

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Toronto City Mission,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1st, 1862.



TORONTO :

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1862.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION.

"The object of the Society shall be to extend the knowledge of the Gospel, irrespective of peculiar tenets in regard to Church government, among the poor of this city, by domiciliary visits for religious conversation and reading the Scriptures; by meetings for prayer and Christian instruction; by promoting the circulation of the Scriptures and Religious Tracts; by stimulating the poor to a regular attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel; by increasing Scriptural Education; by the formation of Loan Libraries; and the adoption of such other means as the managers may judge important in order to attain the designs of the Society.

"For carrying these objects into effect, the Society, recognizing the obligations on Christians to visit the poor, will avail itself of voluntary agents as far as they may be obtained, who shall be employed as Superintendents or Visitors. Individuals of approved character and qualifications shall also be engaged to give up their time to the work, who shall be remunerated for their services, and be entirely at the disposal of the managers. No person shall be recognized as an agent of this society, either gratuitously or paid, who is not of decided piety and evangelical principles."

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List of Officers.

COMMITTEE FOR 1862:

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JOHN McBAIN,	ROBERT WALKER, and
W. R. ROSS,	A. T. McCORD.

TREASURER—GEO. L. BEARDMORE.

JOINT SECRETARIES, { WILLIAM KERR,
JOHN McINTOSH.

Resolutions for CITY MISSION Anniversary, held at the Baptist Church, Bond Street, April 1, 1862. The Rev. Dr. CALDICOTT in the chair.

Moved by Rev. EDMUND BALDWIN, seconded by JOHN McDONALD, Esq., and

1. *Resolved*,—That the Report now read be adopted and printed, and that the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee of the Society for the ensuing year :—

Treasurer—GEO. L. BEARDMORE.

Joint Secretaries—WILLIAM KERR, and JOHN McINTOSH.

Committee—Patrick Freeland, John Snarr, William Kerr, D. Morrice, Robert Lawson, P. R. Randall, Dr. Clark, John McBain, W. R. Ross, E. Kimball, C. S. Paterson, G. L. Beardmore, R. Reynolds, Herbert Mortimer, Dr. Agnew, John Riddell, Robt. Walker, and A. T. McCord.

Moved by Rev. Dr. BURNS, seconded by E. KIMBALL, Esq., and

2. *Resolved*,—That while the non-church-going population of a city constitutes a missionary field of peculiarly urgent claims, the results of Christian effort in this department, by various agencies, and in different countries, have been such as to shew that “God is not unrighteous to forget a work of faith and labour of love.”

Moved by Dr. WILSON, LL. D., seconded by Rev. Dr. WICKSON, and

3. *Resolved*,—That as our own city needs missionary labour at least as much as any other in a Christian land, this Society should be vigorously sustained by the prayers and liberality of the members of the several churches, so that a number of labourers may be employed sufficient for the work to be done in every part of Toronto. Especially does this meeting approve the proposed employment of Bible-women, whose labours among their own sex have elsewhere proved beneficial.

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REPORT.

It is now more than two years since the last Report of the Committee of the Toronto City Mission was submitted to its friends and supporters. During this period several things have occurred to hinder the regular working of the society. The excellent Treasurer, Mr. W. D. Taylor, and Secretaries, Messrs. J. C. Geikie and G. A. Pyper, have left the city. The society was thus deprived of its most important office-bearers. Other devoted friends of the Mission were removed by death, among whom were Mrs. W. D. Taylor and Mr. Peter Freeland. These untoward occurrences seriously affected the pecuniary resources of the Committee. They were, therefore, compelled to suffer a large portion of the salary of the Missionary in their employment to remain for a long time unpaid. Matters had come to such a crisis that it seemed at one time that the Mission must be given up. It was felt however that so noble and necessary an enterprise ought not to be abandoned; and accordingly in October last a special effort was made to place the Society in a better financial position. What success has resulted from this effort will appear from the Treasurer's statement. The Committee think it right to mention that it has been chiefly through the exertions of the ladies connected with the Mission that funds have been obtained for its support. Notwithstanding all the difficulties referred to, the Society's Missionary, Mr. William Johnston, has been prosecuting his work with untiring zeal, and not a little success. Want of support has not damped his enthusiasm, or caused him to relax his efforts for the salvation of perishing sinners. His heart is in the work, and he pursues it uncomplainingly, sustained by the spirit of his master, and animated by the prospect of meeting in a better world with those who, through his efforts, have been rescued from sin and brought to

Christ. Mr. Johnston continues to labour in the Eastern part of the city in the neighbourhood of the Don, visiting, conversing, reading and praying with families, holding meetings for prayer and exposition of the Scriptures, forming and conducting Sabbath Schools. He occasionally visits the Hospital and more regularly the Magdalen Asylum. It appears from his records that he visits about ninety families each month. The average attendance at his Sabbath Evening Meetings is upwards of one hundred. The average attendance at the Don Sabbath School is forty-five in the morning, and ninety-five in the afternoon. The annual meetings of this Sabbath School have been attended by several members of the Committee, who have been highly gratified with the evidence afforded of its success.

The following extracts from the diary of the Missionary will serve to illustrate the nature of his work and the success of his labours.

August 25th, 1860.—In — Street, I met with a man whose children attended no Sabbath School, and I wished to know if he would not send them to Pine Street Sabbath School. "No," said he, "I teach them the Scriptures and the catechism of our Church at home, and if every parent would do the same, Sabbath Schools would not be required." All parents, I remarked, do not teach their children the glorious truths of the Gospel at home, but even if they did, surely the children would not relish any the worse the teachings at home by going out to a Sabbath School for an hour to hear the same teachings. "I will relate an anecdote," said his wife to me, "respecting your Sabbath School at the Don, which I think will be cheering to you and convincing to my husband that Sabbath Schools ought to be encouraged. When I was in Hamilton a few weeks since, in the market, I met with a widow and her daughter, very respectably dressed, selling fruit and vegetables, who, when they heard me say I was from Toronto, asked me if Mr. Johnston still conducted the Sabbath School and meeting at the Don. I told them I believed he did. 'Well,' said the woman, 'under God I am indebted to him and his Sabbath School and meeting for my restoration from filth and poverty to cleanliness and an abundance; for my restoration from the paths of drunkenness and profanity to the paths

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of sobriety and reverence for God's holy name. But what is far better than all I am indebted to him (with God's blessing his faithful labours,) for the youthful piety of my daughter, and my own attention to religion.' 'Tell Mr. Johnston,' said the daughter, 'that I should like to see him, to again thank him for the little tract *Twelve Months' Warning* which he read in the Sabbath School seven years ago, which I, a poor ragged girl, took home to read to my drunken mother. Tell him I still have the tract, and would not part with it on any account.' 'Yes,' said the mother, 'and do not forget to tell him that from the time I heard that tract read I abandoned my wicked ways, attended his meeting, asked him for a Bible, and went on prospering more and more, so that now I own a handsome little property not far from Hamilton.'" The man acknowledged that this anecdote which his wife related was an excellent argument for Sabbath Schools, but he said he wished to think the matter over before consenting to send his children.

October, 1860.—Mr. ———, Roman Catholic, asked me if Government or the city authorities paid me for going about trying to make people good. I told him they did not, but I was supported by the voluntary contributions of friends to the Mission from different branches of the Christian Church. "Well," said he, "if the city pays the policemen, I think it should certainly pay you, for I think from what little I have seen of your doings that you are far more likely to check the progress of evil in the city than they are."

November, 1860.—About ten years ago there was a Roman Catholic family in the neighbourhood of the Don—a husband, wife, and two children—who had no settled place of abode, but who, after wandering about from place to place during the day seeking employment, and spending most of their earnings in drink, slept at night in sheds or under bushes by the roadsides. These wretched beings were persuaded to send their two children (a boy 10 years old, and a girl eight,) to our Sabbath School. They attended regularly and soon learned to read, and obtained Bibles and other good books from the school, for which the parents seemed thankful. Five years after this, when three more children had been added to the family, the

poor man was found dead in a field where he had been planting potatoes. The two eldest children, who after their father's death continued to attend the Sabbath School and meeting regularly, went to service in respectable places, and from their earnings put up a comfortable little shanty for their mother and brothers and sister on a plot of ground near Brooke's bush, which the owner very kindly allowed them to occupy free of rent. I visited the poor woman several times in the new house which her children had provided and found her very comfortable. She seemed thankful for my visits, and said she believed she would not have had such a home had it not been for the Sabbath School and meeting, inasmuch as her children had there learned to be good and dutiful. The two eldest, (with the exception of one much older, but not known to the family, she having a number of years ago chosen the prostitute's path,) have attended our Sabbath School and meeting ten years; a brother and sister, younger, have attended two years, and the youngest has attended one. About the commencement of this month, November, the mother left her helpless little children and went to a house of ill-fame in River Street, where in a few days she died a fearfully wretched death. Sabbath morning, November 11th, the children were at the Sabbath School and told me that their mother had left them and died without seeing them. I visited the neighbourhood November the 13th, 14th, and 15th, and succeeded in finding good homes for two of them, a girl of nine years old and a boy of eight, but as I could find none for the youngest, a boy five years old, I took him to the "Boy's Home," where he was kindly received.

December, 1860.—A poor man in ——— Street, seemed thankful for my visit and also for my previous visits, in which he said I had been instrumental in doing him much good. "I hope you will forgive me," said he, "for the abusive language I used when you first visited me, for I would not have spoken thus had I not been drinking." I believe you would not, I replied, but I am happy to find that you are quite improved in this respect. "Yes," said he, "and I may thank you for it, because had you not come and talked and prayed with me I might not have seen the value of my soul, and might now have been as great a drunkard as ever I was."

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January, 1861.—A poor man near the Don, who, when I visited him last October and proposed to pray with him arose and left the house, seemed glad to see me, and would not allow me to read or pray with him or his wife until he had called in the children. He talked freely with me upon religious subjects and thanked me for the good I had done him through his children, who attended the Sabbath School regularly. Surely when children of the Sabbath School thus open the hearts of their parents to the reception of the Missionary, the school must be a good auxiliary to the Mission. His wife now attends the evening meeting, and he intends soon to come with her.

August, 1861.—A poor man in Palace Street seemed glad to see me, and thanked me for what I had done for his children in the Sabbath School. "Before the children went to your Sabbath School," said he, "their Sabbaths were spent in play on the street, but they had not been long at the school when they brought home Bibles and other good books for us to read, which caused us to spend the Sabbaths altogether differently from what we had ever spent them before."

November, 1861.—I entered a small shanty near Brooke's Bush, and found much to encourage me. Mr. ———, the owner of the shanty was not at home, but Mrs. ——— told me that both herself and husband were delighted with the good instructions their children were receiving at our Sabbath School. These are the people who were accused of harbouring the bush gang and providing them with drink, and who affirm that Brown was locked up in their shed the night that Hogan was supposed to have been murdered. The woman seemed glad to see me and told me the children were in the habit of going over with them all they could recollect of the Sabbath School exercises, which, said she, is a good sermon for us, and convinces us that we could not send them to a better place. They have but two little girls old enough to attend Sabbath School, but let the weather be what it may almost, they are sure to be there, and more attentive children are not in the school. I have seen the tear standing in the eye of the eldest when the teacher and others have been addressing her. What hallowed influence these little ones may yet exert over

their ungodly parents it is difficult to say. I have seen so much good effected by the children of our Sabbath School, that I cannot but hope and pray for glorious results in this case.

January, 1862.—In a house near the Don I met with a poor woman who thanked me for my visits to her ungodly husband. "Before you visited him," said she, "he was very much given up to drink, and spent much of his time in bad company, but he told me last night that what you said to him at your last visit, had convinced him that it was high time for him to abandon drink and his wicked associates, and attend to something better. That night," said she, "I was surprised to see him kneel in prayer before retiring to rest, and also to hear him say that as soon as he got some clothes he intended to go to meeting."

From the foregoing extracts and many others which might have been given, it will be seen that a vast amount of good is being done directly and indirectly among various classes of persons by our excellent Missionary. No further argument is therefore needed to stimulate the friends of the Mission to greater zeal and liberality in its support. Nor is it enough that one Missionary alone should be employed. It is not right that in Toronto, with nearly 50,000 inhabitants, a general City Mission should have difficulty in supporting one agent among the numerous families who seldom or never attend the regular services of the sanctuary. There is need for at least five additional agents, and there would be no difficulty in sustaining them if Toronto Christians were only liberal and energetic as they might be. There is also another class of agents who might be obtained to co-operate in furthering the objects of the City Mission. It is now well known that in the large cities of the parent country great good has been effected by "Bible Women," who devote themselves to the work of visiting families, reading to them the Scriptures, and providing them with copies either at a low rate or gratuitously. Might not such an agency be brought into operation in connection with our Society? The subject is submitted to the consideration of all, and especially of the ladies who have proved themselves so valuable auxiliaries in other departments of labor.

The Committee close their Report with grateful acknowledgements

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to God, who during the seventeen years of the Society's operations, has crowned its labours with numerous tokens of His favour ; and with earnest prayers that He may still bless it as a means of gathering many wanderers to the fold, and at the same time of cementing and manifesting the bonds of union which bind together the different branches of the Church of Christ.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

<i>DR.</i>	
1861.	
January 1.—To Cash on hand.....	\$106 00
To Collections made by Ladies' Auxiliary Association, through Mrs. Thomas Ewart....	322 68

Total Receipts to 1st April, 1862.....	\$428 68
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By Amount paid Missionary on account.....	\$362 68
By Amount paid on Printing account.....	50 00

	412 68
Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of....	\$16 00
There is still due the Missionary about.... \$220 00	
And balance of Printing Account about... 150 00	
Making a total of..... \$370 00, which the Committee (less the above balance of \$16) require to collect to pay off arrearages to this date.	

A Report for 1860 was not published. The subscriptions amounted to about \$430 00.

Anker, Mrs
Armstrong,
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Boyd, John
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Barclay, D
Bell, Mrs. J
Borst, M. J
Buchan, D
Bight, Mrs.
Bonnick, M
Brown, Mis
Burns, Mrs
Beaty, W.
Betley & F
Betley, M
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Brampton,
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Bain, Mrs
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Burns, Mrs
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Clarke, M
Copp, Mis
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Clinkinbo
Cameron,
Clark, Mr
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Clarke, M
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Cooper, M
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Campbell
Christie,
Cridge, M

Davis, M

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1861.

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Armstrong, Mrs.	0 50	Davids, Mrs.	0 50
Ashdown, Mrs.	0 40	Dwight, H. B.	2 00
		Douillard, Mrs.	2 00
Bryce, McMurrich & Co.	10 00	Dodgson, Shields & Morton.	3 00
Buel, Mrs.	1 00		
Baldwin, Mr. R.	1 00	Ellerby, Mrs.	1 00
Blackburn, Miss.	0 50	Ewart, Mrs.	4 00
Boyd, John.	4 00	Ewart, Mrs. Thos.	4 50
Brabant, W. E.	1 00	Ewart, Mrs. Geo.	0 50
Brooke, C. R.	2 00		
Barclay, Dr.	1 00	Freeland, Mrs. Peter.	5 00
Bell, Mrs. John.	1 00	Freeland, Patrick.	5 00
Borst, M. J.	2 00	Freeland, Robt.	1 00
Buchan, David.	4 00	Freeland, Wm.	1 00
Bight, Mrs. G.	1 00	Fulton, A. J.	1 00
Bonnick, Mrs.	1 00	Fowler, H.	1 00
Brown, Miss.	2 00	Fibbret, Mrs.	0 25
Burns, Mrs. W.	0 50	Farquhar, James.	1 00
Beaty, W. H.	1 00	Forbes, Mrs.	0 50
Betley & Kay.	2 50	Friend.	20 00
Betley, Mrs.	1 00	Friends (Twenty).	8 50
Beresford, Mrs.	1 00		
Brampton, R.	0 50	Gilmore, Mrs. J. C.	1 00
Beardmore, Mr.	10 00	Girard, Mr.	1 00
Bain, Mrs.	1 00	Gordon, Mrs.	2 00
Beardmore, Miss.	3 00	Gilbert, Mrs. E. B.	1 00
Burns, Mrs.	2 00	Gardener, Mrs.	2 00
Burns, Mrs.	1 00	Gardiner, Mrs.	2 00
		Gemmell, A.	1 00
Clarke, Mr.	0 50	Gregg, Rev. Wm.	1 00
Copp, Miss.	0 38		
Copp, Mr. Wm.	0 50	Hill, Mrs. D.	1 00
Clinkinboomer, Mrs.	0 25	Henning, Mrs.	2 00
Cameron, Mrs. A.	1 00	Harrington, Miss.	2 00
Clark, Mrs.	2 00	Hemmings, Mr.	2 00
Caldicott, Dr.	0 50	Hamilton, Capt.	1 00
Clarke, Mrs.	1 00	Howard, Mr.	2 00
Carruthers, Mrs.	1 00	Higgins, D.	1 00
Cooper, Mrs.	0 50	Henning, Mr.	1 00
Creng, Mrs.	0 25	Harris, Rev. James.	2 00
Campbell, Mr.	5 00	Hughes, Mrs.	0 50
Christie, C. R.	2 50	Hay, Mrs.	0 50
Cridge, Miss.	1 00	Hodgson, Mrs.	1 00
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Lyons, Jas. F.....	2 00	Reford, Mr.....	2 00
Lawson, Edw.....	1 00	Roaf, Mr. John.....	1 50
Lawson, Mr. Wm.....	2 00	Ross, Mrs.....	1 00
Lorimer, Rev. A.....	1 00	Richardson, Dr.....	2 00
Lloyd, H.....	1 00	Richardson, Rev. J.....	1 00
Lyon, H.....	1 00	Rodden, Mrs.....	1 00
Leys, John.....	1 00	Rordans, J.....	0 50
Logan, Mr. J.....	1 00	Rogers, Mrs.....	1 00
Lady.....	0 30	Rose, Mrs.....	1 00
Leys, John.....	5 00	Reid, Mrs.....	1 00
Little, Miss M.....	1 00	Ross, H. R.....	5 00
Lyle, Mrs.....	1 00	Rough, Mrs.....	1 00
Lewis, Miss.....	2 00	Riddle, Mrs.....	2 00
Mishaw, Mr.....	1 00	Sims, Mrs.....	0 75
McCord, Mr. R.....	1 00	Snarr, Mr. J.....	2 00
Michie, James.....	1 00	Simson, Mrs.....	1 00
Manson, A.....	1 00	Strange, Miss.....	5 00
McLean, Mrs.....	1 00	Stowell, J.....	2 00
Milroy, Mrs.....	1 00	Simpson, Mrs.....	1 00
Mitchell, Wm.....	1 00	Scotchman.....	4 00
Mills, Mrs.....	0 50	Smith, Mrs.....	2 00
McMaster, Wm.....	10 00	Stitt, Mrs.....	1 00
McMaster, A. R.....	5 00	Stewart, Mrs.....	0 25
Milligan, Mrs.....	0 25	Stewart, Mrs.....	1 00
Mulholland, Mrs.....	0 50	Scott, Mr.....	2 00
Mathieson, Mr. D.....	1 00	Smith, Mr.....	0 50
McBean, Mrs.....	2 00	Turner, Mrs.....	0 30
Michie, Mrs.....	1 00	Turner, Mr.....	1 00
McDonald, Alex.....	1 00	Thompson, Mrs.....	1 00
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McEachren, N.....	1 00	Turner, John.....	1 00
McPherson, Mr.....	1 00	Thompson, James.....	1 00
Mowat, Mrs.....	5 00	Taylor, J.....	1 00
Mathers, Mrs.....	4 00	Webb, Mrs.....	2 00
Morrice, D.....	1 00	Wickson, Rev. A.....	1 00
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Millar, Mrs. H.....	1 00	Walker, Mrs.....	0 35
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Owell, Mrs.....	0 50	Webster, Mrs.....	0 50

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Wylie, Mrs.....	0 25	Young, Mrs.....	1 00
Wilson, Mrs. D.....	2 00	Yale, Mrs.....	0 25
Wiman, E.....	2 00		
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