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KINGSTON, 30th May, 1849.

The General Annual Meeting of the KINGSTON AUXILIARY to the BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, was held on *Wednesday evening*, the 30th *May*, in the City Hall,

*John Counter, Esq.*, in the Chair,

*Alexander Pringle, Esq.*, Secretary, having read the Report, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz :

Moved by the *Rev. R. V. Rogers*, seconded by *Mr George Davidson*.

*Resolved*, 1st—That the report now read be received, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by the *Rev. R. M. Fenwick*, seconded by the *Rev. R. Burns*.

*Resolved*, 2nd—That all who believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners, are bound to use their best endeavors to promote the circulation of these Scriptures.

Moved by the *Rev. Dr. Machar*, seconded by the *Rev. J. Cline*.

*Resolved*, 3rd—That very effectual means by which we can extend the knowledge of God's revealed Will, is by becoming members of, or contributors to this Society, whose immediate object is to promote the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures.

Moved by the *Rev. J. B. Mowat*, seconded by *Dr. Mair*.

*Resolved*, 4th—That while it is to be regretted that the operations of this Auxiliary have been for several years so limited, the temporary suspension of its labors affords no evidence that the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures is less requisite at present than in former years, but on the contrary, increases the importance of making a renewed effort to revive and quicken the operations of this Institution.

Moved by *Neil McLeod, Esq.*, seconded by *Dr. Fraser*.

*Resolved, 5th*—That it is expedient to make an alteration in the 12th Rule of this Society, as regards the holding of the General Annual Meeting, that the same be hereby rescinded, and that it be now appointed that the General Annual Meeting be hereafter held on the last Wednesday in May, in each year, when the accounts shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year stated, a new Committee appointed, and a Report agreed upon, to be printed under the direction of the Committee, and circulated among the members.

Moved by the *Rev. Professor Williamson*, seconded by the *Rev. R. Reid*.

*Resolved, 6th*—That the following persons be the Office bearers for the ensuing year. (*See list on preceding page.*)

The *Rev. Dr. Machar* was called upon to take the Chair, when it was—

Moved by the *Rev. R. V. Rogers*, seconded by *Dr. Fraser*.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the President elect for his conduct in the Chair.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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I. That the object and constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society having the cordial approbation of this Meeting, the "AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY OF KINGSTON" be now revived and re-organized for the purpose of co-operating with that Institution in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, both at home and abroad.

II. That conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society shall be without note or comment, and those in the languages of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.

III. That all persons subscribing 12s. 6d. per annum, or upwards, or £5 or upwards at one time, shall be Members of the Society; that, nevertheless, the smallest subscription shall be thankfully received.

IV. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, Depositary, and a Committee consisting of not less than ten other Members, and that five members constitute a quorum.

V. That every Clergyman or Minister of the Gospel who is a Member of this Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings of the Committee.

VI. That the Committee shall meet once every three months or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

VII. That the whole of the subscriptions and donations received by the Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses in the first instance, to the purchase of such a number of Bibles and Testaments from the Parent Institution as are required for local distribution, and that the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Parent Society.

VIII. That for the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent design of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their grant of the Scriptures for distribution among the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to inquire, either personally or by means of Bible Associations, what families or individuals residing within their several sections are in want of Bibles and Testaments; and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith at the Society's lowest prices, or otherwise, according to their circumstances.

IX. That for the still further promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures, it is expedient to encourage the formation of Branch Societies within the sphere of this Auxiliary, in such places as may not be sufficiently populous to form Auxiliary Societies of their own; such Branch Societies, and the individual Members thereof, to be entitled to the same privileges from the Auxiliary Society as it and its individual Members enjoy from the Parent Institution.

X. That such persons as may not find it convenient to become Members of the Auxiliary Society, or any one of its Branches, shall, upon forming themselves into Bible Associations, and sending a copy of their rules to the Committee, be entitled to purchase at the Depository of this Society, under the direction of the Committee, copies of the Scriptures on the same terms as subscribers to the Auxiliary.

XI. That all Clergymen and other Ministers within the sphere of this Society, making collections in their respective congregations in behalf of the Institution, shall be entitled, on remitting such collections to the Treasurer of this Society, to receive Bibles and Testaments to an amount not exceeding one half of the said respective collections, at the Society's lowest prices, as shall be found to be needed by the poor in the vicinity; such return of Bibles and Testaments to be claimed within one year from the remittance of the collection. It is recommended in all practicable cases to supply the poor by sale rather than by gift.

XII. That a general Meeting of the Subscribers be held on

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XIII. That in the formation of the new Committee, the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, Depository, and such three-fourths of the other Members as have most frequently attended the Committee, shall be re-eligible for the ensuing year.

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## REPORT.

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YOUR Committee in again appearing before their constituents, have to express their deep regret, that the active operations of this Auxiliary have been suspended for the long period of seven years. It is melancholy, and yet it is profitable to reflect, how many opportunities have thus been lost, of advancing the best interests of our fellow men. The retrospect should animate us all to assist in renewing the operations of our Society with more vigor and life, that we may, as far as possible, redeem the time, and compensate for former negligence; and it should also induce us to resolve, by the aid of God's Grace, never again to give way to a spirit of sloth and indifference, that at succeeding Anniversaries, we may be spared the necessity of acknowledging our unavailing regret at the neglect of a most important means of usefulness, which Providence was calling us to employ.

The vast importance of the object at which this Society aims, no Protestant can doubt. Our design is to circulate more widely the Book of Inspiration. We endeavor to discover all who are destitute of the Holy Scriptures in the district over which our Society extends, and either persuade them to buy a copy for themselves, or when they are not able to purchase one, we bestow this precious volume gratuitously, if there is ground for believing that it will be valued and read.

By contributing to this Society, therefore, you assist in conferring an inestimable boon on your fellow men. If you rejoice in the spread of well written works of secular knowledge, how anxious should you be for the dissemination of the Bible—the best of all books—“which has God for its author, Salvation for its end, and Truth without any mixture of error for its matter !”

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The truths the Bible makes known are of vital interest, and far more important than any others. The essential advantage of other kinds of knowledge ends with this life. We may familiarise ourselves with all the walks of polite literature, we may traverse the whole circle of the Sciences, but the benefit we shall derive from all such erudition does not necessarily extend beyond the present scene of existence. This only is life *eternal*—to know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

Will any Christian then refuse to lend his countenance and support to the attainment of an end so noble as that which we are associated to secure? We seek to put into the hands of every one who can peruse it, that book from which Christians of all Denominations derive the essential doctrines of their faith. We can here meet on common ground, for the advancement of that cause which is dear to us all—for the diffusion of the truth as it is in Jesus—that truth which when brought home to the heart by the Holy Spirit, maketh wise unto Salvation.

Your Committee cannot conclude without expressing their earnest hope and prayer, that under the direction of their successors in office, the Society may prosecute the good work with far greater diligence and success than ever. We have slumbered too long already. It is high time to awake.

We may sleep, but Satan and his emissaries never sleep. They take advantage of our supineness, and industriously ply poor perishing sinners with their wiles, while we are sleeping unmindful of the fate of their wretched victims. We may have relaxed our efforts to expand abroad that Word which giveth life; but the enemies of our most holy faith have of late years manifested increased activity in publishing books *avowedly* infidel, or sceptical at least in their *tendency*—books which have sapped the foundations of religion and morality in many a heart.

We may be idle, but death is not idle. Every week death invades our city, and drags some of our fellow-citizens to the

Bar of God. Ought we not to bestir ourselves for their salvation before that awful sentence is pronounced: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: he that is filthy, let him be filthy still"? In the case even of the most wicked, while there is life there is hope; but if they die ignorant of the glorious truths of religion, or unimpressed by them, hope is gone for ever. Now is the day of Salvation. Let us work while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work.

By reference to the Report of the Depository, it appears that there remain in the Depository Bibles, Testaments, and Books of Psalms, to the amount of £94 : 15 : 10, and in the Treasurer's hands the sum of £14 : 15 : 4, amounting in the whole to £109 : 11 : 2, the balance in favor of this Auxiliary.

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RULES FOR BRANCH SOCIETIES.

I. That the object and constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society having the cordial approbation of this Meeting, we form ourselves into a Society in connection with that Institution, through the medium of the the KINGSTON AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment—and that this Society be denominated, “the Branch Bible Society of ——”

II. That conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society shall be without note or comment, and those in the language of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.

III. That all persons subscribing 5s. or upwards, per annum, shall be Members of this Society, and that all donations be thankfully received.

IV. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Depositary, and a Committee consisting of not less than twelve other Members, and that five members constitute a quorum.

V. That every Clergyman or Minister of the Gospel who is a Member of this Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings of this Committee.

VI. That the Committee shall meet every third month or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

VII. That the Committee divide the County into sections, and appoint two or more of their Members for each section, who may associate with themselves any subscribers, for the pur-

pose of soliciting subscriptions and donations, from the inhabitants thereof, and that they establish proper agents and correspondents in different parts within the limits of such Branch Society.

VIII. That the whole of the subscriptions and donations received by this Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses in the first instance, to the purchase of a certain number of Bibles and Testaments from the Kingston Auxiliary as are required for local distribution, and that the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Parent Society through the Kingston Auxiliary. That the Members of this Society shall be entitled to the privilege of purchasing from its Depository, Bibles and Testaments, on the same conditions as the Members of the Parent Institution, namely, to five times the amount of the subscription at the reduced prices, and any further quantity at cost price.

IX. That for the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent design of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their grant of the Scriptures for distribution among the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to inquire, what family or individuals residing within their several sections are in want of Bibles and Testaments, and unable to procure them; and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith at prime cost or otherwise, according to their circumstances.

X. That such persons, within the sphere of this Society, as shall be desirous of forming themselves into Bible Associations, shall, on sending a copy of their Rules to this Committee, be entitled to purchase at the Depository of this Society, under the direction of the Committee, copies of the Scriptures at prime cost, for gratuitous distribution or sale among their poorer neighbors.

XI. That all Clergymen and Ministers within the sphere of this Society, making collections in their respective congregations in behalf of this Institution, shall be entitled, on remitting such collections to the Treasurer of this Society, to receive

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