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## OFFICE-BEARERS.

PRESIDENT:  
MRS. MACHAR.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:  
MRS. NEIL McLEOD. MRS. R. D. CARTWRIGHT.

TREASURER:  
MISS HAYWARD.

CASH SECRETARY:  
MRS. JOHN FRASER.

MINUTE SECRETARIES:  
MISS SAMPSON. MISS F. DUPUY.

### COMMITTEE:

THE WIVES OF MINISTERS IN KINGSTON WHO QUALIFY AS MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Counter, Mrs. E. Taylor, Mrs. Coverdale, Mrs. Irons, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. R. Duncan, Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. W. Anglen, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. R. M. Rose, Mrs. Haultaine, Mrs. H. Benson, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. A. Foster, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. R. Hendry, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Urquhart, Mrs. Hornby, Mrs. T. Wilson, Mrs. Alward, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Goldfinch, Miss Harkes, Miss Nelson, Miss Macpherson, Miss G. Hardy, Miss Taylor, Miss Bryan, Miss Benson, Miss Dupuy, Miss Hayward, Miss D. Fowler, Miss Cridford, Miss Clarke.

WITH POWER TO ADD TO THEIR NUMBER.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## KINGSTON LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

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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 sixpence 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 inquire 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 and 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 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 cost prices.

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## R E P O R T .

**THE COMMITTEE OF THE KINGSTON LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION,** in submitting for your consideration, their **THIRD ANNUAL REPORT,** have not much to record of their labors in their own immediate neighbourhood, but would ascribe praise to Almighty God for the measure of success dealt out to them, in enabling them to raise in small subscriptions, (few exceeding five shillings a year,) a sum sufficient for the support of a Colporteur—praise to Him who openeth the heart and maketh it to give, refuseth not the widow's mite and blesseth even it; and will in His turn dispense again bountifully, that they should have sufficient in all things to every good work. Let not the little be given grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver—that those who have abundance might give of it, as seedsmen sowing with their hands full—"for according as a man soweth, so shall he reap." "Not forgetting to distribute and to do good, for with such sacrifices the Lord is well pleased."

Your Committee would beg an interest in all your prayers, that the Lord may be pleased to pour down His Holy Spirit on all who are engaged in circulating His Word. From the Colporteurs' Reports it will be seen the fields are white for harvest; that all who feel an interest in this work, would be fervent in prayer, that laborers might be sent forth into the vineyard, that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of God. It is indeed a privilege to be instrumental in this great work, the advancement of Christ's kingdom; to be instrumental in leading souls to Him, by the circulating of the Word of Life, which with the Spirit's aid, maketh wise unto salvation.

The Bible—that light to our feet and that lantern to our paths—that Book with which the unsearchable compassion of a Saviour's love has provided us: it embodies His teaching and salvation,—it is the golden mine in which the abiding treasures of eternity may be found, that this blessed Word might more generally become the rule of life; that the Divine command to search the Scriptures, might be more faithfully obeyed, for they testify of Him who is the life, the truth and the way.

It may not be out of place for your Committee to observe, how being engaged in one good cause leads to another, and how from this Association another has sprung, called "THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS'

**FRIENDS ASSOCIATION.** The wretchedness and misery of some of their fellow creatures, specially children brought up in ignorance and vice, their wants temporally and spiritually coming more immediately under the notice of the Collectors, it was proposed that a Ragged School be established at the House of Industry, which School has been kept up since February last; and it is a cheering sight to see between 40 and 50 children kept from idleness for many hours during the day, and taught to know their Saviour.

Your Committee have with much regret to record the loss of the valuable services of **Mrs. McGIBBON**, their late Treasurer, by her removal from this place.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

By the Treasurer's Report it will appear that the sum of £62 14s. 11½d. has been collected during the past twelve months, which with the balance on hand from last year, £37 6s. 4d., makes the Treasurer's account amount to £100 1s. 3½d. Balance now on hand, £39 6s. 10d., which a little exceeds that of last year.

### **CIRCULATION of the SCRIPTURES in the CITY & COUNTRY.**

The following statement shows that 2057 copies of Scriptures have been circulated during the past year. Thus, sold to subscribers in the City, 58. Grants, 18. From the Loan Stock, 57. By Colporteurs, 1924; which, with the 913 of the two former years, makes since the organization of the Association, the total of 2970. The different districts being nearly supplied, not many volumes have been circulated in the City.

### **EXTRACTS FROM COLLECTORS' REPORTS.**

One Collector writes as follows:—"There are many Romanists in this district, all of whom, with one exception, have proved firm in refusing the "Protestant Bible." A servant maid had for sometime been subscribing for a Bible, and attending family prayers without the knowledge of her priest; but she said she felt bad in her conscience, and must relieve it. She, therefore, went stealthily to confession, and the result has been, that she has been prohibited to read our Bible, and must no longer allow herself to be persuaded into the Protestant religion. I sorrowfully erased her name from my book, and returned her money."

“Another widow had been told by her priest, that the Bibles and Tracts were unlucky and must not be read. She had been, until her marriage, nominally a Protestant; but told me she had given up her religion and her Bible then. Her husband on his death-bed had made her promise never to look into it again, and to bring up her children to be followers of the Church of Rome.”

Another Collector says:—“Twelve additional names of contributors have been obtained during the last month, through the agency of one of the subscribers who takes a lively interest in the work of the Colporteur.”

The same Report says:—“A Bible and Testament for loan to Roman Catholic families are requested, in the hope of their being purchased when the spring work enables them to do so.”

One writes:—“I have much pleasure in collecting from a man who seems to be in very narrow circumstances, but gives most cheerfully a half-penny a week towards the circulation of the Scriptures.—He seems to contribute his mite with a glad heart, and usually makes some remark expressive of his interest in the good cause. The last time I called, he gave me a bright little silver three-penny bit—evidently saved for the occasion; and when I received the little coin, I could not doubt a blessing would accompany the poor man’s mite so freely given.”

“In another house I found a soldier’s wife, a Roman Catholic.—She told me she had been visited by the ladies of the Society in Toronto, and one of them had given her a Bible; she seemed to prize it very much, and I trust possessing the pure Word of God, her mind may be opened to the truths of the Gospel.”

### COLPORTAGE.

It will be observed the Colporteur’s expenses have increased, inasmuch as it was thought advisable to make an allowance for a horse and waggon, or sleigh; which would enable him to do more work in a short space of time. In the month of January last, Colporteur HENRY was disabled by ill health from continuing his labors for a few weeks, and considering the importance of the season, as affording more time for reading to the country people, and rendering greater facilities for travelling, it was deemed necessary, if possible, to obtain an agent to fill his place. It was found that MR. CAMPBELL, Colporteur for the Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society, could labor in MR. HENRY’S place for six weeks. It was, therefore, resolved he should be engaged for that time, and the sum of £10 be granted for that purpose. The field of MR. HENRY’S labours has been

principally in the Districts of Prince Edward, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Lanark, and a few of the Townships of Renfrew and Carleton. MR. HENRY feels that prayer is an indispensable means to be used in this work, and earnestly begs to be remembered in the prayers of all who may be interested in it, that he may be enabled to discharge the duty committed to him.

It will be seen by his monthly statements from April 20th to October 30th, he had visited in that time 4001 families, and has left among them either a copy of the Scriptures or a Tract, and almost every where has spoken a word for his heavenly master. He has disposed of 1607 Bibles and Testaments; 143 Books from the Religious Tract Society; 222 Children's Books; 84 Bibles and 66 Testaments with the Metrical Psalms. Has distributed 9425 pages of Tracts.

### EXTRACTS FROM COLPORTEUR'S REPORTS.

In MR. HENRY's first Report, on being enabled to resume his labors, from April to May, he mentions having visited 1150 families; sold 304 Bibles and Testaments. He says:—"I have not found many families without a copy of the Scriptures in their houses. I meet with few pious people, but those I come across shew kindness to me on account of my occupation. In this District there are several hundreds of large Bibles subscribed for, brought over from the States, which impedes the sale of smaller ones; but it is cause for rejoicing to find them supplied from any quarter, and may God bless His own word to the spiritual benefit of those who possess it. And I beg an interest in all your prayers that I may be directed by Him whose counsel is unerring, and whose promises are sure."

Other Reports shew he has visited from 600 to 800 families a month. He says:—"I have been discouraged at the small number disposed of, travelling for a whole day calling on 30 or 40 families, and selling but three or four books; but there is consolation in finding many have supplied themselves from the Depository in Town, having availed themselves of the information given them by your Colporteur. By this I think Colportage has a good effect. The kindness and hospitality with which I am received is very great, specially when I meet with pious people who have any desire for the best interest of their fellow creatures; they consider it a privilege to help on the cause, and ask no remuneration for my lodging. On the whole, I find the people all civil and some very kind, and a number seem to be grateful to those who send the Word of Life to their doors. Some months my expenses have scarcely exceeded five shillings. I have met with

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a widow whose name is Elizabeth Caven; she lives in North Elmsly. She had only part of a Bible and was anxious to replace it with a new one, but had not the money. I gave her one, for which she was most thankful. In the Prince Edward District, the demand for the Scriptures is as great as when I was there before. I am now about to leave it, but I hope, God willing, to return there when the sleighing is good; and in the meantime, beg to be remembered in all your prayers, that I may be directed in the right way, and enabled to discharge the duty committed to my trust, and that God may bless his word to the saving of many souls."

MR. CAMPBELL'S Report from Williamsburgh, shews there is still much to be done. He writes:—I am happy to inform you, that I enjoy no small encouragement in my labours, both in meeting with the kindest reception myself and the ~~colporteurs~~ <sup>colporteurs</sup> for purchasing the Scriptures and other Books; there has not been any Colporteur labouring amongst the people here previous to my coming. There was several years ago a man employed to visit the different Townships and to ascertain who had been without a copy of the Scriptures, and gave them either Bibles or Testaments. They are glad to find them so cheap, which is a great inducement to not a few to supply their families.—Many I find have been rather scantily furnished with them, although I cannot recollect any that were entirely void of them, excepting the Roman Catholics. As to the usefulness and extensiveness of the field of labor for a continuation of Colportage, this side of Prescott and backwards, it is beyond any one's conception till canvassed."

### CONCLUSION.

Your Committee would urge the necessity of more zeal in the cause of disseminating the "glad tidings," and although much fruit may not yet be seen, still look up in faith for the accomplishment of the Lord's promise, "My word shall not return unto me void."—Praise be unto Him, for enabling the Collectors, notwithstanding the many calls on the liberality of the public, to raise the funds sufficient for the continuation of the support of a Colporteur—which they would attribute solely to the favor of God, in answer to the prayers of his people. Your Committee would conclude in the words of the ~~prayer~~ <sup>apostle</sup> "Pray for us, that the Word of God may have free course, and be glorified." Pray for the Colporteur that the most extensive spiritual success may attend his labours.

## KINGSTON LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

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### STATEMENT

*Of the number of Scriptures circulated annually by the Association,  
since its formation in December, 1849, to December, 1852.*

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#### COPIES OF THE SCRIPTURES CIRCULATED.

	1850.	'51.	'52.	Tot'l in 3 years.
Sold to Subscribers in the City,	332	120	58	510
“ By Colporteurs,		412	1924	2336
Grants, &c.,	10	1	18	29
Total sold and granted,	342	533	2000	2875
Loaned from the Loan Stock,	23	15	57	95
Total Sold, Granted and Loaned,	365	548	2057	2970

**The Treasurer in account with the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association.**

FROM DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1851, TO DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1852.

Dr.		Cr.		
1852 Dec'r	Balance on hand from last year, . . . . .	£ 37 6 4	1852. Dec. 5. Salary of Colporteur Mr. Campbell, from 1 <sup>st</sup> March to 18 <sup>th</sup> April, . . . . .	£ 10 0 0
	To Cash from Collectors for Bibles and Tes- taments, . . . . .	7 13 5½	By Cash to Bible Depository, . . . . .	11 15 4
	“ “ for Colporteur, . . . . .	52 14 0	“ “ Stationery, . . . . .	0 13 1½
	“ “ from Members, . . . . .	1 7 6	“ “ Printing, . . . . .	4 0 0
	Donation from Mrs. Mair, . . . . .	1 0 0	“ “ Distributing Notices, . . . . .	0 13 9
			“ “ Cleaning Room, . . . . .	0 12 6
			Contingent Expenses, . . . . .	0 7 8
			By Returned to Subscriber, . . . . .	0 7 6
			“ Salary of Colporteur Henry, from 19 <sup>th</sup> April to 1 <sup>st</sup> November, . . . . .	26 13 0
			“ Travelling Expenses, . . . . .	5 11 7
			“ Balancé on hand, . . . . .	39 6 10
		£100 1 3½		£100 1 3½

Examined and found correct.

HANNAH SAMPSON, AUDITOR.

M. L. HAYWARD, TREASURER.

Kingston, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1852.