

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MONTREAL
Religious Tract Society,

AUXILIARY TO THE
LONDON TRACT SOCIETY,
PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,
January 27, 1846.

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"WHO HATH DESPISED THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS?"  
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A Collection

THE Tenth Annual Meeting of the Montreal Auxiliary Religious Tract Society, was held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Great St. James Street, on Tuesday evening, January 27, 1846. The Rev. J. M. CRAMP, A.M., in the Chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. HASSALL. The Report was read by Rev. J. GIRDWOOD, Corresponding Secretary.

Moved by Rev. C. CHURCHILL, seconded by J. R. ORR, Esq.:

1. That the Report now read be adopted, and printed under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by Rev. F. BOSWORTH, A.M., seconded by Rev. W. M'KILLICAN:

2. That we regret to find the distribution of tracts during the past year has fallen short of the number distributed in the previous year, and sincerely hope that this intimation may arouse the friends of the Society to greater activity and zeal.

Moved by Rev. WILLIAM TAYLOR, A.M., seconded by Rev. Dr. CARRUTHERS:

3. That we learn with great satisfaction the continued increasing prosperity of the parent Institution, fully convinced that the simple plan of circulating divine truth in such an interesting form, is eminently calculated to counteract those efforts which are now making to extend the influence of an impure Christianity; and that we rejoice in all the good effects which have resulted from the operations of the Society, and earnestly implore the divine blessing to rest upon its future efforts.

Moved by Rev. H. WILKES, A.M., seconded by Rev. G. BELL:

4. That as the limited support hitherto given to this Society greatly curtails its usefulness, and prevents the employment of those means which in other places have been so signally blessed to the enlightening of the minds of many of our fellow-men, the Christian public be affectionately entreated to devise liberal things for the Religious Tract Society.

Moved by Rev. J. FISK, seconded by Captain MAITLAND:

5. That the following gentlemen be Office-Bearers and Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number:

HENRY VENNOR, Esquire, *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. GIRDWOOD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Mr. JAMES MILNE, *Recording Secretary and Depositary.*

COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL, resident in the City.

William Lunn.

James Ferrier.

James R. Orr.

James Court.

Henry Lyman.

James Mills.

S. Forster.

Rollo Campbell.

William Hutchison.

W. C. Evans.

A. Hamilton.

C. Brent.

D. P. Jones.

Thomas Kay.

Samuel Mathewson.

James Roy.

James Patton.

Samuel Hedge.

John Keller.

Joseph Wenham.

John Smith.

John Birks.

William Thompson.

Robert Anderson.

David Smith.

Charles Collins.

William F. Grasset.

P. Howard.

Dr. Holmes.

Captain Maitland.

A Collection was taken up amounting to £10 15s. 6d.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

MONTREAL RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

1. That this Society be denominated *The Montreal Religious Tract Society, Auxiliary to the Religious Tract Society in London*, and that the Tracts circulated by this Society be chiefly those published by the Parent Institution.
2. That a Subscriber of One Dollar per annum, or upwards, be a Member of this Society, and be entitled to receive Tracts, upon application for them *within the year*, to the amount of one-half his annual subscription.
3. That one-fourth of the funds of this Society, if practicable, be annually transmitted to the Parent Institution, in aid of its funds for circulating Religious Tracts throughout the world.
4. That the Tracts purchased by Subscribers or others of the Society, *be paid for on delivery*.
5. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of fifteen members, together with a Treasurer and Secretaries, who shall be chosen at an Annual General Meeting of this Society; and that three Members constitute a quorum.
6. That all resident Clergymen be Members of the Committee, *ex-officio*.
7. That the Committee shall have power to add to their number; and shall appoint a Depository and a Collector or Collectors; and shall hold their meetings monthly, or oftener, as may be required.
8. That an Annual Public Meeting of this Society shall be held, when a Report of its proceedings and the general state of its affairs, shall be presented to the Subscribers, and Officers and Committee chosen for the ensuing year.

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Committee, deeply sensible of many imperfections connected with their labors, would humble themselves before the searcher of hearts. They desire to commend the Society, its publications, and themselves to God for his blessing, through the blood of the Divine Redeemer. Yet, while they thus appear before God as unprofitable servants, would they hail with emotions of gratitude and joy the return of this Anniversary season to report the transactions of the past year. To God the tribute of thanksgiving ought to be rendered for the tokens of his approbation, as seen in the love, union, and success which have characterized all the proceedings of the year.

The affairs of your Society viewed merely in a commercial aspect, present little that is grand or imposing; but regarded in a spiritual light they are invested with sublime importance, and issue in eternal blessings. This is not said because there are many well authenticated facts of good having been effected, but in the assured persuasion that divine truth conveyed in such a variety of ways, and to such an extent as is done by your Society, must by the blessing of God be profitable to the souls of men.

IMPORTATIONS AND ISSUES.

The value of Books imported during the year is £251 18s. 1d., bought in the Province £32 9s. 5d., and returned from Depositories in the country £8 17s. 3d. The total purchases and returns, exclusive of a grant of Tracts from the Parent Society of £20 sterling, amount to £293 4s. 9d. Currency.

The issues of the year amount to £426 1s. 2d. Of this sum there has been realized from cash sales in the Depository, £205 4s. Delivered to Branch Societies, Agents, and others on credit, £175 3s. 5d. And given in Tracts for gratuitous distribution to the value of £45 13s. 9d.

There is a decrease in the cash sales this year as compared with last year; but there is an increase in the entire transactions of the Society of £67 15s. 1d.

The number of publications received into the Depository during the year is 48,431. The issues for the same period are 58,886: and the number of publications on hand (31st December, 1845) is 89,169. A tabular statement giving the particulars will be found in the Appendix.

GRATUITOUS DISTRIBUTION.

The following is the list of gratuitous distribution for the year, viz:—

To the Montreal Tract Distribution Association for the City and Suburbs; English, 18,414; French, 865; total	19,279
To Ministers and Missionaries.....	1,724
To the General Hospital and Jail.....	2,882
To Subscribers.....	1,577
To individuals in the country and Sunday Schools.....	4,971
To the Military.....	701
To Sailors and Immigrants.....	3,634
To Mr. Hibbard for distribution.....	2,638
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In August last it was proposed to attempt the extention of the Society's operations by means of an Agent or Colporteur. It was suggested that the services of the late Agent of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, Mr. P. V. Hibbard, might be engaged conjointly by this Society and the Sunday School Union. To ascertain what could be done, a united meeting of the Committees of both Societies was held on September 9, when it was "resolved to make an experiment of six months; the expense to be borne equally by the two Societies."

The results of this experiment, your Committee are not yet able to lay before the public. The period during which Mr. Hibbard has labored, and of which reports have been furnished, is too limited as data from which to form an opinion respecting the propriety and efficiency of Mr. Hibbard's labors. During the first two months Mr. H. sold Books to the value of £9 17s. 9d., and Tracts to the value of £1 1s. 11d.

GRANT FROM THE PARENT SOCIETY.

Again have your Committee unfeigned pleasure in reporting the kindness and liberality of the Parent Institution. A grant of Tracts to the value of £20 sterling accompanied our importation of Books. This donation put it in the power of your Committee to supply the Association for the distribution of Religious Tracts with materials for their important work. It also lays your Society under additional obligations to the London Society.

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AMERICAN TRACTS.

For some years no transactions took place between you and the American Tract Society, owing to the high rate of duties; but since their reduction, and as many expressed a desire to obtain some of the American publications, an order was given for a limited quantity. Thus a greater variety of Tracts than probably at any former period are now furnished.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY, LONDON.

This noble Society has issued its Forty-sixth Annual Report, from which we learn the gratifying intelligence, that its issues for the year ending 31st March last, amounted to Fifteen millions, seven hundred and seventy-one thousand, one hundred and forty-seven. Its total circulation, in about ninety-six languages and dialects, was 396,000,000.

One hundred and eighty-two new publications have been issued during the year; and 360 Libraries voted at reduced prices for the use of Sunday Schools, destitute districts, poor houses, &c. The total value of gratuitous issues was £6,669 7s. 4d. sterling; being £709 11s. 7d. more than the entire benevolent income. The cash received for sales was £44,744 19s., making the total receipts £54,104 14s. 3d.; and the expenditure was £52,532 6s. 2d.

With peculiar pleasure we view these indications of stability and cheering prosperity granted to this Institution. The variety and number of its publications continually flowing from the press, in ninety-six languages; and the vast multitude of its Depositories, Agencies, Branch and Auxiliary Societies, strike the mind with the magnitude of its

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operations. Their character for scriptural truth, and their design of making men wise unto salvation, afford ample proof of the Society's beneficence. To think of these labors reaching and affecting such vast multitudes of our fellow-men, must produce emotions of gratitude and delight.

The spirit which animates all the operations of this great Society are well described in the Committee's own words, viz :—

The proceedings of the Society, thus conducted on the principles of Christian union, have been extensively useful; and the Committee have reason to conclude, that such union has been in accordance with the spirit of the Redeemer's prayer for his disciples, "That they all may be one." Sincerely would they adopt the sentiments contained in the Preface to "The Harmony of the Confessions of the Reformed Churches:"—"Let us not think much to take them for brethren whom God vouchsafeth to take for sons. There hath scarce been any age which hath seen all churches following altogether one thing in all points, so as there hath not always been some differences, either in doctrines, or in ceremonies, or in the manners, and yet were not Christian churches through the world therefore cut asunder. Let us not suffer the poison of discord to spread; but let us kill this hurtful serpent, that we, being by a friendly league united together in Christ, may vanquish all anti-christs, and may sing that hymn to the Lord our God. 'Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!'"

TRACTS MADE USEFUL.

"One of the tracts, 'The Purport of the Gospel,' I have reason to believe was blessed to Ram Churun Pundit, who, after having composed a Life of Christ, from the Four Gospels, in Sanscrit verse, died in the Christian faith. Another, 'The Voice from Heaven,' was the means of bringing to the knowledge of God in Christ, an aged Bunia, named Boodh Sein, who, after having gladdened us by his life and conversation in Christ, fell asleep in the Saviour, last year. The same tract was of use to the Gosaeen Devi Gir, who has been a member of the church upwards of sixteen years, and has composed several tracts, and put into Hindee verse the New Testament. Another of the tracts, 'The Way of Salvation,' brought into acquaintance with us, and the truths of the gospel, a brickmaker, Muni Ram, whose experience satisfied us that he had been taught of God; and he now continues to adorn, by a consistent walk, the Gospel of God our Saviour."

C.—This sick man, whom I have visited for some time, desired me to tell him what I thought of his state: I told him it was difficult for me to answer that question, but that the word of God proclaims the forgiveness of sins through Jesus alone. "I have

learned," said he, "that there is no other name given under heaven or among men whereby we must be saved." "Yes," said I, "and the word of God tells us that all who believe in Jesus are justified, (Acts xiii. 39). Now if you believe in Jesus you have a right to take comfort, for 'being justified by faith, we have peace with God.'" "Well," said he, "I am conscious that I am born again, through faith in the Lord Jesus; and I will tell you how that change was effected, under the blessing of God. You were talking to me one day about the nature and necessity of the new birth, but I could not understand at that time what you meant. After you were gone, I began to think about it, and I took up a tract you had left on the subject, which said, that all who believe in Jesus are born again, are created anew in Christ, and have a title to heaven; and since that day I have seen clearly the distinction you often wished me to make, between Christ's work and my poor imperfect works, namely, to trust to the work of Christ for salvation, and then to do all the good we can, to glorify him for his love and goodness to us. I am now as happy and joyful in the prospect of death, which is not far distant, as any man can be."

I visited him a month after, and found him in the agonies of death. "Blessed be God," said he, "I am going to Jesus, who has washed me from my sins by his most precious blood." He died in three hours after, happy in the Lord; never having lost the simple hold of the Saviour which he obtained in reading the tract.

"BELIEVE AND BE SAVED."

S.—This woman told me, when I first saw her, that her mind was very dark, and she could not see any way of salvation for her. I left her the tract entitled **SIXTEEN SHORT SERMONS**; and when I called again she said, "My mind is as black as hell; my husband read part of that tract, but I felt so condemned that I could not bear it any longer. I went to bed, but could not rest." After reading, I left the tract **BELIEVE AND BE SAVED**. When I called again, expecting to find her in the same state, I was delighted to find a most happy change. "Bless the Lord," said she, "my mind is now comforted. I never thought of faith before reading that tract; but now I see, that salvation is not by anything we can do, but through faith in what Christ hath done." She has since regularly attended the means of grace, and she lives a consistent life. Her neighbours are astonished at the change.

"EPITAPHS."

D.—This woman said, "I lent one of your tracts, called **EPITAPHS**, to an old man, and it produced such a conviction of his sins on his mind, that he went to church last Sunday, and it was the first time this twenty years!"

"THE SOLDIER OUT OF UNIFORM."

Mrs. B. said, "I was afraid to tell you, the last time you were here that I had lent your tract; but it was a blessing I did lend it, for it has done a great deal of good. My husband being a tee-

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From the Canterbury Auxiliary Religious Tract Society.

A female distributor writes:—It has pleased God, who works by means, to add His blessing to the reading of religious tracts in that district in which I have the privilege to distribute them. One person, a few weeks since, stated that she had to praise God for the loan of these books, as they had been the means of leading her to the knowledge of herself and of Jesus Christ, and to seek through him the forgiveness of her multiplied transgressions. She said, that till then she had lived in neglect of the house and worship of God, and had constantly broken the Sabbath-day; but is now a constant attendant on the worship of God, and appears to be earnestly seeking after those things which relate to her soul's salvation. Many others have been led to the house of God; and one individual, who at first refused them, now receives them gladly, delights to peruse their scriptural contents, and reads them to those of her neighbours who are not able to read themselves. To God be all the glory!

From the last Report of the Edinburgh Tract Society.

In the month of August last, when I had just concluded preaching to a large audience of sailors and others at the Wet-docks, a foreign sailor stepped forward, and seized my hand in an ecstasy of joy, crying out, "Good missionary! good missionary!" He then told me in his broken English, that I had given him a tract in the German language, which seemed to have been blessed to his soul; and spoke in the most feeling manner of 'Blessed Jesus,' gazing upon me in a way I shall never forget. From his imperfect knowledge of the English language, I found some difficulty in learning the particulars of his history. He was very anxious to have more books, and I promised to bring him some in a few days. So happy was he in seeing me, that I could scarcely get parted from him; and next day, he had got my name, and found out a Christian friend's house in Leith that I sometimes visit, where he called, and gave an account of the blessed tract. I saw him the day after, and gave him as many tracts as I had in his language, and had an interesting conversation with him; and, if I had been able to converse with him in his own language, the finger of God would have been more clearly seen in his case, making use of your Society for the salvation of souls, when no other means can be used.

TRACTS ON SHIPBOARD.

A lady, feeling a deep interest in seamen, put into the hands of the captain of a vessel, a few days before leaving port, a package of tracts and magazines for the crew. "I took them," said the

Captain, "and, according to her wish, distributed them among the hands, until the whole had gone the rounds among them. In a very few days after leaving sight of the Highlands of Scotland, for New York, the second mate (a well-bred and intelligent young Scotchman) came to me and said, 'Sir, I hardly know what's the matter with our men, but your tracts have produced a feeling among them that I have never seen before. If you have any doubt on the subject, just go and look into the fore-castle, and see for yourself.' I stepped down; and, sure enough, every man was reading with an eagerness as though his very life depended on it.

"On returning to the cabin, the mate continued,—'Sir, they wish the Bible read to them; and to-morrow (meaning the Lord's day) they wish to obtain your permission to hold a religious service among themselves in the fore-castle.' 'I can have no objection to that, I am sure,' said I; 'but who will lead them, mate, seeing none of us make any professions that way?' 'I shall make my best endeavours,' was the reply; 'and I suppose the others will do the same.' 'Very well,' said I; 'there is a prospect now of fine weather; make all snug; I will take the helm, and let every one that wishes attend the service.' The arrangements were made, the sabbath came, and a meeting among themselves was held morning and afternoon. A privilege for a prayer-meeting was again asked for the evening. I objected. 'But,' said the mate, 'you had no objection all the day, why object now?' 'My wish is,' I replied, 'that you do not hold the meeting in the fore-castle, but in the cabin, where I may have a spice of the privilege myself, since I have accommodated you all day by standing at the helm.'

"Accordingly, in the evening, every man came down into the cabin. I took the Bible and read a chapter, and called upon the mate to pray. In a moment all were upon their knees. The mate proceeded a little way, but was soon choked with tears, and could proceed no farther. The cook then attempted to pray, but failed in the same manner. I then said to one of the apprentice boys, 'Billy, can you pray for us?' The little fellow began, and made an excellent, sweet little prayer, and seemed to get along the best of any of us. The fact is," continued the captain, "we were all overwhelmed with a sense of our sins; and, as there was not one of us that had made any profession of a religious experience, we made rather lame work of it at first; but I do hope that God in mercy has heard our poor petitions, and converted every man on board."

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

This Institution has reached its twentieth year, and although younger than the London Tract Society, yet its affairs are carried on with a zeal and vigor worthy of older Institutions.

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Great praise is due to the Directors, for the indefatigable energy with which the work of Colportage is prosecuted, in every State and Territory of the Union. By this means an immense number of volumes have been sold, and doubtless their effect will prove salutary on the rapidly increasing population of that vast country.

UPPER CANADA RELIGIOUS TRACT AND BOOK
SOCIETY.

This Society, whose sphere is the largest portion of Canada West, we are happy to say, performs vigorously its share of the important work of Tract Societies. Its issues during last year were:—

Of Books, various sizes.....	14,328
Of Tracts and Sermons.....	41,020
Of Libraries, 14.....	1,860
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Making a total of.....	57,208

The receipts for the year were £498 4s. 8d., and the disbursements amounted to £505 18s. 10d., besides gratuitous distributions to the value of £43 9s. 11d.

The field occupied by our Sister Society is one of great extent and deep interest. The country is new. It is receiving impressions which will form its character either for good or evil. How vastly

important then are the operations of this Society, by which so much of divine truth is diffused among the population. By the blessing of God it will be the means of forming many minds for God's service here, and for his glory hereafter.

MONTREAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIGIOUS TRACTS.

This Association continues its highly important labors in the City and Suburbs. During the year many who labored for it have "waxed cold," some have given up their districts, and several of these it is to be regretted are now entirely vacant. On the other hand it is truly encouraging to know that other members remain firm at their post. They visit their districts with unwearied zeal and constancy. Verily, they shall reap if they faint not.

The number of Tracts delivered to the Association and distributed by it have been, English 18,414, and French 865, making a total of 19,279.

It is exceedingly desirable that a few devoted persons of both sexes should volunteer to aid those friends now engaged in this arduous but highly important field of labor.

BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS WITH THE SCOTCH VERSION OF THE PSALMS AND PARAPHRASES.

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“ on hand “	138	“	46

FUNDS.

The cash sales, as already stated, are.....	£205	4	0
The subscriptions and donations, are.....	36	18	0
Remittances from Branches and other payments, are	69	5	8
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The total income for the year, amounts to	£311	7	8
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The expenditure for the year has been.....	£329	19	1
There was remitted to the Parent Society.....	122	17	9
To Francis Orr & Sons.....	129	15	10
And to the American Tract Society.....	8	0	0

In consequence of some of the collections not yet having been taken up, the free contributions are £20 11s. 9d. less than last year. Efforts were made to obtain Collectors, by writing to the several Ministers connected with the Society. Only three complied with the request. This mode of obtaining Collectors has been often tried, but it has generally failed. Your Committee would earnestly recommend to their successors in office the desirableness of having an Association of Ladies, to attend to this department throughout the year. But a more speedy and effectual mode will be on this Anniversary to make a special effort to liquidate the debt of the Society.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of your labors, as well adapted to promote in many ways the glory of God, and the salvation of souls. Efforts, in their judgment,

more proportionate to the claims of your Society ought to be made for its extension and support. The work presents a sphere of labor in which all God's people may unite without any compromise of principle. For, to adopt the language of the Committee in London, "The constitution of the Society precludes it from entering into the peculiarities of the varied denominations of Protestant Christians, that hold the doctrine of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the one living and true God; but it everywhere joyfully makes known the great essential truths in which the followers of the Lamb are fully agreed, who are 'looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.'" Thus all denominations equally participate in its benefits. Partiality marks not its gratuitous distributions.

It is delightful to think of the publications circulated by your efforts finding their way into the hands and affecting the hearts of every class in society. Soldiers and Sailors, Immigrants and Settlers in the forest, the Sick in the Hospital and the Criminal in his Cell, the Formalist and the Christian, the Minister and the Missionary, have all enjoyed the advantages of this Society. These publications have comforted many in sorrow, sickness, bereavement and death. By them many in their guilt and wretchedness have been directed to the Lamb of God.

Your Society furnishes an antidote to the various doctrinal errors of the day. It is a bulwark in the maintenance and defence of spiritual religion. From the publications, as from a magazine, all true-hearted subjects of Christ's kingdom may obtain armour for the conflict between truth and error. "The efforts of the professors of the Romish faith,"

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writes one, "are characterized by unwonted zeal and activity. They circulate great numbers of Tracts and Books, in many of which the tenets actually held by the apostate church are kept out of sight, or disguised, and Protestantism is shamefully misrepresented." Popery is still what the Council of Trent made it; and whenever an opportunity is given for its development there it appears in accordance with the decrees of that Council.

In all these operations and in their success is verified the declaration, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." It becomes us therefore to exclaim, not unto us, but unto Jehovah be all the honor and glory for ever and ever. And let all the people say, Amen.



DR. RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY in Account with HENRY VENNOR, Treasurer. CR.

	£	s.	d.
To paid expenses of Annual Meeting ...	2	1	6
To remitted Religious Tract Society, £40 sterling, @ 11½ p cent ...	49	11	1
To remitted do. £60 sterling, @ 10 p cent ...	73	6	8
To remitted Francis Orr & Sons, Glasgow, £75 sterling, @ 10½ p cent ...	93	5	10
To remitted do. £30 sterling, @ 9½ p cent ...	36	10	0
To remitted American Tract Society ...	8	0	0
To paid Duty on Publications imported ...	6	19	8
To paid Rent and management of the Depository ...	6	14	10
To the Bible Society for one year ...	30	0	0
To paid for Books bought in Montreal ...	2	3	2
To paid Insurance, Taxes, Light, Fuel, &c. ...	10	6	8
To paid Agent on account of Salary ...	10	19	8
	£329	19	1

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(Signed) HENRY VENNOR,
Treasurer.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year ...	15	5	1
By Collection at Annual Meeting ...	9	1	6
By Cash Sales in the Depository ...	205	4	0
By Collections in the St. Lawrence Suburbs, by Mrs. Muir and Miss Cramp ...	6	13	9
By Collections in the East Ward, by Mrs. Day and Mrs. Milne ...	13	5	0
By Subscriptions received at the Depository ...	4	15	7
By contents of Box in the Depository ...	0	19	8
By Collections by Mrs. Woodbury ...	2	2	6
By remittances by Branch Societies, Agents and others ...	69	5	8
By Balance due Treasurer ...	3	6	4
	£329	19	1

DR. STOCK ACCOUNT.

CONTRA. CR.

	£	s.	d.
To Amount due to Religious Tract Society, London	225	4	11
To Amount due Francis Orr & Sons	84	15	6
To Amount due Sunday School Union	13	7	2
To Balance due Treasurer	3	6	4
To Stock Account	268	3	5
	£594	17	4

	£	s.	d.
By Books and Tracts on hand in the Depository per Inventory	361	6	8
By Amount due by Branch Societies, Agents and others	233	10	8
	£594	17	4

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(Signed) JAMES MILNE,
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HENRY VENNOR, *Treasurer.*
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*Statement of Publications received and issued by the Montreal Auxiliary Religious Tract Society, from
20th January, 1845, to 20th January, 1846.*

	ENGLISH.										FRENCH.					TOTAL.				
	Tracts and Sermons.	Hand Bills.	Broad Sheets.	32mo. gilt edge.	32mo. Children's Books.	Select Sermons.	18mo. Rewards.	Bound Volumes.	64mo. Series.	Periodicals.	Children's Tracts.	Gaelic Tracts.	Tracts.	Hand Bills.	Bound Books.		32mo. Children's Books.	Edinburgh Bibles.	Edinburgh Testaments.	Tracts for the Blind.
On hand, 31st Dec. 1844.	49239	6850	809	78	12486	149	90	1098	132	339	8300	10392	4745	225	75	4500	57	40	20	99624
Received during the year	34799	500	54	129	2417	11	600	5307	453	28	..	1218	847	..	14	122	759	1173	..	48431
Issued in 1845	84038	7350	863	207	14903	160	690	6405	585	367	8300	11610	5592	225	89	4622	816	1213	20	148055
On hand, 31st Dec. 1845.	35728	685	152	146	6727	32	188	5223	365	2	5100	675	1679	100	9	230	678	1167	..	58886
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS,

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*Collected in the East Ward by
Mrs. DAY and Mrs. MILNE.*

James Court... ..	£1	0	0
J. T. Barrett... ..	0	15	0
Dougall, Redpath & Co.... ..	0	10	0
John Birks	0	10	0
A. Savage	0	10	0
A. Robertson... ..	0	10	0
H. Stewart	0	10	0
J. Lewis	0	5	0
A. Hamilton	0	5	0
J. Brown	0	5	0
John Keller	0	5	0
Mrs. Waine	0	5	0
Mrs. J. H. Mead	0	5	0
T. Douglass	0	5	0
J. Gillespie	0	5	0
S. J. Lyman... ..	0	5	0
Rollo Campbell	0	5	0
Dr. Rosenstein	0	5	0
Duncan Fisher	0	5	0
A. Cross	0	5	0
Dr. M'Culloch	0	5	0
W. C. M.	0	5	0
Mrs. Day	0	5	0
Mrs. Milne	0	5	0
A. Urquhart	0	5	0
J. Savage	0	5	0
James Milne	0	5	0
Mrs. Gettess	0	2	6
Mrs. Wood	0	2	6
G. E. C.	0	2	6
A Friend	0	2	6
A Friend	0	1	10½
A Friend	0	1	3
R. & A. Miller	0	1	3
Small Sums	3	0	7½

*Collected in St. Lawrence Suburbs
by Mrs. WOODBURY.*

Mr. Watton	£0	5	0
A. Friend	0	5	0
Mrs. Tait	0	5	0
Mrs. Duncan... ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Wilson	0	2	6
W. Cowan	0	2	6
Mrs. Dyde	0	2	6
Mr. Braden	0	2	6
A Friend	0	1	3
Mr. Perkins	0	1	3
A Friend	0	1	3
Mr. Brady	0	1	3
A Friend	0	1	3
A Friend	0	1	3
Small Sums	0	7	6

Received at the Depository.

<i>Collections in Saint Lawrence Suburb,</i>			
1844	6	13	9
Mrs. Hilliard... ..	0	5	1
Rev. H. Wilkes	0	5	0
Rev. M. Willoughby	0	10	0
Mrs. Willoughby ...	0	10	0
Rev. W. Thompson	0	10	0
Mr. W. C. Evans... ..	0	10	0
<i>Mrs. Morson, Saint Catherines... ..</i>			
... ..	1	0	0
Rev. W. Bethune... ..	0	2	6
Mrs. DeWitt... ..	0	5	0
Mr. J. Stevens	0	5	0
Rev. J. Girdwood... ..	0	5	0
<i>J. G. Playter, Esq., Bytown</i>			
... ..	0	3	0
<i>Collections in East Ward... ..</i>			
... ..	12	0	0
<i>Collected by Mrs. Woodbury... ..</i>			
... ..	2	2	6
Mr. J. Barnard	0	5	0
<i>Contents of Box in Depository... ..</i>			
... ..	0	19	8

PAYMENTS DURING THE YEAR 1845.

Canada Sunday School Union	...	...	...	£6	0	11½
L'Original Branch Society	...	...	...	9	15	0
Mrs. Stalford, in full	...	...	...	2	0	6
St. Andrews Church Sunday School	...	...	...	3	11	11
D. Cattnach, Kenyon	...	...	...	0	2	6
John Lloyd, New Glasgow	...	...	...	0	4	0
John Dougall	...	...	...	0	5	0
William Gunn	...	...	...	1	7	6
Kilmarnock Bible Society	...	...	...	2	13	2
George Kerr, Perth	...	...	...	6	6	3½
Henry Lyman	...	...	...	0	11	3
Blanchard & Wales, St. Andrews	...	...	...	1	16	0
St. Paul's Church Sunday School	...	...	...	1	17	1
Rev. William Thompson	...	...	...	0	6	2
Miss Lyman	...	...	...	0	2	3
Rev. Henry Esson	...	...	...	1	0	5
Rev. James Anderson, Durham	...	...	...	4	0	0
Rev. Emile Lapelletrie	...	...	...	0	15	0
John Andrew, Brockville	...	...	...	1	0	0
William Lamb, Lochaber	...	...	...	0	15	0
Rev. James Cairns	...	...	...	2	13	6
Lanark Branch Society	7	5	3
John Bain	0	12	5
Thomas M. Thomson	1	16	3
Rev. H. O. Crofts	1	8	7
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L'ORIGINAL BRANCH TRACT SOCIETY.

An extract from the Fifth Annual Report, for
 1844:—

A considerable number of Tracts have been distributed on the loan plan, by Messrs. John Lamb, John M'Killican, and Norman M'Leod; and two ladies, Mrs. T. Kellogg and Miss Johnson, have recently received Tracts for the same purpose. L'Original, Hawkesbury, and Vankleek Hill, are the respective fields in which these distributors are engaged.

NAMES OF THE OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEE.

President, J. P. Wells, Esq.; Secretary, Rev. J. T. Byrne; Treasurer, Chauncey Johnson, Esq.; Depositories, Miss M'Laurin, Z. S. M. Hersey, and C. P. Wells. Committee:—Messrs. C. P. Treadwell, James M'Intosh, John Lamb, Alexander Tweed, George Buchanan, John M'Killican, James Stewart, F. Walker, and the Ministers of the Gospel in the neighbourhood.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

(From the Treasurer's Account.)

Books sold by Miss Begg	£3 19 10	John Lamb.....	£0 5 0
Do. by Mr. Wells...	3 12 10½	R. Pengilly.....	0 5 0
Do. by Miss M'Laurin	1 5 0	A. Campbell.....	0 2 6
DONATIONS.		W. Lough.....	0 2 6
J. P. Wells.....	0 10 0	John Forrest.....	0 2 6
Rev. J. T. Byrne....	0 5 0	Mrs. H. Johnson...	0 2 6
C. Johnson, jun.....	0 5 0	Mr. H. Johnson....	0 2 6
Wm. Burray.....	0 5 0	Thos. H. Johnson...	0 5 0
John M'Killican....	0 5 0	W. Manning.....	0 2 6
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G. Buchanan.....	0 5 0	Peter M'Laurin.....	0 3 6
Wm. Ferguson.....	0 3 0	Mrs. M'Laurin	0 2 6
C. P. Treadwell.....	0 2 6	Robert M'Killican...	0 2 6
P. O'Brian.....	0 2 6	Peter Beers.....	0 2 6
Jane Gordon.....	0 2 6	Henry W. M'Cann.	0 2 6
John Jameson.....	0 2 6	Margaret M'Laurin.	0 2 6
		Small Sums	1 12 3

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MONTREAL ASSOCIATION

FOR THE

Distribution of Religious Tracts.

THE efforts of this Association have been carried on during the past year much in the same manner as usual; nothing of any particular moment has occurred in its annals since our last Report. Still a notice of some of the most important features and details of operation being desirable, is now presented on this our Seventh Anniversary.

At the March monthly meeting of the Association it was resolved to convene a public meeting as soon as possible, in order that an opportunity might be obtained of enforcing the attention of the Protestant community to the claims of this Association; and also chiefly to advocate the necessity of something being done for the French Canadian population, in the way of Tract distribution. The meeting was held on Thursday, 27th March last, in the Congregational Church, St. Maurice Street. John Redpath, Esq., in the chair. The chairman gave a lucid explanation of the purport of the meeting, and recommended the Association as being well deserving the countenance and support of all those who have the best interests of their fellow beings at

heart. He was followed by several Ministers and other friends, who spoke as movers or supporters of important resolutions, framed in accordance with the objects contemplated. Several interesting anecdotes of the happy results of Tract distribution were narrated with much effect; and the urgent necessity for the immediate and general distribution of suitable Tracts to the French Canadians was forcibly exhibited. A collection was made to enable the Association to procure a supply of French Tracts of a superior description recently issued by the American Tract Society, copies of some of which were exhibited to the meeting. The sum of six pounds then obtained was expended for this purpose; the Tracts were received early in May, and have given much satisfaction. A large proportion have been already distributed; those remaining on hand will we hope soon be exhausted by the increased exertions of the members of this Association.

In the last Report we noticed the unsuccessful efforts that had been made to form a City Mission in connexion with this Association. Since then we have learned that a City Mission has been established in Toronto, and by late accounts it appears that much good is expected to result by its instrumentality. We may premise that as the third city of the Province carries on its mission successfully, surely the Capital of Canada can support a similar undertaking. We are of opinion that from the great field of labor offered by the number of French Canadians resident in this city, the Mission might with advantage be incorporated with the French Canadian Missionary Society, which if effected would give that Society a strong additional claim on public support.

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The number of Tracts distributed during the year is rather less than during the year preceding, being 18,414 English Tracts, 2,865 French do.; total 21,279.

The deficiency in this respect can we think be accounted for by the fact, that many persons who united themselves with this Association, and had districts appointed to them, have (after laboring faithfully for a time,) become weary in well doing, and gave up the work; while from their not tendering their resignation, and there not being—according to a late plan—any supervision of districts, it was very difficult to ascertain who were laboring, or what parts of the city were unsupplied with Tracts. Individuals were thus often considered working members long after they had given up the distribution; and many districts that were supposed to be regularly attended to, have proved on enquiry to have been entirely neglected.

The necessity for an alteration in the plan of distribution was discussed at several meetings of the Association, and at the meeting in December, it was resolved, "That a return to the superintendant system be at once effected." This was done, and the City and Suburbs are now divided into seven large districts; the Military, Seamen, and Emigrants, the various Hospitals, and the Jail, each also forming a district or division; in all eleven districts. A Superintendant has been appointed for each district, whose business is to supply his assistant distributors regularly with Tracts, to exercise a proper oversight in his district, in order that no part may be neglected; and to hand in a monthly report of the number of Tracts distributed, and any matter of interest connected with the

distribution that may have fallen under his observation or that of his assistants, at the regular meetings of the Association.

It is to be hoped this new arrangement will prove satisfactory, and that redoubled efforts and a more general distribution will be the result. The Superintendants who have been appointed will, we doubt not, as far as lies in their power, do their duty. We only want a number of zealous and self-denying individuals as assistants, who will unite with us, determined not to allow any opposition or difficulties which they may encounter, to disturb, or deter them; as they may be assured, it requires a good share of the true Missionary spirit in order to form an efficient Tract distributor.

We appeal to the churches of this city in our present emergency, confident that amongst them are to be found, a great many pious and devoted men and women, who would willingly assist in carrying on this interesting work in a proper manner.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE DISTRIBUTORS.

The Distributors in the General Hospital report as follows:—

“September.—We have now occupied this District for some time past, and so far we have been much encouraged. The average distribution has been about one hundred and thirty Tracts each week; besides on various occasions, a number of Bibles (kindly granted ‘gratuitously’ by the Committee of the Bible Society). Both Tracts and Bibles were received with gratitude, and we hope carefully perused.

We would bear our willing testimony to the kindness and attention shewn by the various officers of the Institution in furthering our views in every respect.

We had been informed that the Unitarians were pouring their pernicious doctrines into this Institution, but hitherto we have not been able to discover any of their publications, and would therefore hope they have abandoned the distribution.

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In closing our Report we would express our deep interest in the work, and our determination to persevere. We would pray that the Holy Spirit may descend and bless our feeble endeavours, so that this desert 'may rejoice and blossom as the rose.'

The following extract is deserving of special attention:—

"While wandering through my District with a bundle of Tracts, I am often introduced to scenes and placed in circumstances that would escape the observation of the casual observer; many, many scenes of the most abject poverty and wretchedness;—of unblushing guilt and deepest despair,—are presented to my notice while engaged in disseminating the precious truths of the Gospel through the medium of these little messengers. I would now present to the Association a subject, which from my long experience as a Tract distributor, I am convinced is most important: I allude to the necessity there exists for some asylum being provided for female servants out of place. There is, it is true, a place of refuge provided for the guilty but repentant female; where an opportunity is afforded her to regain that position in society from which she has so awfully fallen; but for the class I refer to, (so much exposed to want and its consequent temptations), nothing as yet has been done in this city. I am persuaded that the many abodes of iniquity in this city, are in a great measure supplied with victims from this class. It may not be generally known that the proprietors of these places, '(whose gates are the gates of hell,)' are during the summer season in the habit of regularly resorting to the steamboat landing, and there selecting their intended victims from the mass of emigrants daily arriving; engage them ostensibly as servants by the lure of high wages, and thus secured, and once fairly entered into these horrid dens! once within the clutches of these fiends in human form! the fate of the basely entrapped stranger is inevitable; the most diabolical means are employed to accomplish her ruin. And this effected, what is left for the being so cruelly betrayed, but to hide her shame and sorrow in the grave!

The resident domestic is often through ignorance similarly ensnared; but with this class their ruin is generally the result of the adverse circumstances to which they are exposed.

At the commencement of a Canadian winter employment is very difficult to be obtained, and as saving money for future contingencies is not much practised by those referred to; many of them so situated at that inclement season, without employment, without the means of support, are driven to infamy, and it may be, to eternal as well as temporal ruin, in preference to starving or freezing in our streets."

It may be asked, "Is this not a sketch of fancy!" "can it be possible that in this city, in our very midst, such wickedness is practised?" It is, alas! too true. The horrible reality can be ascertained by any who wish to make enquiry on the subject. But shall such a state of things be allowed to con-

tinue? shall the stranger—the unprotected female—be thus treated, and nothing done for her relief? No asylum provided to which she may resort when in distress or out of employment? No warning given to the stranger and emigrant, as well as to those living amongst us, of the designs of those who lie in wait for them? or nothing done to expose and summarily punish these soul and body destroyers? If such is to be the case, and this important subject dismissed as unworthy of our attention, the wailings of the wretched sufferers in their utter misery, may in the end bring down the righteous judgment of Heaven upon this city, where wickedness so awful is connived at.

But we are persuaded better things of the benevolent inhabitants of this city; we fondly anticipate that by their prompt action this Asylum will very soon be founded and in efficient operation. It might be so constituted as to combine the advantages of a General Registry Office, with a Place of Refuge for the unfortunate; and under proper management there is no doubt that many female servants of the better class, who have not friends in town, would gladly pay for a home in this Institution, until such time as they could obtain employment. Work of various kinds, such as washing, sewing, &c., could with advantage be done in this establishment; while from these sources and by the revenue derived from the Registry Office, there can be no doubt that an Institution of this kind would in a very short time be in a position to support itself.

The subject is one of the greatest importance, and will we hope receive that attention it is deserving of. This Association, from its position and object, can but recommend the establishment of this Asylum, leaving the matter for the serious consideration of the right thinking amongst us.

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LIST OF MEMBERS.

Mr. F. F. BLACKADER, *Chairman.*

Mr. J. A. MATHEWSON, *Sec'y. & Treas'r., (pro. tem.)*

DISTRIBUTORS.

Messrs. D. Savage,
R. Morton,
Wm. Norton,
James Wilson,
John Keller,
J. Birks,
J. Gibson,
F. F. Blackader,
J. M. Blackader,
J. Kirkpatrick,
C. Alexander,
Wm. M'Bride,
Alex. Johnson,
Thos. Galbraith,
W. M'Intosh,
J. Halliday,
J. Burt,
Wm. Gregston,

Messrs. A. Adams,
J. M'Watters,
J. M'Watters, jun.
Thos. M'Watters,
J. M'Callum,
J. Telfer,
R. Nicholson,
B. Dignan,
James Knox,
W. H. Colt,
Robert Feeny,
M. Junod,
Louis Barré,
R. M'Lean,
— Strathearn,
J. Dunbar,
R. Havens,
James Jackson.

Mrs. Milne,
Woodbury,
Tanner,
Maxwell,
M'Kenzie,
S. Forster,
H. Lyman,
Misses Higgs,

Misses Stephens,
Miss Milne,
Muir,
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Cochran,
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CONSTITUTION.

1. That this Institution be called *The Montreal Association for the Distribution of Religious Tracts.*

2. That this Association shall consist of all such pious persons, who may be disposed to unite their operations in carrying out the objects of a general Tract distribution, according to the plan now proposed.

3. That all persons desirous of becoming Members of this Association in future, shall be received by a vote of the Society at any General or Monthly Meeting.

4. That it shall be the duty of the Members of this Association to distribute Tracts, to converse with those they visit on the important subject of personal religion, and to urge an attendance on public worship, as well as a regard to the other means of grace.

5. That the Members shall meet stately once a month for prayer, in connection with the object in view, when each Member shall present a written report, and give a statement of such facts as may have occurred in the course of distribution.

6. That all monies contributed shall be received in aid of the funds of the Montreal Religious Tract Society.

7. That the Officers shall consist of a Chairman and Secretary, to be chosen annually by the Members.

8. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each Meeting, and also the Reports of the Distributors. He shall also take charge of all monies received by the Association, and account for the same.