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OF THE

Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY, 1874.

WITH APPENDICES.

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The Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society.

Officers—1874.

PRESIDENT :

REV. F. W. DOBBS.

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

REV. J. B. MOWAT, N. McLEOD, Esq., DR. MAIR.

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SECRETARY :

R. V. ROGERS, JR.

COMMITTEE :

Ministers of the Gospel, Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, Rev. G. D. Ferguson, Rev. Prof. McKerras, A. Chown, H. Cunningham, George Robertson, B. Robertson, Major Wilson, S. Gaw, G. M. Macdonnell, John Duff, Dr. Jarvis, G. S. Hobart, A. Macalister, R. Gage, George Chaffey, Jr., P. M. Rose, and the President and Secretary of each Branch.

REPORT.

The beginning of another year calls for a new report from your Committee, and this they present with lighter hearts and brighter hopes than they have enjoyed for several years past. If we cannot yet tell of much work done in the way of collecting funds or disseminating Bibles, we can at least say that we see our way clear before us, that the difficulties which for two or three years beset us have been removed by the great Lord of the harvest, and we have been by Him bidden to enter into His vineyard and work while it is still the day; and we can humbly, but still truthfully, say that we have arisen at the call and entered upon our work with zeal and earnestness.

Your Committee while deeply sensible of the feebleness of their efforts during the past year, and of the little they have done towards hastening on the latter day's glory, can still rejoice in being able to assure you that the great and good work of Bible circulation has been going bravely and nobly on. The word of God is being disseminated in every land, unchecked by the torrid heat or arctic cold. It is arresting and taming marauding hordes—is piercing the dullest heathen intellects—is melting the most obdurate savage hearts—is making the thief honest, the liar truthful, the churl liberal. The messengers of glad tidings find their way into the loathsome dungeon, the abodes of want and misery, the dens of iniquity and vice. They are giving liberty to the captive, sight to the blind, joy to the heavy of heart, by giving them the blessed Scriptures.

Let us take a glance at the great deeds done by others before we consider our own dealings in our limited sphere, and first at the venerable parent of all Bible Societies.

The 69th Report of the British & Foreign Bible Society comes to us laden with good news, alike from the dear old mother country as from far distant lands. It records another year of prosperity and increased usefulness. It is indeed the sower which goes forth to sow that good seed, which is the word of God, in that large field which is the world. " Bearing the precious grain it goes on its heavenly errand—its priceless stores are transported into every land, and a thousand active hands are scattering here and there, over continent and island, those seeds which prove their vitality alike under the burning suns of the far East, or the eternal snows of Arctic regions. For 69 years the Society has been diligently and prayerfully fulfilling, with watching and hope, the part of the sower. Nor has the labor been in vain, for much of the seed has fallen into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold. No praise is asked by it for the humble agents whose privilege it has been to take any share in the glorious work, for all the honor belongs of right to Him whose blessing forms the element of success, without which the most faithful and self-sacrificing labors can bring no fruit unto perfection." The Report contains much to cheer the hearts and to strengthen the hands of those engaged in Bible circulation; it tells of trials endured, keen conflicts waged and victories won in the cause of Christ; of much being done, and still more remaining to be done among those living beneath the shadows of Romanism, among those dwelling within the deadening influence of the Greek Church, and those in the darkness of Heathendom, as well as among those living in lands where the Bible is an open book and should be found beside every hearth. The total income of the Society for the year, from free gifts, was £96,060, the receipts for sales £92,776, being an increase over the receipts of the preceding year of £4,660. Among the list of princely donations to the Society, your Committee is pleased to note one of £500 from "a friend in West Ontario." The issues of the year were 2,592,000, thus bringing up the entire circulation of the Society publications to about 68½ millions; still the committee earnestly appeal for a larger income and for greater support.

With regard to our neighbors a few words must be said; we are surrounded and hemmed in by the Upper Canada Bible Society, and the Ottawa and the Montreal Bible Societies, all vigorous and healthy offshoots of the great parent tree. The last report of the U. C. B. S. presents a record of extension and prosperity, and of results beyond their anticipations. Their operations have been extended to the new settlements on the Upper Lakes, to Manitoba, to British Columbia and to Vancouver Island. Eight Colporteurs have been employed in carrying and distributing the sacred volume from house to house in the remoter and more sparsely settled parts of the country. The Society distributed 40,823 Bibles and Testaments, and had an income of \$30,646; a slight decrease in both respects from the preceding year. One fact in the report it grieves your Committee to note, and that is that a Roman Catholic Priest caused twelve copies of the Holy Scriptures which a Colporteur had distributed in the village, to be publicly committed to the flames, after mass on the Lord's Day, at Sault St. Marie. Such treatment of the word of the living God is new in this Protestant country of ours, and we can scarce credit that our ears hear aright the story.

The Committee of the Ottawa B. S. in their report last January, express their thankfulness that they are in a healthy condition, that they are advancing in public favor, gathering around them more friends, and being blessed with increasing usefulness. His Excellency the Governor General is the Patron of the Auxiliary. Three Colporteurs were employed, chiefly among the lumbering establishments in the bush. Their issues were 4,538 copies, and their income about \$4,600 (exclusive of a large balance on hand from the preceding year). This Auxiliary finds great benefits arise from the diffusion of information as to the principles and achievements of Bible Societies.

The Montreal Bible Society's field comes up as far as Gananoque. That Society knows what it is to carry forward its operations amidst a population that bears to a large extent the yoke of Rome, but there is an increasing Protestant community, valiant for the truth, which gathers around the standard of an open Bible. The work among the French Canadians is said to be assuming a more hope-

ful aspect, but the difficulties are many and great, and demand well devised and persistent efforts to combat them. The issues amounted to 14,607 copies, being an increase over former years; the finances also are in a prosperous state.

To refer now to our own Auxiliary. We have relinquished to the U. C. Bible Society all the territory that was formerly considered the field of the Kingston Auxiliary, except that lying within the distance of 25 miles from the City of Kingston; and the limited field retained we have determined to work with increased vigor, and as far as in us lies, under the direct supervision of the members of the Committee, which plan, we trust, will secure economy in the working of the Society. Arrangements have been made (or are being made) for visiting and holding public meetings in Bath, Odessa, Wilton, Clark's Mills, Harrowsmith, Sydenham, Murvale, Battersea, Millburn, Barriefield, Middle Road (Pittsburgh), Woodburn, Gananoque, Cataraqui, Glenvale, Elginburgh, Westbrooke, Colinsby, Lake Shore, Portsmouth, Wolfe Island, Garden Island and Amherst Island, and meetings have already been held, and with success, in Gananoque, Portsmouth, Glenvale, Battersea, Cataraqui and Barriefield, and branches have been organized and collectors appointed. Many more of the places would ere this have been visited had not the unusual want of snow and the excitement of a General Election prevented.

OUR FINANCES.

Our total receipts for the past year were \$572.99. The amount collected in the city far surpassed that received for many years past, being \$310.45; and to this, of course, should be added the \$144.21 collected by the Ladies' Bible Association, in order to show the sum contributed by the citizens of Kingston to the Bible cause.

A free grant to the British and Foreign Bible Society of £30 stg., has been remitted by this Auxiliary, and this was supplemented by £5 stg., sent through this Auxiliary by the Ladies' Bible Association. The free grants to the Upper Canada Bible Society have been \$150 from the Auxiliary and \$92.47 from our branches.

The balance on hand is \$213.20. There is due to the Auxiliary by the branches \$297.85; the present stock is valued at \$522.23, on which is due \$169.50 to the Upper Canada Bible Society.

The Treasurer's statement in detail is annexed.

DEPOSITORY.

Mr. Edward Stacey still continues in charge of the depository. He reports that during the year 1873, Bibles and Testaments were issued as follows:

	Bibles.	Testaments.	Value.
Sales at Depository	357	211	\$225.77
Issued to Branches	551	411	297.85
Totals.....	908	622	\$523.62

The curtailing of our field naturally lessened the number of copies issued to the Branches.

The total issues of the Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society since its commencement now amount to 88,164 copies.

BRANCHES.

These have, by the narrowing of our territory, for the present, been reduced to eleven, but your Committee trusts that before this year expires their number will be largely increased, and that greater zeal and activity than ever existed before will be apparent everywhere throughout the field.

The Kingston Ladies' Bible Association is our most active and vigorous branch. Last year their income (including a balance from 1872) was \$232.93; out of this they paid the salary of a Colporteur for four and a half months, and have on hand a balance of \$69.

In Portsmouth, where no regular organization has as yet been formed, the sum of \$48.55 has been collected and paid over to this Auxiliary.

COLPORTAGE.

In this department of the great work, during the year that is gone, our efforts have been confined to the labors of our most energetic branch, the Ladies' Bible Association. They employed Mr. Jack for four and a half months

at this work, and he during that time disposed of 142 volumes, and visited Garden Island, Wolfe Island, Portsmouth, Millhaven, Cataraqui, Kingston Mills, Barriefield, and the country lying between the city and those places.

Your Committee believe that the district now occupied by this Auxiliary, is comparatively well furnished with copies of the word of God; but they hope to be able during the coming year to send forth a messenger bearing the precious seed into such localities, in our neighborhood, as still are in want of that Book which can alone make wise unto salvation.

In conclusion, let us be encouraged by the thought that our humble and limited endeavors in the past, have not been altogether in vain; and let us be aroused to still greater exertions when we think of the harvest ripening for the sickle—the teeming millions in the old world who as yet have no access to the oracles of God, the hundreds of thousands who, in our sister Province of Quebee, as yet know not the voice of God's word; the emigrants in Ontario who need the words of Jesus to cheer them in their loneliness, and comfort them amid their toils and privations; of the seventy or eighty thousand of poor wandering Redmen—once the lords of the whole soil—scattered up and down throughout the Dominion, and of the Chinese who, leaving their Celestial Empire, are coming over in great numbers to British Columbia.

We are told that “never probably since the Christian Church was founded were the minds of men more stirred up to anxious and earnest religious enquiry, and never was it clearer, that only in the Bible can they find what their souls seek.” Who can think of the multitudes, who as yet have not the Bread of Life, without compassion? We re-echo the concluding words of the British and Foreign Bible Society's Report, and say “the Saviour's command is heard afresh, ‘Give ye them to eat.’ The Committee trust that the friends of the Society will help them mightily with increasing prayer, and with gifts worthy of the noble purpose of sowing the whole earth with the seeds of God's truth. Through Him who alone can make them acceptable, may these prayers be heard, and these alms come up as a memorial before God.”

APPENDIX A.

KINGSTON AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH H. SKINNER, TREASURER.

1874.	DR.	
Feb. 6—Rent City Hall, Anniversary.....		\$ 5 00
March —Remitted U. C. B. Society—free grants from various branches.....		77 27
Oct. 14—U. C. B. S. purchase account.....		400 00
14—Insurance		4 00
Dec. —E. Stacey, Depositary salary and con- tingent expenses.....		104 47
1874. —Bank draft and stamps.....		1 12
Jan. 8—Free grant to U. C. B. Society....		150 00
— Do. do. from branches		15 20
—Free grant to Parent Society, London, England, £30 stg.....		146 40
—W. Bailie, printing account.....		15 50
—Deputations' expenses to branches.....		3 50
Balance on hand.....		353 83

\$1275 29

1873	CR.	
Balance on hand.....		\$560 67
Feb. 11—Collection at Anniversary Meeting..		11 15
11—Garden Island Children, per Rev. Mr. Grafty		0 20
March 8—Cannifton Branch, free grants.....		17 56
18—Cataraqui “ “ to U. C. B. S.		19 00
18—Bath “ “ “ ..		13 16
18—Amherst Island “ “ ..		34 84
18—Garden Island “ “ ..		11 02
April 28—Portsmouth, do. per Rev. Mr. Dobbs		1 25
July 5—Bath Branch, free to U. C. B. S.....		10 45
Dec. —Cash sales at Depositary.....		235 16

Collections.

St. Lawrence Ward, per G. S. Hobart and Dr. Jarvis.	50 50
Cataraqui Ward, per G. M. Macdonell and Geo. Chaffey.....	30 95
Sydenham Ward, per Dr. Skinner.....	87 00
Victoria Ward, per Dr. Snodgrass and Prof. Ferguson.....	65 25
Frontenac Ward, per A. Chown.....	40 25
Ontario Ward, per A. McAlister and R. Gage	37 50
Portsmouth Branch, per Rev. Mr. Dobbs.....	48 55
Barriefield, collection at meeting.....	1 83

\$1275 29

CATARAQUI WARD.

Collected by G. M. Macdonnell and Geo. Chaffey, Jr.

G. S. Fenwick	\$ 5 00	O. S. Strange.....	\$2 00
H. A. Harback.....	1 00	Wm. Skinner.....	1 00
J. A. Hendry.....	10 00	J. Shannon.....	1 00
W. D. Hendry.....	2 00	S. P. White.....	1 00
W. Marshall.....	1 00	J. S. Yarker.....	1 00
W. J. Mahood	1 00	Sums under \$1.....	1 95
J. Muckleston.....	1 00		
Mrs. Pipe.....	1 00		
W. H. Stevenson.....	1 00		
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			\$30 95

FRONTENAC WARD.

Collected by A. Chown.

W. Bailey	\$1 00	J. Kilpatrick	\$1 00
A. Chown & Co.....	2 00	J. Kidd	1 00
E. Chown	4 00	D. Lake	1 00
H. Cunningham	4 00	A. McPherson.....	5 00
Dr. Evans	1 00	Miss McPherson.....	1 00
H. Foot.....	1 00	J. A. Mulock.....	1 00
Miss Fowler.....	2 00	J. Y. Parkhill.....	1 00
J. Gardiner.....	1 00	J. Power	1 00
C. Gay.....	1 00	H. Wells	1 00
J. G. King.....	1 00	A Friend.....	1 00
A Friend, A. McFaul, Z. Guy, H. Wilton, R. White, C. Moon, T. King, Waggoner & McMillan, R. Sellars, J. Tyner, G. S. Wilson, W. Ireland, W. S. G., J. C. M., J. J. A. Landeryou, 50 cents each.....			7 50
Mrs. Graham, J. Millan, J. Burns, 25 cents each.....			0 75
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			\$40 25

ONTARIO WARD.

Collected by A. Macalister and R. Gage.

B. M. Britton.....	\$1 00	L. Middleton	\$1 00
A. Bamford.....	1 00	J. Mudie.....	1 00
J. F. Baker.....	1 00	C. V. Price.....	1 00
D. Fraser.....	2 00	B. W. Robertson	2 00
Folger Bros.....	1 00	Geo. Robertson & Son	10 00
R. Gage.....	2 00	J. Simpson.....	1 00
C. F. Gildersleeve.....	1 00	Dr. Stewart.....	1 00
J. P. Gildersleeve	1 00	R. Tossell.....	1 00
Mrs. Horsey.....	1 00	A Friend.....	0 50
Wm. Irving, jr.....	1 00		
A. Macalister	5 00		
J. M. Machar	2 00		
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			\$37 50

RIDEAU WARD.

No collections have as yet been made in this ward.

ST. LAWRENCE WARD.

Collected by Dr. Jarvis and G S Hobart.

W. Begg	\$1 00	J. Moore.....	\$1 00
S. C. & Sons.....	1 00	T. Moore.....	1 00
W. Corbett & Co.....	1 00	A. Ross.....	1 00
Cash.....	1 00	J. Richmond.....	1 00
J. G. Chown.....	1 00	J. Richardson.....	1 00
John Fraser.....	1 00	E. Rose.....	1 00
W. H. Fuller.....	1 00	T. Seale.....	1 00
J. Greenfield.....	1 00	S. & M.....	1 00
J. Macnee.....	10 00	E. Stacey.....	1 00
J. S. Macdonald.....	1 00	G. Thompson.....	1 00
F. M. C., G. M. W., C. W., Bailie Bros., S. Anglin, T. McMahon, G. W. Andrews, H. B. Y., J. Johnston, A. Friend, E. B., B. H. C., J. McD, McKelvey & Birch, Cash, M. Kirkpatrick, H. Bennett, Mrs. Swanston, A. G. Flett, M. Gage, Photo- grapher, Snow, H. Richardson, W. Bailie, J. Cridiford, J. McKay, T. Driver, G. McEwen, E. Meadows, Redden & Rowe, F. Foot, W. D. Gordon, F. S. Rees, A. J. Rees, G. Vanorman, 50 cents each.....			
		17 50	
F. Welch, — Smeaton, C. Livingston, Mrs. Devana, M. Runions, 25 cents each.....			
		1 25	
Sundry sums.....			
		2 35	
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			\$50 50

SYDENHAM WARD.

Collected by Dr. Skinner.

J. Brokenshire.....	\$ 1 00	W. McRossie.....	\$2 00
L. W. Breck.....	1 00	J. McCammon.....	1 00
J. Carruthers.....	25 00	W. R. McRae.....	1 00
Mrs. R. J. Cartwright ..	4 00	Mrs. J. McPherson.....	2 00
R. C. Carter.....	1 00	Wm. Nickle.....	1 00
J. C. Clark.....	1 00	E. H. Parker.....	1 00
J. Craig.....	1 00	Dr. Saunders.....	1 00
W. G. Craig.....	2 00	R. V. Rogers.....	4 00
G. Davidson.....	2 00	Mrs. E. R. Rees.....	1 00
Rev. P. Gray.....	1 00	Dr. Skinner.....	5 00
A. Gunn.....	5 00	R. Waldron.....	1 00
T. B. Hance.....	1 00	J. Watkins.....	10 00
S. Harper.....	2 00	A. Williamson.....	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Hardy.....	3 00	Dr. H. Yates.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Hendry.....	1 00	Mrs. Folger and A Friend.	1 00
P. R. Hendry.....	1 00		
J. Johnston.....	1 00		
R. Kent.....	1 00		
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			\$87 00

VICTORIA WARD.

Collected by Rev. Dr. Snodgrass and Rev. Prof. Ferguson.

J. A. Allen.....	\$2 00	R. Kent.....	\$2 00
W. L. Baxter.....	1 00	G. A. Kirkpatrick.....	4 00
John Breden.....	2 00	Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick...	2 00
W. A. Brailey ..	1 00	Rev. J. Mackerras.....	2 00
W. Coverdale.....	2 00	Rev. J. B. Mowat.....	2 00
J. Coward ..	1 00	R. McCaul.....	1 00
J. Cunningham.....	1 00	N. McLeod.....	2 00
D. Cunningham.....	1 00	J. Morgan.....	1 00
W. Downing ..	1 00	G. Offord ..	2 00
J. Downing.....	1 00	J. Parsons.....	2 00
N. F. Dupuis.....	2 00	Rev. Dr. Snodgrass.....	4 00
Rev. G. D. Ferguson.....	2 00	J. Spence.....	1 00
W. Gemmill.....	2 00	D. Shaw.....	2 00
W. Gibson.....	1 00	R. Thompson.....	1 00
W. Hayward.....	1 00	W. R. Taylor.....	1 00
J. Hardy.....	1 00	J. Taylor.....	1 00
W. G. Kidd.....	1 00	Prof. Watson.....	2 00
J. Jewell.....	1 00	Rev. Dr. Williamson.....	2 00
J. C. James ..	1 00	J. Wilson.....	2 00
R. Wales ..			1 00
J. J. Christie, T. Hodgson, S. Cunningham, J. Noon, W. Newman, S. Shaw, 50 cents each.....			3 00
R. Varney.....			0 25
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			\$65 25

PORTSMOUTH.

Collected by Rev. F. W. Dobbs and Major Wilson.

J. Adams	\$1 00	M. E. Knolls.....	\$1 00
W. Allen.....	1 00	J. Mair, M.D.....	1 00
W. Anglin.....	1 00	T. McCammon.....	1 00
Mrs. Bates.....	1 00	G. McLeod.....	1 00
E. Baiden.....	1 00	Mrs. McLeod	2 00
W. Baker.....	1 00	Mrs. Moody.....	1 50
H. A. Betts, jr.....	1 00	T. Painter.....	1 00
J. Creighton.....	1 00	— Shroeder.....	1 00
G. Chaffey & Bros.....	5 00	Mrs. Urquhart.....	2 00
M. Carter.....	1 00	S. N. Watts.....	1 00
Rev. F. W. Dobbs	3 00	Mrs. Walken.....	1 00
J. R. Dickson, M.D.....	2 00	Julia Wilfrid.....	1 00
J. Fisher.....	2 00	Major Wilson.....	2 00
J. Flanagan.....	1 00	A. M. S	2 00
J. Kelly.....	1 00	A Friend.....	1 00
— Welborne, J. Mooney, A. Cameron, R. M. Stewart, J. Funnell, 50 cents each.....			2 50
Mrs. McWaters, Mrs. Culcheth, 25 cents each			0 50
Collected at public meeting (less expenses).....			2 55
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			\$48 55

APPENDIX B.

*Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Kingston Ladies'
Bible Association.*

OFFICE BEARERS :

PRESIDENT :

MRS. MACHAR.

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

MRS. MCLEOD, MRS. CARTWRIGHT, MRS. MAIR,
MRS. MUCKLESTON.

TREASURER :

MRS. R. VASHON ROGERS.

SECRETARY :

MISS F. DUPUY.

COMMITTEE :

The Wives of Ministers who qualify as members of this Association ; Mrs. Macaulay, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. G. Fenwick, Mrs. W. C. Evans, Mrs. T. Hendry, Mrs. Harkness, Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Mrs. Macnee, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Fowler, Miss Sampson, Miss Coy, Miss Bibby, Miss Mair, Miss J. Barclay, Miss Gray, Miss M. Gray, Miss Stoughton, Miss Craig, Miss Davidson, Miss Heath, Miss Robertson, Miss Renton, Miss C. A. Dupuy, Miss F. Hamilton, Miss Trenhaile, Miss Carruthers, Miss M. Hale, Miss Evans.

The Committee of the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association beg leave to present the following Annual Report :—

THE TREASURY.

Balance from last year, \$79.08 ; sum collected this year \$153.85 ; the expenditure has been \$163.93, leaving a balance of \$69.00.

CIRCULATION OF SCRIPTURES.

Number of volumes distributed by the Colporteur, 142 ; number of volumes distributed by the ladies, not stated in their reports.

Comparatively few copies of the Scriptures have been disposed of by the members themselves during the past year. This is partly owing to the fact that the city has been tolerably well supplied. Their work seems to be now more that of collecting funds for the purpose of sending an agent to carry the Bible into houses in the outskirts of the city, not easily reached. Mr Jack has been employed for four months and a half of the past year by this Association. During that time he has sold and given away 112 Bibles and 30 Testaments, and he has visited Garden and Long Islands, Portsmouth, the Bath Road as far as Millhaven, Waterloo, Kingston Mills, Barriefield, Pittsburgh, and York Road.

In conclusion, your Committee would earnestly pray that the Word of God, which this Association has been instrumental in circulating for so long a period, may indeed prove to very many a lamp unto their feet, and a light unto their paths.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE KINGSTON
LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION FROM JANUARY, 1873, TO
JANUARY, 1874,

DR.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 79 08
Received in collections.....	132 21
Membership fees.....	12 00
Donation.....	3 00
Paid for Bible.....	2 10
Interest on money deposited.....	4 54
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	\$232 93

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Salary of Colporteur for four months and a half.....	\$135 00
Printing of Annual Report.....	5 00
Distributing notices of meetings.....	2 00
For use of Committee-room.....	10 00
Grant for Bibles.....	10 93
Stationery.....	1 00
Balance on hand.....	69 00
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	\$232 93

ALICE L. ROGERS,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

GEO. C. HALE.

 ADDENDUM.

1874.
Jan. 8—Free grant to B. & F. Bible Society, London..... £5 stg.

APPENDIX C.

MEETINGS OF BRANCHES.

Barrielfield.—Meeting held in School House on 8th January. Night dark and stormy, 30 or 40 present. D. Fraser, Esq., of Merchants' Bank in the chair; addresses by Rev. Dr. Bell, Rev. Prof. Mackerras and the Secretary. Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Watt, Miss Genge and Mr. Batten were appointed collectors, with the Rev. T. A. Parnell as Chairman.

Battersea.—Meeting held in W. M. Church on 5th January, between 80 and 90 present. Addresses by Rev. Prof. Mowat, Rev. Mr. Might and Mr. Vanluven. The following were appointed the office bearers of the Branch: Chairman, C. S. Vanluven; Sec.-Treas., James Johnson; Collectors, Mrs. Jas. Johnson and Mrs. J. Hewton.

Cataraqui.—A meeting was held in Wesleyan Church on 13th January. Mr. Nicol in the chair. Rev. Mr. Dobbs and Dr. Lavell addressed the meeting. Attendance not large. Officers promised to exert themselves.

Gananoque.—The deputation, Rev. A. Wilson and G. M. Macdonell, were cordially received and entertained. Meeting held in W. M. Church. Rev. Henry Gordon, the venerable President, in the chair. Addresses by President and deputation. President, Rev. H. Gordon; V. P., G. H. Porter; Sec.-Treas., Freeman Britton; Depositary W. H. Randall; Committee, D. Andrews, R. Donaldson, H. Collard, S. Parish, W. Conner, E. E. Abbott, J. Ormiston.

Glenvale.—Meeting held on 23rd Dec., 1873. Meeting small. Addresses by Deputation—Rev. A. Wilson and G. M. Macdonell—and others. Collectors appointed who have not yet reported.

Odessa.—A meeting held on 26th Feb., in W. M. Church. Dr. Meacham in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Kines, Dr. Skinner and R. V. Rogers. Audience not large, but seemed fully alive to the great work of Bible circulation. The following Committee was appointed, to meet at the call of Rev. Mr. Kines: Mrs. White, Mrs. J. K. Booth, Mrs. Kines, Dr. Booth, S. D. Clark, P. Mabee, Dr. Meacham, Mr. Venton, Mr. Beckworth.

Portsmouth.—An interesting meeting was held in Town Hall in December. Rev. F. W. Dobbs in the chair. Effective addresses were given by Rev. G. D. Ferguson, Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Rev. Mr. Knight and R. V. Rogers. Amount collected in the village, \$48.55.

Wilton.—About 100 assembled in the new W. M. Church, on evening of 27th Feb., to hear the deputation—Prof. N. F. Dupuis and Prof. J. Watson—speak on behalf of the Bible cause. Rev. A. McCann in the chair. Addresses by the deputation, the Chairman, and S. Warner, Esq. Owing to circumstances it was felt that nothing could be done just now in the way of collecting funds for the Bible Society, but it is to be hoped that soon the people of Wilton will see their way to contributing with their usual generosity.

N.B.—It is to be hoped that the Branches where meetings have already been held, as well as those which owing to almost unavoidable circumstances have not yet been visited, will take up their annual collections as soon as possible, and remit the same to the Treasurer, Dr. H. Skinner, Kingston.