

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Auxiliary Bible Society

OF KINGSTON,

For the Year ending January, 1865.

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ANNUAL MEETING.—Third Tuesday of January. The Committee meet on the second Monday of each month, at 4 P.M., and oftener as business may require.

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## Constitution of the Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston.

- I.—That the "Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston," cordially approving the object and Constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society, has been organized for the purpose of co-operating with that Institution, in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, and such copies as are in the languages of the United Kingdom shall be of the authorized version only.
- II.—That all persons subscribing 7s. 6d. per annum shall be members of this Society; and each subscriber of £5 at one time shall be a life member.
- III.—That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee, comprising President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and not less than ten other members; and that five members constitute a quorum.
- IV.—That all Ministers of the Gospel who are members of the Society shall be members of the Committee.
- V.—That the Committee shall meet every month, or oftener if necessary.
- VI.—That the whole of the subscriptions and donations received by the Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses in the first instance, to such Bibles and Testaments from the Parent Institution as are required for distribution, and that the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Parent Society.
- VII.—That for the promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures it is expedient to encourage the formation of Branch Societies and Depots, and to employ such other agencies as the Committee may think suitable.
- VIII.—That a general meeting of the subscribers be held on the third Tuesday in 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 and circulated under the direction of the Committee.
- IX.—That in the formation of the new Committee respect be had to those who have been found faithful in their attendance during the year.
- X.—That the Committee shall have the power of nominating such persons as have rendered essential services to the Society, either governors for life or honorary members.

### FORM OF CONSTITUTION FOR BRANCH SOCIETIES.

- I.—That we form ourselves into a Society in connection with the "Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston," for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures of such copies as are in the language of the United Kingdom, to be of the authorized version only; and that the Society be denominated "The Branch Society of ———."
- II.—That all persons subscribing ——— or upwards per annum shall be members of this Society.
- III.—That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee, comprising the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretaries, and not less than ——— other members, and that ——— members of this Committee constitute a quorum.
- IV.—That all Ministers of the Gospel who are members of the Society shall be members of the Committee.
- V.—That the Committee shall meet every third month, or oftener if necessary.
- VI.—That the Committee divide the locality 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.
- VII.—That the whole of the money received by this Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses in the first instance, to the purchase of such Bibles and Testaments from the Kingston Auxiliary as are required for distribution, and that the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Kingston Auxiliary.
- VIII.—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.
- IX.—That in the formation of a new Committee respect be had to those who have been found faithful in their attendance during the year.

## ANNIVERSARY MEETING,

HELD IN WESLEY HALL, ON TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20TH, 1863.

REV. R. V. ROGERS, VICE-PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The meeting was opened with reading and prayer by the Rev. Mr. DOBBS; after which it was addressed by the Chairman, when an abstract of the Annual Report was read by the Recording Secretary, Mr. SWEETNAM.

Moved by the Rev. GEORGE YOUNG, and seconded by A. H. CAMPBELL, Esq., and

*Resolved*,—That the Report, an abstract of which has been read, be adopted, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee, and that the office-bearers and Committee for the ensuing year be as follows. (See page 2.)

Mr. PATON stated briefly the position and operations of the Ladies' Bible Association in this city.

Rev. P. D. MUIR gave an account of his labors as Agent of the Society.

Moved by the LORD BISHOP OF ONTARIO, seconded by Mr. JOHNSON, Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and

*Resolved*,—That this meeting rejoices in the increasing success of the venerable Parent Society and its numerous Branches desires to express its devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the measure of blessing vouchsafed in connection with the means employed for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in many lands; and recognizes, in the success which has marked past operations, as well as in the ignorance and superstition of the vast majority of mankind, the strongest motives for persevering, in the spirit of faith and prayer, in the prosecution of every plan calculated to give still wider dissemination to that inspired volume which is able, under the illuminating grace of the Holy Spirit, to make men wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

After singing the Doxology, the proceedings were closed with the benediction by the BISHOP OF ONTARIO.

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## REPORT.

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THE Bible Society is founded on the principle of reverence for the Holy Scriptures, as containing a revelation from God to men of supreme importance to every one of the human family.

The Parent Society's aim is to make the Scriptures known in every nation and in every tongue, and as far as may be to place them in the possession of every individual on the face of the earth, "without note or comment, that they may go forth in their own unadorned majesty to speak for themselves."

Piety and philanthropy of so wide a range displays the most enlightened good-will to man, in conjunction with a devout regard to the glory of the Most High.

Scarcely fifty-nine years have elapsed since the little band of 300 established the British and Foreign Bible Society. With Dr. STEINKOPFF, who died two or three years ago, disappeared the generation which laid the broad and firm foundation of the Society. Since the period of its formation it has passed from its original narrow limits to those extended dimensions which encircle the globe, and we have cause to rejoice that the Society has now become both a bulwark and a glory to our nation.

The Committee of the Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston, in presenting their nineteenth Report, offer thanksgiving to Almighty God for the measure of success which has attended their efforts during the year which has just closed. The five Counties within the jurisdiction of the Society have been visited by the Society's Colporteur. An Agent was also employed for a period of six months to encourage those of our Branches which were in operation, to re-establish others which had ceased to be active, and to form new ones where the opportunity was presented. Details of the labors of the Agent and Colporteur appear in another part of this Report.

The Committee having regard to the responsibility which rests upon the Kingston Society for the proper culture of the

small field under its immediate charge, have, during the past few months, with great care, and after much earnest deliberation, matured measures, which, in their opinion, are calculated to result advantageously in connection with Bible Society work in the adjoining Counties. With this view correspondence has taken place with the Parent Society, and with the Upper Canada, Montreal, and Ottawa Auxiliaries. The correspondence, together with all other information bearing on the case, will be submitted to the Committee to be appointed for the current year, with the hope that the recommendations of the retiring Committee will be carried into effect.

### DEPOSITORY.

The Depository, under the satisfactory management of Mr. EDWARD STACEY, is still maintained in its accustomed state of efficiency. The issues for the past year have been as follows:—

	Bibles.	Testaments.	Total.
Sales at Depository ... ..	326	426	752
“ to Colporteur ... ..	339	427	766
Branches and Depots ... ..	239	341	580
Gratuitous Distribution ... ..	99	37	136
Ladies' Bible Association ... ..	21	7	28
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Issues during previous year ... ..	1024	1238	2262
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Decrease ... ..	...	...	1051

Total number of issues since 1830 inclusive, 26,340 Bibles and 32,374 Testaments, making a grand total of 58,714 copies of the sacred volume circulated by the Society since the year named.

### STOCK.

The stock on hand at the close of the year consisted of 1532 English Bibles, 89 foreign Bibles and 30 parts, 294 English Testaments, and 201 foreign Testaments. Value, selling price, £242 17s. 10½d.

### AGENTS' REPORT.

In the Report of last year a promise was given that an effort would be made to engage the services of an Agent to visit the Branches already formed and to establish others. The Committee were able to enter into a satisfactory arrangement with the Rev. P. D. MUIR, M.A., for a period of six months, during



which time the Committee have reason to believe that he labored faithfully to promote the interests of the Society.

Between the first of April and the middle of July last, the Agent visited 33 places and held 27 public meetings. He reports that not more than three or four of the Branches were in working order. He resumed labor in September, and visited 36 places and held 30 public meetings.

The present number of Branches is 32; many of them, Mr. MURK thinks, may be brought into a prosperous state.

The Agent states:—

“My engagement with your Auxiliary commenced, as you are aware, with the 1st of April, a most unseasonable time for holding meetings or indeed operating in any way in a cause which requires for its success an appeal to the general Christian public. And yet, probably to this circumstance in some degree is owing the measure of success which your Agent has met with, forcing him as it did to seek out the warm-hearted friends of the cause who are to be met with everywhere, instead of trusting to the unpremeditated and often random suggestions of a public meeting. About three months and a half were occupied in reconnoitering the field and arranging preliminary organizations where this was necessary and practicable, in the course of which thirty-three different places were visited, most of them more than once, and twenty-seven public meetings were held, none of them large but many of them very encouraging.

“I resumed my labors in September, not without anxiety, visited thirty-six places, and held thirty public meetings. I would be glad to believe the failure in the other six, to all of which circulars were sent, and at all of which I was able to be forward at the time appointed, was in no case the result of apathy. The results hitherto, but I am inclined to hope not the entire results, even in a pecuniary point of view, may be somewhat indicated by the subjoined statement of contributions. The efficient labors of your Colporteur, traces of whose work I found everywhere, limit greatly the sales at the various depots, without perhaps in any case rendering them altogether unnecessary.

“Without entering upon a detailed account of my movements in their order, which has been already furnished to your Committee, permit me simply to append a few notes of what, as it appears to me, are the Society's prospects at each of

the places on my list. For convenience sake I shall arrange them alphabetically.

### BRANCHES.

*Amherst Island.*—A crowded meeting, a collection of \$8.78, and apparently a very excellent Committee, give promise of a very efficient Branch here, where hitherto nothing has been done.

*Bath.*—A very old and once very efficient Branch, which had for several years ceased to exist. New symptoms of life and the pledge of a subscription amounting to \$25, encourage attention on the part of the Auxiliary which will be required.

*Ballynahinch.*—An attempt, not very successful, was made to organize a Committee at the Presbyterian Church here. It might be worth while to make another attempt if a meeting could be got in sleighing.

*Big Creek.*—Our attempts to organize here were also a failure, which is to be regretted, as it is the centre of a well-to-do farming population, among whom are many professing Christians, who ought to be friends to such a cause as this.

*Bloomfield.*—There never had been an organization here, although we have long had a depot under the charge of our excellent friend PHILIP CLARK. Now a very efficient Committee has produced and promises still further very gratifying results. On the broad platform of the Bible Society it was delightful to see how the members of the Society of Friends and the various Methodist Societies realized to their own manifest enjoyment the Christian brotherhood.

*Bridgewater.*—This model little Village has furnished us with a most promising Committee, from which I shall be greatly disappointed if something tangible is not furnished from time to time.

*Caniffton.*—The active and zealous efforts of the Rev. Mr. LADU had placed this Branch in a state of the highest efficiency. It is to be hoped that the warm friends of the cause who co-operated with him will not suffer this to be lost.

*Centreville.*—I am somewhat hopeless of an efficient Branch here; and yet, considering its position, it is a great pity.

*Clark's Mills.*—A very liberal collection shows that we have here some warm friends of the Society.

*Consecon.*—Languishing, but surely capable of revival. The praiseworthy exertions of two young ladies at Melville in

this locality might encourage your Agent to visit that neighborhood and hold an occasional meeting; while a Subcommittee might at least be formed in connection with Conseccon.

"*Demorestville*.—Awake after a long sleep, and promising to do well.

"*Gananogue*.—An old Branch which it may be very difficult to resuscitate. Further efforts ought however to be made to bring this Branch, connected with which are some warm friends of the cause, to its former efficiency.

"*Harrowsmith*.—A day of small things, but not to be despised; and might come to something if the Christian Ministers of the neighborhood would take hold of it as they should.

"*Inverary*.—No hope of anything efficient here, but in some other part of the Township the Society might be more successful.

"*Lonsdale*.—With encouragement may come to be an efficient Branch. Their first effort gives a free contribution of \$11:95.

"*Madoc*.—One of our most important Branches, which well attended to ought to be very fruitful. The key to the country opened up by the Hastings Road.

"*Melrose*.—A new Branch formed this year under the most encouraging auspices.

"*Milford*.—Promised well at an excellent meeting, and we think certainly will perform, though we regret to have up to the present date not yet heard the result.

"*Moscow*.—The centre of a fine Agricultural tract, where there are at least some very warm friends of the Society. It might be difficult but would be most desirable to get an efficient Committee here.

"*Napanee* did well, and we believe will do better.

"*Newburgh*.—There are most promising appearances for the future as regards this Branch, long dead; but it will be necessary for the Committee to secure a deputation or a visit of an Agent as soon as possible.

"*Odessa*.—Very backward. Your Agent desired to reach the people by a visit on Sabbath, for which purpose the pulpits were freely offered him. This he has not been able to accomplish; but could it yet be done, a footing might be secured for the cause.

“*Picton* speaks for itself, and it is thought that the ensuing year will be marked with even more efficiency than usual.

“*Roblin*.—A new Village, where perhaps not much may be immediately expected, but to which attention ought certainly to be paid.

“*Roslin*.—A most efficient Branch may be expected here, where there never has hitherto been any organization.

“*Selby*.—It was with the utmost regret that we utterly failed even to get a meeting here.

“*Shannonville*.—It will be difficult to secure the right men to work this Branch, where our most efficient Depositary, H. HOLDEN, Esq., stands almost alone. The attempt, however, ought not to be abandoned.

“*Stirling*.—The Committee begin to understand what they are about, and will, I think, work well. The Branch is new, having only been formed the previous year.

“*Sydenham*.—It is a matter both of surprise and regret that it has been impossible to find in this smart little Village, where there are not less than three handsome Churches, a sufficient number of friends to the Bible Society willing to interest themselves in securing an efficient Branch.

“*Tamworth* ought to be attended to for its position, if for nothing else.

“*Trenton*.—There is not, but there ought to be, an efficient Branch in this place. Your Agent failed, however, twice in getting his meeting even advertised.

“*Tweed*.—I am not without hopes that this Branch will begin to work.

“*Wellington*.—There are surely friends of the Bible cause in this neighborhood also. I however could not find them in sufficient number to form a working organization.

“*Wilton*.—Our attempts here met with utter disappointment. I found the name on the list of Branches, but no Committee; nor have I been more successful in forming one.

“*Wolfe Island*.—Two attempts to get a meeting here were baffled. There ought to be a Branch on this Island.

“*Yarker*.—The friends decline to move in the Bible Society cause at present, for local reasons, not without their weight.

“In conclusion, permit me respectfully to suggest to the Committee the extreme desirableness of visiting the Branches

in winter, when much larger meetings would be secured and the interest of a larger portion of the community excited in a cause which surely requires but to be made known to engage the hearts of all true Christian people."

### COLPORTAGE.

The Committee during the past year have given special attention to the colportage work. The Concession Roads and side lines of the Townships in the several Counties have been carefully visited by Mr. DUNOON, the Colporteur, who states that very few Protestant families are now to be found in the Counties of Hastings, Prince Edward, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, without a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Notwithstanding that the Colporteur has travelled through our District again and again, his sales for the year extend to 339 Bibles and 427 Testaments, besides 99 Bibles and 37 Testaments given away to poor people, and 262 Bibles and 136 Testaments with Psalms which he disposed of for the Tract Society—in all about 700 Bibles and 600 Testaments, affording, it is to be hoped, evidence of a growing desire to read the Holy Scriptures which are able to make wise unto salvation.

Colportage, although an expensive agency, appears to be the more effectual way of putting within the range of every eye, and within the reach of every hand, and within the precincts of every home, the Bible.

No little patience and self-denial are needed on the part of a faithful Colporteur. In calling from house to house, particularly in the more sparsely settled portions of our District, there is much to test those traits of character; but in the instances which here and there fall under his observation, of the good results which have attended his toils in the distribution of the Word of God, there is much to gladden his heart, and to cheer him in his work of faith and labor of love.

To such persons as are without the Bible and are desirous to have one, but have not ability to purchase it, the Colporteur is authorized to supply a copy, free of expense.

The Committee have cause to believe that Mr. DUNOON has, with fidelity, performed the duty allotted to him. He has during the year travelled upwards of 3,000 miles, visited 5,439 families, conversed on the subject of personal religion and prayed with 1,375 families, and held 77 prayer and other reli-

gious meetings. He supplied 223 families with Bibles, that were found without them.

During six months of the year the Colporteur's salary was paid by the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association, which continues to take a deep and active interest in the Colportage work.

Some incidents of interest have been selected from the Journal of the Colporteur. Mr. DUNOON says:

"A great reformation has taken place among many of the settlers on the Addington and Hastings Roads. Last year many of them were given to fishing and hunting on the Lord's Day; this year I found a great change, I did not hear of any Sabbath-breaking. Last year they had few Bibles and little or no preaching of the Gospel; but this year, although the people are poor, I found that they had a thirst for the Bible, and many of them bought copies; and those that were not able received them, to all appearance, as a gift from heaven, with grateful thanks to the Society. I did not leave a house in that district, where the inmates would receive it, without a portion of the Word of God. There are a good many Dutch among them; some of them had their own Bibles. I held some meetings, and they came several miles after dark to attend them.

"I called at the house of a poor woman to whom I had given a Bible a year ago. I found her reading it to her children. She told me what a comfort and solace the Bible had been to her in her lonely hours.

"I visited another house where I had sold a Testament last year to the mistress. On going in she said 'I am glad to see you, that I may now get a Bible.' Her husband said, 'You have a Testament, and that will do.' She said to her husband, 'Would you be content with half of my heart?' He said, 'I would not.' She then replied, 'Neither am I content with half the Bible.' He smiled, and bought a Bible with large type for her.

"A very striking circumstance came under my observation the other day. I went into a house; the man was a Roman Catholic, but his wife was not. She brought up her children as well as she could—there was no Bible in the house, and she said she had no money to buy one. I offered her a Bible, in the name of the Society, but she said she would not take it for fear that her husband would burn it. Just then her husband

came in, and I said to him, 'You will not object to your wife's taking the Word of God.' He said 'No,' and I then gave a Bible to her. After some conversation, I left, receiving her promise that she would read the Bible to her husband. I put up for the night about a mile off. Next morning early the husband and his eldest son came to see me. He said, 'I want more Bibles. My wife read to me last night about the suffering of the Saviour, in the Old and New Testaments, and I was delighted with it. I want a Bible for each of my children that can read.' He bought two Bibles and paid for the one I gave to his wife the previous evening."

The Colporteur assures the Committee that very many commission him to express their thanks to the Society for the work of disseminating the Scriptures; that these expressions of thanks emanate from those whose souls have been cheered and comforted by the Word of God, and may be regarded as a reflected blessing on the Society and on its operations.

#### THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Fifty-eighth Report of the Parent Society, for the year ended 31st March, 1862, indicates continued success in its Domestic and Foreign work.

The expenditure during the past year has been £144,751 sterling; and the issues of the Scriptures during the same period were 1,595,248 copies.

In Great Britain there are 599 Auxiliaries, 419 Branches, and 2,763 Associations. In the Colonies there are 82 Auxiliaries, 689 Branches, and 200 Associations. Connected with the Hibernian Bible Society there are 473 Auxiliaries, and Branch Societies and Associations. There is also a large number of Foreign Agencies.

The number of languages or dialects in which the Scriptures have been issued by the Parent Society, either directly or indirectly, is one hundred and sixty-three.

The Report for the year above named contains a very full and gratifying account of the Society's labors, at home and abroad, and concludes as follows:—

"In thus reviewing the labors of another year, it is but a rapid glance which your Committee are enabled to take of the various stations which they have been permitted to occupy, and from which the Word of the Lord has gone forth. What

real success may have attended their efforts ; how often, when listening to the Story of Grace, the humble have heard thereof and been glad ; how often the veil has been taken away, so that the eye of faith has discerned Jesus, and the heart has been melted into love under a consciousness of His beauty, they cannot tell. These are results which are in the Spirit's hands, and the full knowledge of which is reserved for the disclosures of a final day. But as the ploughman, though conscious that without the rain and sunshine of heaven, his seed will never germinate nor his harvest ripen, yet breaks up the fallow ground, and mellows the soil, and commits his grain to the bosom of a faithful earth ; so your Committee have sought to use the means of God's appointment. They cannot control the seasons of grace. They cannot command the clouds of heaven that they drop down fatness, or the Sun of Righteousness that He shine forth in His strength ; but, in simple dependence on the promise of a faithful God, they have gone forth bearing precious seed ; and, seeking to share the blessing of those who sow beside all waters, they look forward, with no uncertain hope, to the time when they that sow and they that reap shall rejoice together.

“ But be the success of the past what it may, of this they feel assured, that the present is no time to waver in their allegiance to such a cause, or to relax in their efforts for the attainment of so glorious an end.

“ THE HONOR OF GOD FORBIDS IT.

“ The cause which they are seeking to advance, bound up as it is with man's spiritual and eternal welfare, is nevertheless the cause of God and of His Truth. And until the honor of God is fully vindicated against all gainsayers, and the Lord alone is exalted in our fallen world, the nations must still be summoned to bow before His sceptre, and the proclamation still go forth, O Earth, Earth, Earth, hear the word of the Lord !

“ THE WANTS OF THE WORLD FORBID IT.

“ The cry of famishing millions asking for bread is too appalling—the wail of the lost, as with one accord they bid us testify unto their brethren lest they also come into this place of torment, is too heartrending to permit us to pause for a moment in our work, or hesitate to urge it on to its culminating point of glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.



"THE STATE OF THE PROFESSING CHURCH FORBIDS IT.

"Infidelity is once more girding itself for the conflict, and sharpening its weapons, so often blunted by defeat and now rusty through disuse, for a fresh encounter with the soldiers of the Cross. As a preliminary step, and, if possible, to create confusion in the camp, it has already attempted to tear down from Zion's battlements the flag of Truth, and to trample in the dust the rallying standard of the Lord's host. But, praised be God, the attempt has been in vain. It has only served to warm the hearts of God's people with fresh zeal, and nerve their arm to wield with renewed vigor those weapons which are mighty to cast down every high thing which exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

"Principalities and Powers may league themselves with the wisest and most mighty of the sons of earth to impede the advance of God's Truth, but it shall still pursue its onward way to final victory; and, trampling under foot the dead bodies of those who have dared to dispute its progress, shall continue its triumphant course parallel with the long ages of Eternity.

"And, if such be the issue of the conflict between Truth and Error, what encouragement is afforded to all who know the Truth to combine for its diffusion, and to cleave to each other with undoubting confidence and unabated love!

"The enemy would divide and scatter, and by severing the various links of that chain which binds together the hearts of Christian brethren, would loosen the foundation of our Faith, and dim the brightness of our Hope, and shout for joy over the broken fragments of a love which ought to be strong as death. But your Committee pray most earnestly that, as regards the hallowed spot in the field of Christian usefulness which it has been given them to occupy, peace and prosperity may still be its distinctive features. They have but one end in view, the free circulation of that blessed Book which admits the sunshine of grace upon the realities of the present, and irradiates the future with a hope full of immortality. The work is great. The time is short. The need of those who are perishing for lack of knowledge is urgent. The energies of the Christian Church require to be concentrated upon one, and one only, point, that of winning souls to Christ.

"Such the high and holy function to which your Committee would devote themselves anew this day. Such the glorious end for the attainment of which they would invite the co-opera-

tion of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. In the sufficiency of Divine Grace, and in the strength which God has promised to supply, they pledge themselves to persevere in their glorious work, to maintain inviolate the principles involved in it, and never to desist from their noble enterprise, until '*all the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Him,*' and '*the whole earth shall be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.*'"

#### THE UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Auxiliary held its Twenty-second Annual Meeting at Toronto, on the 7th May, 1862. The issues of the Scriptures during the year were 27,267 copies, viz: 10,763 Bibles, 16,432 Testaments, and 72 parts. Of these, 414 Bibles and 188 Testaments were distributed gratuitously. The receipts were \$20,372, being an advance of \$596 over the previous year. Two Agents and three Colporteurs are employed. The total number of Branches is about 265. The Branches, "on the whole, are in a prosperous state, and from year to year manifest growing interest in the great Bible cause. This is seen by the liberal contributions which they make to the funds of this Society, and of the Parent Society."

#### OTHER AUXILIARIES.

The Committee are very much gratified to learn of the continued advancement of the Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec Auxiliaries. These Societies are actively engaged in the grand work of Bible distribution, and are gaining fresh interest year by year.

#### KINGSTON LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

From the Report of this Association we copy as follows:—

"This Society having reached its thirteenth anniversary, it may not be unprofitable before reviewing its operations to pause for a moment upon the object of the Association, and the duty and privilege of sustaining it.

"For thirteen years your Society have labored in this field—to some it may have been as the dew of their first love; others can testify that an increased personal appreciation of the Bible has always accompanied any effort for its dispersion; while all connected with the work might echo the words of Peter, "It is good to be here." It is a source of congratulation that this privilege is extended far and wide. Many of the

subscribers have but little of this world's goods, and yet rejoice to cast a portion into that treasury where the saved penny and the widow's mite are as acceptable as richer gifts.

"Through this Society the poor of Kingston and its vicinity are supplied with Bibles at reduced prices, or sometimes as a loan. This is particularly valuable to the aged, whose dimmed eyes require a large type. Many expressions of gratitude for such loans might be recorded.

"During six months of this year, your Association have employed a Colporteur. The work of such an agent has been long acknowledged as a most important auxiliary to other means of grace; carrying as he does the Bible and other religious books to the solitary farm house, and visiting the humble log hut of the backwoods.

"The Colporteur is a link between the Pastor and his distant flock; he brings the Gospel to many a house whose inmates would not otherwise have it; and in our inclement winters, when silent Sabbaths are often a matter of necessity, 'a church in the house' has been often the result of his zealous labors.

#### CIRCULATION OF SCRIPTURES.

"Distributed by the Ladies in the City, and by the Colporteur in the country, 771 copies.

#### THE TREASURY.

"The Treasurer's Reports show that the sum of \$269.70½ has been collected during the year.

"The Expenditure has been \$312.26½.

"The Balance from last year being \$42.56, it has left in the Treasurer's hands the sum of \$1.33½.

"In the last Report a hope was held out of adding another agency and employing a Bible Woman. This anticipation has been realized, but not until much prayer had been offered and faith exercised. You are now called upon to thank God that the way has been opened and the work commenced by one well qualified for the duty she has undertaken—a duty requiring much patience and unwearied perseverance, an ardent love for souls, a strong faith and humble dependence upon God's grace for strength and direction. The Bible Woman's work lies chiefly among the depraved and lost of her own sex—to search them out in their sin and misery, and to strive to win them to a better life; to watch the first token of repentance, and fan the feeble flame; to be the friend of the friendless,

caring for those who otherwise are uncared for—are all objects within the sphere of the Bible Woman's mission.

“How they have been carried out the following extracts from her journal will show:—

“Miss Mary Henley says in one of her reports, ‘I was much encouraged with my weekly class for young girls last month; they seemed interested and anxious to meet again.’ ‘I met with some sad cases; one woman had left her home for part of two days, and an infant who I found pining for food. I took it into a neighbor's house, fed it, and left it until the unnatural mother returned and took it home. This woman is improving; she sent me 5s. towards procuring beds, and has been supplied with them.’

“In another report she says, ‘The utter want of comfort and absence of anything like furniture is a sure indication of a drunkard's home. In one place where I called there was nothing to be seen of furniture but a little box on which a visitor was seated, and a pile of shavings intended for the bed. The mistress of the house offered me her seat, which proved to be an iron pot with a stick across the top of it. This is but one of many similar instances.’ ‘Called at a house where a woman had died from intemperance; hoped to improve the awful event. Three women were in the room in a state of intoxication, and three others came in in the same state. I could say nothing in such an assembly—a corpse and six drunken women. It is much to be regretted that liquor is so easily procured at the small taverns in every street in Kingston. This woman had sent her little girl for a supply shortly before she died.’ ‘One girl who I had watched over and placed in service was dismissed, and returned to her old haunts. On my expostulating with her she said she did not know where to go for shelter. Another place has been found for her, and she is now going on hopefully.’

“‘There is not much fruit visible yet, but I believe that God will bless my humble efforts, though I may not be permitted to see it.

“‘From April to November I have paid 877 visits. Many of the poor have been induced to subscribe for Bibles, and others have been supplied with free copies.’

“In conclusion, we would commend this Association to the Christian sympathy and prayers of all interested in the cause of

Christ, that a special blessing may rest upon it, that it may be owned of God and may be found to the praise of His glory.”

### CONCLUSION.

In closing their Report, the Committee venture to express the hope that the friends of the Bible cause in this City and in the adjoining Counties will, with renewed energy and zeal, cheerfully afford what assistance they can, by increased liberality and otherwise, in furthering the interests of the work of Bible distribution.

At this period, when a fierce conflict between Truth and Error is going on—when the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is openly called in question—we should be found true to the cause, and combine together for the diffusion of

“This Book, this Holy Book, in every line  
Marked with the seal of High Divinity.”

This is no time to waver in our allegiance to the good cause: we should be found faithful and active in the performance of duty.

Principalities and powers may unite themselves with men of gigantic intellects to oppose the advance of God's Truth; and although we may be astonished at the degree of success which at times seems to attend their efforts, the issue of the conflict is not doubtful. “The Truth of God, like its gracious Author, is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever: it gathers its light from the past, and sheds its radiance on the future.”

*Abstract of Issues from the Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston, from the 7th of January, 1862, to the 7th of January, 1863.*

Date.	Depository.	Colporteur.			Branches.			Ladies' Bible Associa'n			Grants.			Sales at Depository.			Total Issues.			Tl. Val.	
		B.	T.	Tl.	B.	T.	Tl.	B.	T.	Tl.	B.	T.	Tl.	B.	T.	Tl.	B.	T.	Tl.	\$	c.
From the 7th of January, 1862, to the 7th of January, 1863.	E. Stacey.	339	427	766	239	341	580	21	7	28	99	37	136	326	426	752	1024	1238	2262	768	62

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*Stock in Depository on 7th January, 1863.*

Date.	Bibles.	Test's.	Total.	Total Value.
7th January, 1863.	1621	525	2146	\$ 971 21
24 Sets of History of Bible Society.....				48 00
Total value.....				\$1019 21

**OFFICERS OF THE BRANCH SOCIETIES**

CONNECTED WITH THE AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY

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NAME.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	DEPOSITARY.
Amherst Island	W. Perceval			
Bath	B. Seymour	Dr. Kennedy	Mr. Wright	
Bloomfield	Corn. Bowman	Caleb Williams	Case Williams	Philip Clark.
Bridgewater	Robert Nelson	Samuel Crawford	James Harrison	James Harrison.
Cannifton	Jonas Canniff, Jr.	John Canniff		
Clark's Mills	S. Clark			
Consecon	J. Jaques			
Centreville	J. Hawley	Wm. Vroman	J. N. Lapum	J. N. Lapum.
Demorestville	Rev. D. Pomeroy	J. R. Eaton	Loran Gillett	Robert MacDowal.
Gananoque	Rev. G. Gordon	W. Bell		
Harrowsmith	S. Stewart		S. Stewart	S. Stewart.
Lonsdale	Wm. Tullock	Richard Wildman	Richard Wildman	
Madoc	M. Seymour	E. D. O'Flynn	E. D. O'Flynn	
Melrose	Rev. J. Turnbull	George Duncan	George Duncan	
Milford	Rev. J. English	Nelson Dodge	N. Dodge	Cook & Ross.
Newburgh	Miles Caton	Allen Caton	Allen Caton	Allen Caton.
Napanee	A. Caton	T. Beeman		J. A. Thompson.
Picton	J. P. Roblin	James Gray	James Gray	C. Haight.
Roblin	Ezra Spencer	J. Hughes	James McConnell	
Roslin	Dr. Wilson	Wm. Campbell	Wm. Cadman	
Shannonville	N. S. Appleby	Amos Goold	H. Holden	H. Holden.
Stirling	Dr. Boulton	Thomas Smith	Dr. Boulter	Dr. Boulter.
Tamworth	D. Cameron	R. Wheeler	R. Neely	
Trenton	R. Francis	Wm. Shea		
Tweed	Rev. R. Robertson	Wm. Wright	James Reid	Wm. Whyte.
Wellington	J. T. Loan	J. Sellick		Wm. Wright.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

PAID INTO THE DEPOSITORY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 5TH,  
1863.

Subscription—Rev. Mr. Bell...\$ 1 50	Donation—Bath Branch.....10 00
"    A. McPherson, Esq. 1 00	
"    A. Cowan, Esq..... 6 00	\$18 50

SUBSCRIPTIONS SINCE RECEIVED, AND WILL APPEAR IN NEXT YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Collections at Gananoque and Pittsburgh.....\$ 3 00	Sub.—Captain Wilson..... 2 00
Donation from Amherst Island Branch..... 16 00	"    A. McPherson, Esq..... 1 00
Sub.—Rev. Mr. Young..... 1 50	"    Charles Shibley, Esq... 4 00
	\$27 50

COLLECTIONS BY REV. P. D. MUIR, M.A., AGENT, 1862.

Amherst Island.....\$ 8 78	Melville..... 6 32½
Ballynahinch..... 0 66	Moscow..... 7 42½
Big Creek..... 2 85	Odessa..... 0 52½
Clark's Mills..... 5 32	Selby..... 0 60
Consecon..... 1 40	Shannonville..... 14 50
Gananoque..... 6 20	Sydenham..... 1 40
Harrowsmith..... 0 90	Wilton..... 1 50
Inverary..... 1 20	
Lonsdale..... 11 95	Total collections.....\$99 31
Melrose..... 27 77½	

PAID BY BRANCHES ON PURCHASE ACCOUNT TO THE REV. P. D.  
MUIR, M.A., AGENT, 1862.

Bloomfield Branch.....\$ 22 30	Stirling Branch ..... 22 60
Consecon " ..... 9 10	Tamworth " ..... 7 66
Demorestville " ..... 17 30	Wellington " ..... 5 75
Madoc " ..... 37 85	
Milford " ..... 8 48	Total paid on purchase acct., \$148 56
Roslin " ..... 17 52	

COLLECTED BY MR. DUNOON IN THE CITY AND SUBURBS, 1862.

+ Rev. John Machar, D. D..... 5 00	James Macnee, Esq. +..... 5 00
Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Ontario..... 5 00	Mrs. J. Mowat..... +..... 5 00
+ John Paton, Esq..... 5 00	E. H. Hardy, Esq. +..... 5 00
T. Kirkpatrick, Esq..... 5 00	C. S. Ross, Esq..... 5 00
+ W. Ferguson, Esq..... 5 00	Rev. Professor Leitch..... 5 00
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	John Carruthers, Esq..... 5 00

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 A. Dr  
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 O. S.  
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 Rev. A. Ma  
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 Dr. Y  
 G. L.  
 Mrs. G. Ro  
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 A. Fi  
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 Neil M  
 Rev. J  
 Mrs. C  
 H. Sk  
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 A. F.  
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 J. E.  
 Ewen  
 Mr. V  
 G. Da  
 W. P.  
 J. Joh  
 R. M.  
 J. Mu  
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 J. Fra  
 W. M.  
 J. Da  
 J. Cri  
 W. Ba  
 D. M.  
 G. M.  
 A. Ch  
 G. Ha



Rev. J. B. Mowat.....	\$5 00	J. Rowlands.....	\$1 00
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A. H. Campbell, Esq.....	5 00	W. Shannon, Esq.....	1 00
M. Sweetnam, Esq.....	4 00	Messrs. W. Rudston & Son.....	1 00
R. J. Cartwright, Esq.....	4 00	G. Chown, Esq.....	1 00
Col. Burrowes.....	4 00	J. H.....	1 00
J. C. Murray, Esq.....	3 00	Mrs. Macgregor.....	1 00
A. Drummond, Esq.....	3 00	J. Macfarlane, Esq.....	1 00
E. Chown, Esq.....	3 00	R. McCammon, Esq.....	1 00
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O. S. Gildersleeve, Esq.....	3 00	J. Creighton, Esq.....	1 00
C. Miller, Esq.....	3 00	W. R. McRae, Esq.....	1 00
Rev. F. Dobbs.....	2 00	Dr. Lavell.....	1 00
A. Macalister, Esq.....	2 00	A. Ross, Esq.....	1 00
James Moore, Esq.....	2 00	H. Fraser, Esq.....	1 00
George Davidson, Esq.....	2 00	R. McFaul, Esq.....	1 00
Thomas Hendry, Esq.....	2 00	Rev. J. Mulock.....	1 00
A friend.....	2 00	J. M. Kirk, Esq.....	1 00
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James Linton, Esq.....	2 00	Rev. P. D. Muir.....	1 00
Neil McLeod, Esq.....	2 00	Rev. P. Gray.....	1 00
Rev. James Williamson.....	2 00	J. Falconer, Esq.....	1 00
Mrs. Chewett.....	1 00	Rev. R. V. Rogers, M.A.....	1 00
H. Skinner, M.D.....	1 50	K. Mackenzie, Esq.....	1 00
John Shaw, Esq.....	1 00	A friend.....	1 00
S. Muckleston, Esq.....	1 25	Mrs. Rynd.....	1 00
Thomas Masson, Esq.....	1 50	W. Pick, Esq.....	1 00
A. F. Shaw, Esq.....	1 00	G. McLeod, Esq.....	1 00
E. Stacey, Esq.....	1 00	Dr. J. Mair.....	1 50
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Ewen MacEwen, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. J. McKelvey.....	50
Mr. Waddell.....	1 00	A friend.....	50
G. Davies, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. J. Dunbar.....	50
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J. Murdock, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. E. H. Parker.....	50
W. J. Mahood, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. J. Orr.....	50
J. Fraser, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. M. Morrison.....	50
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J. Cridiford, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. A. Livingston.....	50
W. Bagg, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. W. Ross.....	50
D. McKay, Esq.....	1 00	Miss Benson.....	50
G. M. Wilkinson, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. Bajus.....	50
A. Chown, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. E. Hooker.....	50
G. Hardy, Esq.....	1 00	Mr. Ross.....	50

Mr. W. Robinson.....\$	50	Mrs. Wilkinson.....\$	25
Mrs. Boyce.....	50	Mr. Summerville.....	25
Mrs. McIntyre.....	50	Mrs. Gabbett.....	25
Cash.....	50	Mr. A. Newland.....	25
Mr. S. Sweetland.....	50	Cash.....	20
Mr. R. Tossell.....	50	A friend.....	25
Mr. D. Nicholson.....	50	Mrs. Dring.....	25
Mr. M. Taylor.....	50	Cash.....	25
Mr. W. Massie.....	50	Mr. M. Donaldson.....	25
Mr. J. Burgess.....	50	L. Y. R.....	25
Mrs. McRae.....	50	Mr. L. McIntyre.....	25
Mr. R. Thompson.....	50	Cash.....	20
Mrs. Sexton.....	50	Mrs. Dunlap.....	20
Mr. R. Hendry.....	50	A friend.....	25
Mrs. Ritchie.....	50	Mr. T. W. McCrea.....	25
P. R. H.....	50	Mr. Craig.....	25
Mrs. McAul.....	50	Mrs. Moody.....	25
Mr. Noon.....	40	Mrs. R. Stewart.....	25
Mr. Malcolm.....	25	Mr. Brash.....	25
Mrs. Higgins.....	25	Mr. M. Milliken.....	25
Mr. R. Carnovsky.....	25	A friend.....	12½
Mr. M. Thompson.....	25	A friend.....	12½
Mr. J. Smith.....	25		
Mr. E. Rose.....	25		
Cash.....	25	Total.....	\$233 00

*Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society in account with Andrew Drummond, Esq., Treasurer.*

Dr.	1862.	Cr.	
To paid expenses at Annual Meeting.....£	2 15 4	By Collection at Annual Meeting.....£	7 5 0
“ proportion of Colporteur Dunoon's salary..	25 0 0	“ Collection in City and suburbs, by Mr. G. Dunoon (see list).....	58 5 0
“ “ “ “ expenses	3 2 5	“ Ladies' Bible Association, rent of Room.....	5 0 0
“ “ Depository's salary.....	56 10 0	“ Donation, Bath Branch.....	2 10 0
“ “ Deputation expenses.....	0 18 9	“ Subscription by Rev. Mr. Bell.....	0 7 6
“ “ Mr. White's acct. for Waggon	12 10 0	“ “ A. Macpherson, Esq.....	0 5 0
“ “ Mr. Ramsden's acct. for Sleigh	2 0 0	“ “ A. Cowan, Esq.....	1 10 0
“ Rev. Mr. Muir's salary (3 months).....	37 10 0	“ Sales of Bibles and Testaments at Depository....	95 8 3½
“ Mr. Creighton's acct. for Reports.....	4 15 0	“ “ “ Mr. Dunoon (Colporteur)....	50 15 0
“ Mr. Rowlands' printing acct. (2 years).....	9 0 0	“ Am't purchase Acc't—Ladies' Bible Association.	3 15 6
“ Taxes to Corporation.....	5 12 6	“ “ “ Battersea Branch.....	6 17 3
“ Insurance on Stock (\$1,500).....	2 19 4½	“ “ “ Picton “.....	37 16 9
“ Sundry expenses—fuel, light, freight, Express charges, Stationery, Postages, &c.....	8 10 9½	“ “ “ Caniffton “.....	3 17 10½
“ Remitted Parent Society (£100 sterling)....	123 17 9	“ “ “ Wellington “.....	0 12 6
Balance.....	6 0 6	“ “ “ Bloomfield “.....	2 4 11
		“ “ “ Shannonville.....	1 11 10
		“ “ “ Newburg “.....	2 10 0
		“ “ “ Roslin “.....	1 10 0
		“ “ “ Tweed “.....	1 10 0
		“ “ “ Napance “.....	17 10 0
	£301 2 5		£301 2 5
		1863.	
		January—By Balance brought down.....£	6 0 6
		(\$24.10).	

ANDREW DRUMMOND, *Treasurer.*

KINGSTON, 16TH JANUARY, 1863.

## ISSUES OF COPIES OF THE SCRIPTURES.

The Kingston Auxiliary was primarily organized in 1820. For several years it was quite extinct, but in 1830 it was again formed. For the first period it is impossible to supply a table of issues. Since its revival in 1830 its issues have been as follows:—

	Bibles.	Testam'ts	Total.	Value,
From Feb. 26, 1830, to 4th Jan., 1831..	348	583	931	
" Jan. 4, 1831, " 1st June, 1832..	283	354	637	
" June 1, 1832, " " 1833..	120	243	393	
" " 1833, " " 1834..	64	120	184	
" " 1834, " " 1835..	81	197	278	
" " 1835, " " 1836..	105	235	340	
" " 1836, " " 1837..	128	267	395	
" " 1837, " " 1838..	112	62	174	
" " 1838, " " 1839..	161	97	258	
" " 1839, " " 1840..	88	93	181	
" " 1840, " 5th Dec., 1841..	157	136	293	
" Dec. 5, 1841, " 5th Jan., 1842..	317	538	855	
" Jan. 5, 1842, " May, 1849..	681	200	881	
" May, 1849, " May, 1850..	506	629	1135	£165 2 1½
" May, 1850, " May, 1851..	570	553	1123	160 13 7½
" Jan'y, 1851, " January, 1852..	1666	1919	3585	283 10 3
" " 1852, " " 1853..	3774	4270	8044	553 9 4
" " 1853, " " 1854..	2607	3746	6353	576 0 5
" " 1854, " " 1855..	1470	1939	3409	470 8 6
" " 1855, " " 1856..	1641	2409	4050	298 13 8
" " 1856, " " 1857..	1796	2036	3832	445 15 5
" " 1857, " " 1858..	2540	2717	5257	359 19 3
" " 1858, " " 1859..	1998	2370	4368	249 5 10
" " 1859, " " 1860..	1272	1653	2925	350 4 3½
" " 1860, " " 1861..	1345	1888	3333	212 13 4
" " 1861, " " 1862..	1431	1882	3313	218 8 0
" " 1862, " " 1863..	1024	1238	2262	192 3 1
Total.....	26,385	32,374	58,579	