer they were visited by a Mr. Thompson, a travelling agent of the Society in London for South America, then on a tour through these Provinces; and they have lately learned that, chiefly in consequence of the representations of this gentleman, the Committee in London have placed at the disposal of this Auxiliary, 2000 copies of Bibles and Testaments, in order, as the Secretary's letter states that their friends here may not be subject to any delay in supplying those wants which are from day to day brought under their notice, by the establishment of Bible Associations, and by the exploratory inquiries of active friends.

In resigning their office, your Committee feel encouraged to indulge the pleasing hope

that, in the hands of their successors, through the blessing of the God of truth upon their exertions, the Society will not only not be permitted to languish, but rise into more vigorous life, and more extended usefulness. In looking around them upon what is to be done in this country, they will see much to quicken their exertions, and in looking abroad upon what is doing in other lands, they will see much to kindle their emulation in the sacred cause of the Bible. And here, it would no doubt have been gratifying to many, had a detail been given of some of the more interesting proceedings of the Parent Institution during the past year; and such a detail would have been presented, if it had not been seen that this Report would be thereby swelled to an undue size. The prominent facts only can be mentioned, viz., that the income of the Society last year was £84,983 sterling, that its issues of the Scriptures were 32,453 copies, and that the number of languages and dialects into which the Bible has been translated, in whole or in part, up to this time, are 146. How animating are these facts! Pointing to the past achievements of Bible Societies, may it not be already said, "Behold

what God hath wrought!" Yet these are but earnestings of yet mightier triumphs for the truth of God. Already have multitudes in almost every clime, through the instrumentality of Bible Societies, experienced the blessedness of "knowing the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent," whom it is the object of the Bible to reveal; but the Committee feel that the multitudes, now rejoicing in this knowledge, are few compared with those who shall yet rejoice in it. Much yet remains to be done, but it will be done. The eye is still pained as it looks over the globe; for darkness still covers many a land, and gross darkness the people, and crime and sorrow, its constant companions, linger amidst its shades. But a brighter day is approaching, and joy, even the joy of the Lord, is returning to the earth. A healing and purifying influence is at work,—and it consists in the knowledge of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—the knowledge which the Bible imparts. Yes, it is this knowledge that is to bid sorrow depart by bidding sin depart. It is this knowledge that is yet to level low with the ground every habitation of cruelty on the earth, and substitute a habitation of peace and charity in its room, by regaining for God

his rightful seat in the affections of his creatures, and by restoring them to their proper place in his family. It is this knowledge that, travelling forth as brightness, and burning as a lamp to the ends of the earth, is to melt away from its face that system of curses and woes and blasphemies that has so long darkened and polluted it; that is to break up the dominion of Satan in its every realm; and that is to carry freshness and beauty and health over its most arid and revolting and pestilential wastes. As it was by a departure from this knowledge that the whole creation came into the condition of groaning and travail, so it is by a return to it that she is to be brought out of this condition, and to attain to the joy of a happy deliverance. It is this knowledge that, impregnated by the breath of the Spirit, is yet to shake the dry bones through all the wide extent of the Prophet's visioned valley; that is to remove away from it each dark memorial of desolation and corruption; and to give to the eye, instead of the trophies of sin and death, and the dreariness of the opened sepulchre, the sublime and beautiful spectacle of "an exceeding great army" rising up from the dust, rich in the products of Christianity's fruitfulness, and adorned with the graces of Christianity's loveliness.

While your Committee indulge these cheering anticipations respecting the blessed effects which the knowledge of God is to produce upon the world at large, they see no reason for despondency, regarding its salutary operation as respects that limited subdivision of the world which more immediately claims the sympathy and attention of this meeting. They are persuaded that many in this place, and in the surrounding country, confidently anticipate the extending prosperity and usefulness of this Society; and they take pleasure in reflecting that the Lord disappointeth not the confidence of his servants. Still they feel more than ever the necessity which there is that the hand of the Lord should be with those who conduct the society's affairs; and therefore they call upon one another, and upon their constituents, to join in presenting to the Lord this supplication on its behalf: "O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

APPENDIX.

Rules for Branch Societies.

I. That the object and Constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society having the cordial approbation of this meeting, we form ourselves into a Society in connexion with that Institution, through the medium of the Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society, for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment—and that this Society be denominated, “the Branch Bible Society of———”

II. That conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society, shall be without note or comment, and those in the language of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.

III. That all persons subscribing Five Shillings, or upwards, per annum, shall be members of this Society, and that all donations be thankfully received:

IV. That the business of this Society, shall be conducted by a President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Depositary, and a Committee, consisting of not less than twelve other members,—and that five members of this Committee constitute a quorum.

V. That every Clergyman or Minister who is a Member of this Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meetings of this Committee.

VI. That the Committee shall meet every third month or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

VII. That the Committee divide the County into sections, and appoint two or more of their members for each section, who may associate with themselves any subscribers, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions and donations, from the inhabitants thereof, and that they establish proper agents and correspondents in different parts within the limits of this Branch Society.

VIII. That the whole of the subscriptions and donations received by this Society, shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses, in the first instance, to the purchase of a certain number of Bibles and Testaments from the Kingston Auxiliary as are required for local distribution, and that the surplus funds shall be remitted to

the Parent Society through the Kingston Auxiliary.— That the Members of this Society shall be entitled to the privilege of purchasing from its Depository, Bibles and Testaments, on the same conditions as the members of the Parent Institution, namely, to five times the amount of the subscription at the reduced prices, and any farther quantity at cost price.

IX. That for the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent design of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their grant of the Scriptures for distribution among the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to enquire what family or individuals residing within their several sections, are in want of Bibles and Testaments, and unable to procure them, and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith, at prime cost or otherwise, according to their circumstances.

X. That such persons, within the sphere of this Society as shall be desirous of forming themselves into Bible Associations, shall, on sending a copy of their Rules to this Committee, be entitled to purchase at the Depository of this Society, under the direction of the Committee, copies of the Scripture at prime cost, for gratuitous distribution or sale among their poorer neighbours.

XI. That all Clergymen and Ministers, within the sphere of this Society, making collections in their respective Congregations in behalf of this Institution, shall be entitled, on remitting such collections to the Treasurer of this Society, to receive Bibles and Testaments to an amount not exceeding one half of the said collections, estimated at prime cost, as shall be found to be needed by the poor in the vicinity, such return of Bibles and Testaments to be claimed within one year from the remittance of the collection. It is recommended in all practicable cases, to supply the poor by sale rather than by gift.

XII. That a general Meeting of the Subscribers be held at such time as shall be convenient in each year, when the accounts shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year stated, a new Committee appointed, and a report agreed upon, to be printed under the direction of the Committee, and circulated among the members.

XIII. That in the formation of the new Committee, the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Depository, and such three-fourths of the other members as have most frequently attended the Committee, shall be re-eligible for the ensuing year.

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NO RETURN.

*Account of BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS received and issued by the KINGSTON AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY,
from the 26th February, 1830, to 4th January, 1831.*

	ENGLISH.		FRENCH.		GÆLIC.		WELSH.		GERMAN.		IRISH	TOTAL.
	Bibles.	Tests.	Bibles.	Tests.	Bibles.	Tests.	Bibles.	Tests.	Bibles.	Tests.	Tests.	
Received in the Depository, - - -	772	1650	66	112	18	7	17	50	3	23	4	2762
Issued from Depository, - - - -	244	568	1	12	3	1				1	1	831
Remaining in Dep. January 4th, 1831.	528	1122	65	100	15	6	17	50	3	22	3	1931

GEORGE HARDY, DEPOSITORY.

Dr. *The Auxiliary and British Foreign Bible Society of Kingston, in account with HILARY DUPUY, Treasurer.* **Cr.**

1830		L.	s.	d.	1830		L.	s.	d.	L.	s.	d.
	To remittance of a Bill of Exchange L.20.					By Bal. of the old account received						
	14s. Sterling, 8 per cent. - - -	24	16	9		from the late Treas. J. Kirby, Esq.				41	17	0
	To do. do. do. do. L50. 7½ pr. ct.	59	14	5		By amount of Subscriptions and						
	To do. do. do. do. L60. 7 pr. ct.	71	6	8		Donations for the year 1830.						
	To Cash paid the Rev. Mr. Payne for Books					On opening the Meeting, - - -	22	0	0			
	purchased at Lesslies: - - -	0	5	4½		From Mr. Tolkien; - - -	4	17	11			
	To Cash paid Mr. Hardy for Insurance on					From Dr. Armstrong, - - -	8	5	1			
	Books. - - -	1	4	8		From McDonell & Tolkien, - - -	3	10	5			
	To my Draft on the Montreal Bank for pay-					From Mr. Prèntiss, - - -	6	19	4			
	ment of Books had from the Society there.	23	4	7		From George McKenzie, Esq. - - -	3	17	6			
	To Cash paid Mr. Payne for Postages, &c.	1	1	6		Fm. Mr. Johnston, thro' Mr. Payne	0	14	10½			
	To do: Mr. Pringle on account of					From Dr Armstrong, - - -	1	3	4			
	Rev. Mr. Machar. - - -	0	16	0		From Gananogue. - - -	28	19	3			
	To do. postage of a letter from Mr. Jackson	0	1	4		From Mr. McLean, (Barriefield)	0	6	0			
	Balance in the Treasurer's hand. - - -	29	18	8		From Waterloo Association, - - -	11	5	0			
						From Mr. Hardy, by a friend. - - -	0	2	6			
						From Waterloo, - - -	5	0	0			
						From a Friend thro' Mr. Tolkien	1	0	0			
										98	1	2½
						By amount of Cash received from						
						the Depository for Books, includ-						
						ing £S. 5s. received from Lennox						
						Association. - - -				72	11	9
										212	9	11½
		212	9	11½								

Examined and found correct. C. TOLKIEN AND JOHN MOWAT, Auditors.

H. DUPUY, TREASURER.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS to the Kingston Auxiliary to
the British and Foreign Bible Society, 21st January, 1830.

A.	Subscriptions.			Donations.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Anderson Captain (R. A.) :	1	0	0	0	0	0
Armstrong E. W. Dr. :	0	15	0	0	0	0
Armstrong J. W. Mr. :	0	15	0	0	0	0
Askew Thomas Mr. :	0	12	6	0	0	0
B.						
Bankhead Robert Mr. :	0	0	0	0	1	3
Benson Mrs. :	0	0	0	0	2	6
Benson Mr. :	0	0	0	0	2	6
Benson J. R. Mr. :	0	0	0	0	2	6
Bidwell Barnabas Esq. :	1	5	0	0	0	0
Blake John Mr. :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Booth John Mr. :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Brocket Theodore Mr. :	0	0	0	0	4	6
Bruce Joseph Mr. :	0	12	6	0	0	0
C.						
Cartwright John Esq. :	0	12	6	0	12	6
Cash :	0	0	0	0	2	4
Cash :	0	0	0	0	10	0
Cash :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Cash :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Cash - :	0	0	0	0	1	11
Cash :	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cassady Henry Jun. Esq. :	0	15	0	0	0	0
Cassady Robert C. Mr. :	0	0	0	0	2	11
Collins William Mr. :	0	0	0	0	1	0
Counter John Mr. :	1	5	0	0	0	0
Coy John Mr. :	0	0	0	0	5	0
D.						
Dawson John Mr. :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Day Lewis Mr. :	0	0	0	0	2	6
Donation :	0	0	0	0	2	6
Douglas N. (Col.) :	1	5	0	0	0	0
Douglass Mrs. :	0	0	0	0	2	0
Dowling John Mr. :	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duncan John Mr. :	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dupuy H. Esq. :	0	12	6	0	0	0
E.						
Ely E. S. Mr. :	0	0	0	0	5	0
F.						
Farley Mrs. :	0	0	0	0	10	0
Forsyth A. Mr. :	0	12	6	0	0	0
Carried forward :	£10	2	6	£4	16	11

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Brought forward	10	2	6	4	16	11
Foster A. Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Fraser James Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Friend A. : : :	0	0	0	0	2	6
Friend A. (per Mr. G. Hardy)	0	0	0	1	0	0
Friend A. : : :	0	0	0	0	1	3
Fullarton Benjamin Mr. :	0	0	0	0	1	3
G.						
Guildersleeve Henry (Capt.) :	0	12	6	0	0	0
H.						
Hardy George Mr. : : :	0	12	6	0	0	0
Heath Charles Mr. : : :	0	12	6	0	0	0
Hornsby Captain (R. A.) :	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hope Robert F. Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Huff Isaac Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	2	6
Hughes Josias Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	2	6
Hunter Mrs. : : :	0	0	0	0	2	9
K.						
Kirkpatrick Thomas, Esq. :	0	15	0	0	0	0
L.						
Lohead William Rev. : :	0	15	0	0	0	0
M.						
Macaulay John Esq. : : :	0	0	0	0	10	0
Machar John Rev. : : :	1	0	0	0	0	0
McLean John Esq. : : :	1	5	0	0	0	0
McDonell Arch'd Esq. : : :	1	0	0	0	0	0
McKenzie George Esq. : : :	0	12	6	0	0	0
McLeod Jane Mrs. : : :	1	0	0	0	0	0
McQueen Mrs. : : :	0	0	0	0	1	0
McAllum Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	2	9
McCrea Samuel Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	2	6
McLeod Miss : : :	0	0	0	0	2	0
Meagher Mrs. : : :	0	0	0	0	1	7
Moore Mrs. : : :	0	0	0	0	0	11
Morley Samuel Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	5	0
Mowat John Mr. : : :	0	15	0	0	0	0
O.						
Olcott Benjamin Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	1	3
Oliphant John Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	5	0
P.						
Parker John G. Mr. : : :	1	5	0	0	0	0
Payne W. R. Rev. : : :	1	0	0	0	0	0
Prentiss Douglass Mr. : : :	0	12	6	0	0	0
Pringle Alexander Esq. : : :	1	5	0	0	0	0
Proudfoot William Mr. : : :	0	0	0	0	7	11
Carried forward	£24	5	0	£9	4	7

		£	s	d	£	s	d
	Brought forward	24	5	0	9	4	7
R.							
Roberts Col. (R. A.)	- - -	1	5	0	0	0	0
Russell Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	5	0
S.							
Sadd John Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	1	3
Scantlebury Mrs.	- - -	0	0	0	0	3	9
Shaw Samuel Esq.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Shaw James R. Mr.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Smith George Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	2	1
Spence Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	1	3
Stark Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stewart G. O. Ven. Arch Deacon	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Stewart Doctor	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Strange John Esq.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
T.							
Taylor Dr.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Thomson H. C. Esq.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Tolkien Charles Mr.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Truax Abraham Mr.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Turner Thomas Rev.	- - -	0	15	0	0	0	0
V.							
Vanalstine Duncan Mr.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Vincent John Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	5	0
W.							
Wartman Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	2	6
Webster George Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	5	0
Wilkinson William Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	2	6
Wilson William Mr.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Wilson Thomas Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	5	0
Wishart Mrs.	- - -	0	0	0	0	2	9
Wissenger Mrs.	- - -	0	0	0	0	1	3
Wood Thomas Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	1	3
Wright J. R. Col.	- - -	1	5	0	0	0	0
Wycott James Mr.	- - -	0	0	0	0	2	6
Y.							
Yeomans H. Dr.	- - -	0	12	6	0	0	0
Total.....		£35	0	0	£11	6	8

