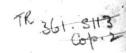
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For 1836.

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OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

I. The designation of this Society shall be the BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, of which the sole object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scripture, without note or comment: the only Copies in the Languages of the United Kingdom, to be circulated by the Society, shall be the authorised Version.

II. This Society shall add its endeavours to those employed by other Societies, for circulating the Scriptures through the British Dominions; and shall also, according to its ability, extend its influence to other countries, whether Christian, Mahometan or Pagan.

, III. Each Subscriber of one guinea annually shall be a Member.

IV. Each Subscriber of 10 guineas at one time, shall be a Member for Life.

V. Each Subscriber of 5 guineas annually shall be a Governor.

VI. Each Subscriber of fifty pounds at one time, or who shall, by one additional payment, increase his original subscription to fifty pounds, shall be a Governor for Life.

VII. Governors shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Committee:

VIII. An Executor, paying a bequest of fifty pounds, shall be a Member for Life; or of one hundred pounds, a Governor for Life.

IX. A Committee shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society, consisting of thirty-six Laymen, six of whom shall be Foreigners, resident in London, or its vicinity; half the remainder shall be members of the Church of England, and the other half members of other denominations of Christians. Twenty-seven of the above number, who shall have most frequently attended, shall be digible for re-election for the ensuing year.

The Committee shall appoint all Officers, except the Treasurer, and call Special General Meetings, and shall be charged with procuring for the Society suitable Patronage, both British and Foreign.

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XI. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in May, when the Treasurer and Committee shall be chosen, the accounts presented, and the proceedings of the foregoing year reported.

XII. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, shall be considered ex-officio Members of the Committee.

XIII. Every Clergyman or Dissenting Minister, who is a member of the Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Committee.

XIV. The Secretaries, for the time being, shall be considered as members of the Committee; but no other person deriving any emolument from the Society shall have that privilege.

XV. At the General Meetings, and Meetings of the Committee, the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President first upon the list then present; and in the absence of all the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer; and in his absence, such Member as shall be voted for that purpose, shall preside at the meeting.

XVI. The Committee shall meet on the first Monday in every month, or oftener, if necessary.

XVII. The Committee shall have the power of nominating such persons as shall have rendered essential service to the Society, either Members for Life, or Governors for Life.

XVIII. The Committee shall also have the power of nominating Honorary Members from among Foreigners who have promoted the object of the Society.

XIX. The whole of the Minutes of every General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman.

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

CITY OF TORONTO AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

RULE 1st. This Society shall be denominated the "CITY OF TORONTO, U. C. BIBLE SOCIETY," having the same object in view as the British and Foreign Bible Sobiety, viz, the circulation of the Bible without note or comment, to act in concert with the Parent Society, or separately, as circumstances may require.

RULE 2nd. The Society shall consist of all who are disposed to promote the object of the institution, without regard to difference of religious sentiments.

RULE 3rd. Every subscriber of Five Shillings annually, shall be considered a member as long as he pays his subscription.

RULE 4th. A subscriber of Five Pounds shall be a member for Donations of any amount, small or great, will be thankfully life. received.

RULE 5th. That the busines of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretaries, and a Committee consisting of fifteen other members, ten of which may be re-elected-five to form a quorum; and that all Ministers of the Gospel who are members of the Society, shall be entitled to a seat and to vote with the Committee.

RULE 6th. The Committee shall meet on the second Mondays of February, May, August and November, or when called by the Chairman or any three of the Committee.

RULE 7th. The Society shall meet annually, in the second week in February, in the City of Toronto; the day and hour to be fixed by the Committee, and advertised, at which meeting the Committee shall give an account of their transactions and funds.

RULE 8th. Every Subscriber of One Pound Five Shillings annually, shall be entitled to purchase Bibles and Testaments to the amount of five pounds, at the reduced prices of the Society.

RULE 9th. The Committee shall be empowered to sell the Scriptures, or to give them gratis when they find well authenticated claims. They are to purchase from the Parent Society to supply their wants, and if there are any overplus funds to spare, to remit the same to the Parent Society, for the purpose of supplying other nations with the word of God.

Rule 10th. No alterations shall be made in these laws, but at a General Meeting of the Society.

AT the EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING of the CITY OF TORONTO: AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, held in St. Andrew's Church, on the 15th of February, 1837—

DR. BALDWIN, v. P. IN THE CHAIR:

The Meeting having been opened with Prayer, and the Report of the Committee read, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

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I. Moved by Rev. A. Stewart, seconded by Peter Paterson, Esq.-

That the Report now read be adopted, and printed under the direction of the Committee.

II. Moved by Rev. E. Evans, seconded by Jesse Ketchum, Esq.—

That this Society acknowledges with gratitude the continued assistance and co-operation of the Parent Institution.

III. Moved by Rev. Dr. HARRIS, seconded by Rev. James Harris,-

That this Meeting gratefully acknowledges the aid received from the Ladies' Bible Association, and also from those Branches which have been actively engaged in promoting the designs of the Society during the past year.

IV. Moved by Rev. Mr. LEACH, seconded by Rev. G. BARCLAY,

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Hon. John Henry Dunn, President, for his continued interest in the welfare of the Society.

V. Moved by Rev. D. MACAULAY, seconded by Rev. J. E. MAXWELL,-

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries and Committee, for their gratuitous services during the past year; and, That the Rev. Alexander Stewart and Rev. James Harris, be the Corresponding Secretaries, and that Mr. William McMaster be the Minute Secretary of this Society; and that the Committee for the ensuing year consist of the following persons. (See List of Committee.)

VI. Moved by Rev. E. Evans, seconded by Rev. A. Stewart,-

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to Dr. Baldwin, for his attention to the business of the Meeting.

REPORT.

Your Committee, in submitting to you a statement of the affairs and an account of the operations of the Toronto BIBLE SOCIETY for the last year, are glad to have it again in their power to congratulate you upon the additional prosperity of the society. Persuaded that the same Divine Providence which has hitherto protected it, will protect it still against whatever prejudices and passions may assail it, and that the general experience of its beneficial effects will not only disarm opposition but bring over to its side the assistance of all good men who have any respect for our common faith, they have no apprehension whatever regarding its future prosperity. It is evident that the more generally the truth in Christ is promulgated and received, so will the duty be more commonly acknowledged of extending to others the words of eternal life, and your committee have yet to learn a more unexceptionable, a safer, and a more efficacious method of making known the truth in Christ, than that of publishing far and wide the word of God. While your committee therefore express their unfeigned thankfulness to God for mercies past, they have to invite the friends of this Society to take encouragement for the future, and to cherish with satisfaction the pleasant hope that He who has been with us in times past, and so far prospered our humble endeavours in his service, will bless us still, rendering our labours subservient to his glory, in supplying the wants of the destitute.

Your Committee have great pleasure in representing to you, the splendid success that still follows the exertions of the Parent Society. No weapon formed against her has yet been rewarded with the slightest prosperity. She still triumphs over the scorn of the infider and the hatred of the fanatic, the apathy of the world and the violent opposition of the ignorant and deluded heathen. She owes it to that divine protection which is never wanting to give efficacy to divine truth, and to the many great and good men into whose hearts God has

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put the desire of maintaining his cause among mankind, that she spreads forth her boughs unto every sea, and her branches over almost every river of the habitable globe. Had it been but the excitement of novelty or any other cause dependent upon human passions, that gave birth and enlargement to the vast design contemplated by the parent Society, long ere this time, her resources would have been dried up, and the design would have been abandoned as impracticable; but it is a circumstance, the most hopeful for the destinies of man, that the truth in Christ is yet so appreciated that the means of her usefulness grow with her growth, and that her strength is renewed, as it were, day by day, insomuch that she is carrying the word of God, swiftly and certainly, into every dark corner of ignorance and superstition. The British dominions in the East Indies have long been the theatre of her strenuous exertions. sent the revealed will of God even into the fields of China, jealous and inhospitable as that region is. The Africans have received by her instrumentality the law and the testimony, and every nation in Europe is drinking from her fountain, not excepting Rome, Naples, and the Italian states, where, alas, bibles are but rarely seen.

That the members of the Society may have a clear and correct view of the Funds committed to their trust, and the objects to which they have been appropriated, the Committee beg leave to submit to you the following statement:

Subscriptions & Donations,	£333 107 25	17	11	
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Your Depositary has distributed during the last year:

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Bibles sold,	944	
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debts,	148	17	0
Debts due present Depositary,	401	5	8
Total	£550	2	8

The Society owes the Parent Society, £464 12 9 Sterling.

In order that the members of the Toronto Bible Society may see he progressive increase of the distributions since its commencement, your Committee subjoin the following statement of issues of Bibles and Testaments from the 9th Feb. 1830, till the 31st Dec. 1836:

	Bibles.	Testaments.	Total.
1st year,	 . 152	390	542
2nd "	 . 330	.878	1208
3rd "	 . 541	1141	1682
4th "	 . 580	947	1527
5th "	 . 331	1306	1637
6th "	 . 301	608	969
7th "	 . 371	1052	1423
8th "	 .1024	1373	2397
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Such are the present circumstances of the Society. It is pleasant to know that it not only continues to exist, but that it maintains, amidst the excitement of eventful times, so large a degree of strength and activity. And although, in various parts of the country that have been recently visited by Mr. Black, the Agent of the Society, whose labours deserve to be mentioned with great approbation, and whose report is given with much precision and accuracy, many of the branch Societies are rather in a languishing state, there are some in which the cause has received an additional impetus. Notwithstanding the objections with which, on so many occasions, the object of Mr. Black's mission seems to have been assailed, individuals have never been wanting in every station which he visited, to express their concurrence with it, and their readiness to use their influence to revive it, and instances are recorded by him that promise a vigorous and successful effort for the circulation of the Scriptures.

Of Mr. Barclay's Mission, your Committee have just received the report: they learn with pleasure that his exertions at Peterboro have not been fruitless, and that the Branch Society instituted there gives good promise of a prosperous result; the names of many of the most influential and respectable members of that flourishing community, being to be found among the officers and supporters of it.

Your Committee have to state in regard to the Ladies' Society of Toronto, that the fund collected this season is considerably less than that collected last year, amounting to not more than £25 17s 8d. They have at the same time to express their regret that this Society has not been so active as formerly, and that some have even been disposed to give it up. They trust, however, that their recommendation to revive it will have the effect of inducing its members to resume the business of it with increased vigour and diligence.

Your Committee have great pleasure in representing to you that the Indian translation, which so long has been an object of great anxiety and interest to the Society, has, in part, been accomplished. The gospels of Matthew and John are already in circulation. The book of Genesis has also been printed in the Indian language, and is ready for distribution. 150 copies of it have been distributed among the native Indians. Your Committee have further to state, that the translation of the Scriptures into the Indian tongue, would have been yet farther advanced, had they been able to procure the co-operation of the only persons who are competent to lend them effective assistance.

Upon a review of the whole circumstances of the Society, your Committee have to say, that if the revenue of the Society has not increased to such a degree as they could desire, yet they have the comfort to know that there are many members of it who still take a deep interest in its prosperity; they have the satisfaction of being assured that there are many who understand too well, and feel too strongly, the vast importance of the object intended to be advanced to suffer it to decline, but who, on the contrary, are resolved to increase the means of its usefulness, and give it an efficiency proportioned to the circumstances of the country.

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To this description of persons we must still address our urgent application. We must still press upon them the high duty of an active compassion for the ignorance, the miseries, and moral degradation of their companions of the human species. We must still represent to them the mighty honour of being permitted to take a part in the work of dispensing the blessings of our holy religion. We must still admonish them not to despair of success, but to remember how dear to the heart of God is the redemption of men, and how he has promised to establish the kingdom of Christ in every latitude of the habitable earth. Nor must we neglect to remind them, and that with earnestness and constancy, of the reward that will certainly follow these good and blessed labours of love; for if they who turn many to righteousness shall shine like the stars for ever and ever, it need not be feared that God will be offended, if they, who, differing in other matters of opinion and persuasion, yet cordially uniting in one in order to concentrate their endeavours and to collect their means, that the larger multitude may be fed with the bread of life. should take to themselves the pleasure of a great hope, that herein they may receive the approbation of God, and the recompense of a reward. And truly if they would but give themselves the trouble to reflect, and if God would but give them the heart to feel, what a vast mercy it is, if they have been found of him that sought him not, and if Christ has made their cause his own, by making himself a sacrifice for them, they would discover sufficient reason for making his cause their's, and might be the better disposed to imitate his grace, by reaching a merciful hand to raise up some human souls sunk under the load of ignorance and sin.

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Minion, do. with do.,	0	11	6	0	8	8
do. without do.,	0	7	5	0	5	7
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Sunday School,	. 0	2	6	0	2	6
Pearl Pocket, 24mo.,	0	6	10	0	5	2
Long Primer, without references,	0	9	8	0	7	3
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Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.

BREVIER.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous. LONG PRIMER.

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

NONPAREIL.

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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RULES RECOMMENDED FOR BRANCH SOCIETIES.

I. That a Society be formed, in connexion with the British and Foreign Bible Society, through the medium of the City of Toronto Auxiliary Bible Society, for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment; the English, of the authorised version only.

II. That the Society be denominated "THE BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY."

III. That all persons subscribing five shillings or upwards, or one pound five shillings at one time, shall be members of this Society.

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

V. That all Ministers of the Gospel who join this Society shall be reckoned members of the Committee.

VI. That the Committee shall meet quarterly, or oftener; the time and place of meeting to be fixed by themselves.

VII. That the Committee divide their sphere of operations into Districts, and appoint two of their own members for each District, to solicit subscriptions and donations from the inhabitants; as also to ascertain the wants of the people regarding the Word of God.

VIII. That the whole of the subscriptions and donations received by this Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses, to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments from the City of Toronto Society, to supply this neighbourhood; (which copies of the Scriptures the Committee are to sell to all at cost price, to members at the reduced price—one-fourth less—and to give gratis to those who they know cannot purchase;) and that the overplus be remitted half-yearly to the City of Toronto Society, for the purpose of translating the Word of God into the Indian languages, and supplying other nations, through the Parent Institution, with the pure Word of God.

IX. That a General Meeting of the Subscribers be held on the day of in each year, at when the accounts shall be presented, the proceedings of the past years stated, a new Committee appointed, and a Report agreed upon; the Report to be published under the direction of the Committee if required.

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

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