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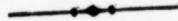
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OFFICERS

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PRESIDENT:

MRS. MACHAR.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

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

TREASURER:

MRS. CLARKE.

SECRETARIES:

MISS SAMPSON, MISS F. DUPUY.

COMMITTEE:

The Wives of Ministers who qualify as Members of this Association; Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. H. Fraser, Mrs. Lawder, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Harkness, Mrs. Chaffy, Miss Robertson, Miss Verner, Miss Tossel, Miss B. Wilson, Miss Mowat, Mrs. Irons, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mrs. Doran, Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. J. Fenwick, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Mrs. Kerr, Miss Counter, Miss C. A. Dupuy, Miss Gunn, Miss Nelson, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. McEwen, Miss Hardy, Mrs. Esson, Miss Gray, Miss Coy, Miss George, Miss Wilson, Miss Stoughton.

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 neighbourhood 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 cost prices.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The tenth annual meeting of this Association was held in the City Hall on Monday evening, December 19. The chair was occupied by Thos. Kirkpatrick, Esq., who was supported on the platform by most of the Protestant Clergy of the city. The following resolutions were adopted, viz :

Moved by the Rev. R. V. Rogers, and seconded by the Rev. Peter Gray, as follows :

Resolved.—That the Report which has been read, be adopted, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee, and that the following 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 ; *Secretaries*, Miss Sampson, Miss F. Dupuy ; *Committee*, the wives of Ministers who qualify as members of this Association ; Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Irons, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. H. Fraser, Mrs. Lawder, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Harkniss, Mrs. Chaffy, Miss Robertson, Miss Verner, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mrs. Doran, Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. J. Fenwick, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Mrs. Kerr, Miss Counter, Miss C. A. Dupuy, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. McEwen, Miss Hardy, Mrs. Esson, Miss Gray, Miss Coy, Miss George, Miss Tossell, Miss B. Wilson, Miss Mowat, Miss Gunn, Miss Nelson, Miss Wilson, Miss Stoughton.

The second resolution was moved by the Rev. W. Poliard, and seconded by the Rev. F. Henderson, and

Resolved.—That unlike earthly riches, the treasures contained in the Word of God become more abundant and precious to ourselves the more liberally we strive to impart them to others, while by selfishly hoarding up our Bibles without an effort to circulate them, we may incur great danger of being impoverished in our own souls. It is therefore a christian duty, not less than a high privilege, to encourage and aid by every means in our power, such labors as those in which the Ladies' Association has successfully engaged during the past year.

The third resolution, moved by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Edwards, of the Grande Ligne Mission, was as follows :

Resolved.—That while we are encouraged by tidings that many are now blessed by times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and may pray that He would revive His work in our midst, it is also our duty to accompany earnest prayers with active labors, and with free-will offerings for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in this our country and our home.

REPORT.

In presenting to the public a very brief statement of what has been done by this Association during the past year. Your Committee would begin by ascribing all praise to Him, who has so graciously encouraged and prospered them in their humble efforts, and that now they are permitted to submit to you their 10th Annual Report.

I.—COLLECTORS.

The Collectors have continued to visit in their several Districts, supplying the poorer classes with the Scriptures and taking up contributions from many of these towards the support of a Colporteur, thus awakening an interest in the minds of many hitherto indifferent to the souls of others, and affording them the privilege, as well as those more able to give, of helping on the Bible cause.

II.—THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer's reports show that the sum of £75 0 7½ has been collected during the year; nearly the whole of which has been given in weekly contributions of a penny; showing how much can be done by combined effort; and how large may be the amount of very small individual contributions.

The expenditure has been £107 13s. 0½d. The balance from last year being £35, it has left in the Treasurer's hands the sum of £2 15s. 7d.

III.—CIRCULATION OF SCRIPTURES.

Distributed by the Ladies' in the City,.....29 Vols.
" Colporteur in the Country,.....1,245 "

which added to 12,386 copies of former years, makes a total of 13,660 volumes. May He, who has promised that "His word shall not return unto him void," follow with His heavenly blessing these copies of the word of life—giving life and light to many sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. During the year, our Colporteur has, on behalf of the Kingston Tract Society, disposed of 1,443 bound books, and 25,000 pages of Tracts.

IV.—REMARKS.

While it is matter for rejoicing that through the efforts of this Association, a Colporteur has been supported, and many other benefits have followed from the visits of the Collectors, to the poor and destitute, we have to lament that so little, comparatively has been done; and that there are such a number in our City who live from day to day, and from year to year in sin, indifferent to the truths of the Bible which has been put into their hands, and the ordinances of religion to which they are continually invited. To arouse such, we want hearts animated with the love of Christ, and wholly consecrated to his service,—agents, willing to carry God's message to the degraded and careless, imitators of Him "who went about doing good." Opposition must be encountered, but the power of Christian gentleness and loving persuasiveness will be felt, in "making the crooked things straight, and the rough places plain." It is encouragement indeed, in our work of faith, to know that God can and does work through the simple teaching of his word. Then may your Committee have grace given them to obey the Divine command, "Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," resting on that sure word of promise which says—"For the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Mr. Dunoon has been employed by the Ladies as Colporteur, since the 1st May, 1858. He has met with much encouragement, as will be seen by a few extracts from his reports.

I.

He says:—

"Visited a sick woman, a Romanist, her husband a

Protestant. I read and prayed with her, and when I was leaving she asked me to give her a Bible, as she was too poor to buy one. I left her one, and was followed soon after by her husband with the money; he said he found his wife reading the Bible, and thanked me for it, he bought another and some good books."

II.

"Gave a Tract to a young man who scoffed at religion, invited him to attend a prayer meeting at a neighbor's house, he came and was impressed, came after me the next day, said he had passed a sleepless night, begged me to pray for him and bought a Bible."

III.

"Passed a place where the people had opposed me and refused to listen to the Bible. I remarked a change. They said the Tracts I had left, had been blessed to them, and many had found Christ, and others were seeking earnestly."

IV.

"Some people followed me for three miles, with money to buy Bibles, and begged me to call at their houses. Some of these were Romanists!"

V.

"Gave a Tract to a Priest. "*The Priest and the Bible.*" The men who saw me hand it to him, said they hoped it would open his eyes, and let him give them liberty to read the Bible. One man insisted upon my going to his house. I read and prayed with him and his wife, sold them a Bible and left them both in tears; they said the Priest would not see them again at Mass."

One more.

VI.

"Passing by the Trent I saw a woman at the door of a

hovel, and some ragged children. I asked her if she sent them to School, she said yes, and called the oldest boy to read to me. I asked him if he had a Bible, said he had not, but had seen one at the School, and would like one of his own. I gave him a Bible and told him to read to his parents, which he promised to do with tears in his eyes. They told me at the next house, I could not have done a better act,—the parents were Romanists, and the boy was anxious about his soul.”

INCIDENTAL REMARKS.

The Colporteur's reports also speak of much good done in establishing Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meetings in places where these privileges were unknown. He has visited during the year the following places:

Storrington, Loughboro', Sydenham, Portland, Gold Lake, Hinchinbrooke, Olden, Oso, Kennebec, Bedford, Tamworth, Camden, Ernesttown, Fredericksburgh, Napanee, Richmond, Kaladar, Belleville, Hastings, Northumberland, Pittsburgh, Leeds, Kitley, Toledo, Elmsby, Smith's Falls, Perth, Dalhousie, Bathurst, Lanark, Ennisville, Ferguson's Falls, Ramsay, Carleton, Rosserville, Montague and Franktown.

Your Committee regret they will be unable to continue the services of Mr. Dunoon during the Winter, the expenditure of the past year having already exceeded the receipts, to the amount of upwards of £30. The former balance £35 has enabled them to meet the expenses of their Colporteur, up to the present time; but they earnestly hope that in a few months, they will be enabled to assist other kindred associations by sending the Bible again to the remoter parts of the Country; and in order to do this, earnestly press on your prayerful remembrance the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

In drawing these remarks to a close, your Committee would remind the members of this Association that "the time is short," events are showing that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." "Let us be dilligent, that we may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless."

"He which testifieth these things saith, surely I come quickly;" may each of us be able to say from the heart "Amen, even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Abstract of issues of the Scriptures, and Religious Books and Tracts, by the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association, from the 1st of December, 1858, to the 1st of December, 1859.

BY WHOM ISSUED.	Bibles.	Testaments.	Total copies of Scriptures.	Bound Religious Books.	Books in Paper Cover.	Pages of Tracts.	Value.		
							£	s.	d.
Ladies' in the City, - - - -	17	12	29				2	9	10
Mr. Dunoon, Ladies' Colporteur, - -	601	504	1105				67	4	11
Do. Bibles with Psalms, &c., - -	113	27	140	818	625	25,100	80	13	9
Total issues and value, - -	731	543	1,274	818	625	25,100	£150	8	6

The Kingston Ladies' Bible Association in account with the Treasurer, from Dec., 1858, to Dec., 1859.

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To Salary of Colporteur for eleven months,.....£ 64 3 4	By Balance brought forward,.....£ 35 0 0
" Expenses of do. do. do..... 22 19 6	" Collected at Annual Meeting,..... 2 11 3
" Sleigh do. do. do..... 4 10 0	" Monthly Collections,..... 68 1 8½
" Depository for Bibles and Testaments,..... 3 7 1	" Subscriptions from Members,..... 3 12 6
" Use of City Hall,..... 1 5 0	" Donations to the Society, 0 17 6
" Stationery, Printing and Sundries,..... 1 18 1½	" Collections for Bibles and Testaments,..... 0 5 8
" Paid the Gentlemen for use of Committee Room,.. 5 0 0	
" Printing Annual Report,.... 4 10 0	
" Balance in hands,..... 2 15 7	
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	Balance in hands,..... 2 15 7

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DIANA CLARKE,
TREASURER.

Audited by

THOMAS ASKEW.

DECEMBER 2d., 1859.