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OFFICERS

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PRESIDENT :

MRS. MACHAR.

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

MRS. McLEOD, MRS. CARTWRIGHT, MRS. MAIR,
MRS. MUCKLESTON.

TREASURER :

MRS. CLARKE.

SECRETARY :

MISS F. DUPUY.

COMMITTEE :

The Wives of Ministers who qualify as Members of this Association ; Mrs. Macaulay, Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. H. Frazer, Mrs. Lawder, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Harkness, Mrs. Chaffy, Miss Robertson, Miss Bryan, Miss Sampson, Mrs. Moffatt, Mrs. Grange, Miss Fowler, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Verner, Miss C. A. Dupuy, Miss Tossell, Mrs. Irons, Miss Mowatt, Miss Wheeler, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. J. Fenwick, Mrs. Skinner, Miss Nelson, Mrs. Kerr, Miss Counter, Mrs. Lyons, Miss Hardy, Mrs. Esson, Miss Wilson, Miss Gray, Miss M. Gray, Miss Coy, Miss Stoughton, Miss M. Hill, Miss T. Hardy, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Corbett.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Kingston Ladies' Bible Association.

- I. That we form ourselves into an Association in connection with the Kingston Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment, particularly in Kingston and its vicinity : and that this Association be denominated *The Kingston Ladies' Bible Association*.
- II. That all persons subscribing the sum of two shillings and six-pence per annum, payable in weekly, monthly or quarterly payments, or making a donation of one pound or upwards at one time, shall be members of this Association.
- III. That the business of this Association shall be conducted by a committee to be chosen annually, consisting of a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and three Secretaries and other members. Three-fourths of the most regular attendants shall be eligible for re-election.
- IV. That the Committee meet once a month, or oftener if necessary, on a day to be fixed by themselves ; and that five members form a quorum.
- V. That for the purpose of soliciting and collecting donations and subscriptions, either for the general purposes of the Society, or for the purchase of Bibles and Testaments, by weekly or other payments, the committee divide the city and neighborhood into districts, and appoint one or more collectors to each district ; and that these contributions be paid to the Treasurer at the monthly committee meetings.
- VI. That the Committee make it their business to enquire whether any families or individuals residing within the limits of this Association are in want of Bibles and Testaments, and unable to procure them ; in which case it shall be the duty of the committee to supply them therewith at prime cost, or otherwise, according to their circumstances.
- VII. That the funds of this Association, or as much thereof as the committee shall direct, whether arising from donations, subscriptions, or the sale of Bibles and Testaments, shall from time to time be expended in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments at prime cost, to be sold to the poor in the city or neighborhood as before directed ; and that any surplus which may arise may also, after deducting the incidental expenses of the Association, be paid into the funds of the Kingston Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, in aid of its general purposes.
- VIII. That a general meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Association be held (on such a day as shall be fixed by the committee) each year, when the accounts as audited by the committee shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year reported, and the officers and committee chosen for the ensuing year.
- IX. That a copy of these Rules, signed by the Secretaries, be transmitted to the committee of the Kingston Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, with a request that they will grant permission to lay out the funds of the Association in purchasing at the Depository of the said Society, Bibles and Testaments at costs prices,

CONSTITUTION

Articles of Association

I. This society shall be known as the Association of the Friends of the African Race, and shall have for its object the promotion of the interests of the African race in all parts of the world, and the civilization of the same.

II. That all persons desiring to become members of this Association shall be admitted on the following terms, to-wit: That they shall be recommended by two members of the Association, and that they shall be approved by the Association.

III. That the business of this Association shall be conducted by a General Meeting of the Association, which shall be held at such times and places as shall be determined by the Association.

IV. That the General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such times and places as shall be determined by the Association, and that the business of the Association shall be conducted by the General Meeting.

V. That the General Meeting of the Association shall have the power to make such regulations as shall be necessary for the better conduct of the business of the Association, and that the same shall be binding on all members of the Association.

VI. That the General Meeting of the Association shall have the power to elect such officers and agents as shall be necessary for the better conduct of the business of the Association, and that the same shall be binding on all members of the Association.

VII. That the General Meeting of the Association shall have the power to receive such donations and contributions as shall be necessary for the better conduct of the business of the Association, and that the same shall be binding on all members of the Association.

VIII. That the General Meeting of the Association shall have the power to make such arrangements as shall be necessary for the better conduct of the business of the Association, and that the same shall be binding on all members of the Association.

IX. That the General Meeting of the Association shall have the power to make such resolutions as shall be necessary for the better conduct of the business of the Association, and that the same shall be binding on all members of the Association.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The eleventh Annual Meeting of the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association was held in the City Hall on the 13th December, 1860. The Chair was occupied by Dr. Mair, and the proceedings opened with prayer by the Rev. J. B. Mowat. The following resolutions were adopted, viz :

Moved by the Rev. Peter Gray, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Green, Agent to the Bible Society, Montreal, and supported by the Rev. R. V. Rogers—

"That the Report which has been read be received by this meeting, published and circulated under the direction of the Committee, and that the following ladies be the Committee and Office-bearers for the ensuing year."

President—Mrs. Machar. *Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. Mair, Mrs. Muckleston. *Treasurer*—Mrs. Clarke. *Secretary*—Mrs. F. Dupuy. *Committee*—Mrs. Macaulay, Mrs. H. Frazer, Mrs. Chaffey, Mrs. Moffatt, Miss Verner, Miss Mowat, Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Esson, Miss Cox, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Lawder, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Grange, Miss C. A. Dupuy, Miss Wheeler, Mrs. T. Fenwick, Miss Counter, Miss Wilson, Miss Stoughton, Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Waddell, Miss Bryan, Miss Fowler, Miss Tossell, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Lyons, Miss Gray, Miss M. Hill, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. Harkness, Miss Sampson, Miss Johnston, Mrs. Irons, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Nelson, Miss Hardy, Miss M. Gray, Miss J. Hardy.

Moved by Capt. Innes, R. C. R., seconded by Rev. K. M. Fenwick

"That it is the bounden duty of all who have found God's Word to be precious to their own souls, to endeavor by every means in their power to circulate that Word amongst those who are destitute of it; and that this meeting recognizes the Ladies' Bible Association as eminently calculated to prosper in the work, and as such demands our warmest support and earnest prayers for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, without which their efforts cannot be crowned with success."

The meeting was closed by the Rev. Dr. Machar, who pronounced the benediction.

REPORT.

Your Committee desire to submit to their friends and subscribers, a short statement of what has been done by this Association during the past year.

On review, truly may we say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The subscribers have continued to contribute willingly, whilst a deeper interest seems to have been awakened in the hearts of the Collectors, and new members have been added to the Committee. The larger Districts have been divided, which will afford more time and opportunity for the Collectors to carry out the principal object of this Association—attention to the spiritual interest of the poor and destitute in general, as well as supplying them with the word of God.

In the month of May, your Committee agreed to a proposal of the Kingston Auxiliary, that Mr. Dunoon's services should be continued under their instructions, and that he should be considered as a Joint Colporteur for the two Societies, the Ladies promising to meet half his expenses. Extracts from his Reports and sales of Bibles, &c., will be seen in the Report of the Committee of the Kingston Auxiliary.

THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer's Reports show that the sum of \$305:38 has been collected during the year. The expenditure has been \$299:30, leaving a balance of \$17:20.

The balance in the Treasury being larger than usual at the close of the year, your Committee resolved to send a portion of it to the Parent Society for the circulation of Bibles in Italy, as a proof of interest felt in the national struggle for freedom, and of their desire to aid in the diffusion of Divine truth. £10 stg. was sent to the Kingston

Auxiliary Committee, with a request that they would transmit it to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

CIRCULATION OF SCRIPTURES.

Distributed by the Ladies during the year and by the Colporteur, from 15th February to 15th May, 438 volumes, which added to 13,660 copies of former years, makes a total of 14,098 volumes of the Scriptures since the organization of this Association.

The sum of £5 has been laid out in purchasing a few Bibles to form a loan Stock, which your Committee hope to have it in their power to add to, at a future time. Several Bibles have been applied for and loaned to poor families.

REMARKS.

Whilst noticing the system of household visitation which has long been carried on in Kingston in connection with the Bible Society. We desire to call attention to the remarkable work which has grown out of the similar operations of the Parent Society amidst the dens and rookeries of London. The work now carrying on has become very generally known to the reading public, through the circulation of the 'Missing Link' and 'Ragged Homes,' and the various notices and extracts in our public journals from these valuable records of Christian love and zeal.

We desire to refer to what has been effected there amidst the fearful and aggravated evils which have been accumulating through centuries of neglect. With the view of pressing upon our own community the necessity which exists in our comparatively small population not only of following in the track marked out for us, but by timely exertion preventing the overwhelming mass of evils which well nigh paralyze Christian exertion in older lands, attempts are being made in one or two of our Districts to increase the interest felt by those contributing to the Bible Society, by inviting some of the subscribers to meet monthly to hear the Colporteur's Reports, and by circulating among them copies of the "Missing Link,"

"Ragged Homes," and other extracts likely to awaken thought and stimulate to exertion. It is hoped that amongst these may be found willing and useful auxiliaries in the formation of mother's societies, and it is suggested that the encouragement of such circles in the various Districts already organized, might prove of essential benefit to the working classes by the practical suggestions that might be made at such meetings. Your Committee would draw attention to this fact,—all that has been already accomplished in London and elsewhere, originated in the desire to circulate the Word of Life, nor can we ever separate between moral and physical evils, or hope to gain much access for the Word of God, without first proving the influence of that Word on our own hearts, and by sympathizing efforts for the amelioration of the outward condition of the wretched. In drawing special attention to the formation of mothers' associations, your Committee would add, that it has been found by experience, that there is no way of obtaining access to the mind so effectual as appealing to maternal feeling, and that the influence thus obtained will make way for the seed of God's Word in many a heart long hardened against all other appeals; we feel therefore that in adopting any plan that may increase the interest felt in Bible circulation and call for the active aid from a greater number of individuals, we should be promoting the great ends of the Bible Society, in bringing the Word of Life to bear practically on a larger number, both by stirring up the minds of many to co-operate in plans of usefulness and in removing obstacles from the way of those crushed down under oppressing burdens.

In conclusion, your Committee would act and urge upon their friends and supporters of the Bible, to act under the conviction that "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh." As Christians, let us live by faith and walk by faith in all our labours of love; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

KINGSTON LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION,

Abstract of issues of the Scriptures in the City of Kingston, and by the Colporteur of the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association.

DATE, 1860.	BY WHOM ISSUED.	SALES.			GRANTS.			TOTAL ISSUES.			VALUE.		
		Bibles	Test's.	Total.	Bibles	Test's.	Total.	Bibles	Test's.	Total.	£	s.	d.
From 15th Feby, to 15th May,	Mr. Dunoon,.....	232	200	432	5	2	7	237	202	439	22	13	1
“ 1st Jan'y to 1st Decr.,	K. L. B. A.....	5	1	6	25	10	35	30	11	46	6	18	0
	Totals, . . .	237	201	438	30	12	42	267	213	480	39	11	1

Religious Books and Tracts issued by Mr. Dunoon, Colporteur, from the 15th of February to the 15th of May, 1860.

Bound Books.	Stiff Covers.	Children's Books.	Pages of Tracts.	Bibles with Psa's	Test's. with Psa's	TOTAL VALUE.		
						£	s.	d.
265	46	152	9,500	66	21	30	11	10

The Kingston Ladies' Bible Association in account with the Treasurer, from Dec., 1859, to Dec., 1860.

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To Cash—Salary of Colporteur for two months,.....	\$ 46 67	By Cash—Balance of Cash,.....	\$ 11 12
“ Expenses of do.,.....	22 47	“ Collected at Annual Meeting,.....	15 75
“ For the use of City Hall,.....	6 00	“ Monthly Collections,.....	255 88
“ Printing Annual Report,.....	18 00	“ Collected for Bibles and Testaments,.....	3 25
“ To Depository, for Bibles and Testaments,.....	25 97	“ Subscriptions from Members,.....	20 50
“ To half of Colporteur's salary for six months,...	100 00	“ Donations to the Association,.....	10 00
“ To half expenses of Colporteur, do.,.....	2 25		
“ Bill of Exchange for £10 stg., to remit to the Parent Society,.....	48 89		
“ For the use of Committee Room,.....	20 00		
“ Printing, Stationary and Sundries,.....	9 05		
“ Balance in the Treasurer's hands,.....	17 20		
	<u>\$316 50</u>		<u>\$316 50</u>
		Balance in hand,.....	<u>\$17 20</u>

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DIANA CLARKE,

TREASURER.

Audited by

THOMAS ASKEW.

DECEMBER 10TH, 1860.