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ANNUAL MEETING.—Third Tuesday of January. The Committee meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, at 4 P. M., and oftener as business may require.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston.

I.—That the "Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston," cordially approving the object and Constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society, has been organized for the purpose of co-operating with that Institution, in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, and such copies as are in the languages of the United Kingdom, shall be of the authorized version only.

II.—That all persons subscribing 7s. 6d. per annum shall be members of this Society; and each subscriber of £5 at one time, shall be a life member.

III.—That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a committee, comprising President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and not less than ten other members; and that five members constitute a quorum.

IV.—That all Ministers of the Gospel who are members of this Society shall be members of the committee.

V.—That the Committee shall meet every month, or oftener, if necessary.

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

VII.—That for the promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures it is expedient to encourage the formation of the Branch Societies and Depots, and to employ such other agencies as the Committee may think suitable.

VIII.—That a general meeting of the subscribers be held on the third Tuesday in January 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 and circulated under the direction of the committee.

IX.—That in the formation of the new committee respect be had to those who have been found faithful in their attendance during the year.

X.—That the committee shall have the power of nominating such persons as have rendered essential services to the Society, either governors for life or honorary members.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION FOR BRANCH SOCIETIES.

I.—That we form ourselves into a Society in connection with the "Auxiliary Bible Society of Kingston," for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures of such copies as are in the language of the United Kingdom, to be of the authorized version only; and that the Society be denominated "The Branch Society of ———."

II.—That all persons subscribing ——— or upwards, per annum, shall be members of this Society,

III.—That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a committee comprising the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretaries, and not less than ——— other members, and that ——— members of this committee constitute a quorum.

IV.—That all Ministers of the Gospel, who are members of the Society, shall be members of the Committee.

V.—That the Committee shall meet every third month, or oftener, if necessary.

VI.—That the committee divide the locality into sections, and appoint two or more of their members for each section, who may associate with themselves any subscribers, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions and donations.

VII.—That the whole of the money received by this Society, shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses in the first instance, to the purchase of such Bibles and Testaments from the Kingston Auxiliary as are required for distribution, and that the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Kingston Auxiliary.

VIII.—That a General meeting of the subscribers be held at such time as shall be convenient 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.

IX.—That in the formation of a new committee respect be had to those who have been found faithful in their attendance during the year.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING,

HELD IN THE CITY HALL, ON TUESDAY EVENING, 15TH JANUARY,
1861—REV. R. V. ROGERS, VICE-PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The meeting having been opened by the usual exercises, the Report of the Society for the past year was read by Mr. John Paton.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Pollard, seconded by Captain Innes, R. C. R., and—

Resolved—That the Report, an abstract of which has been read, be adopted, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee; and that the following be the office-bearers and Committee during the ensuing year.—(See page 2.)

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Shortt, of Port Hope, seconded by Mr. J. Johnston, and—

Resolved—That, while acknowledging with thankfulness to Almighty God the measure of success which has attended the Society's operations hitherto, this meeting is deeply sensible of the call to renewed exertions in circulating the Scriptures throughout the land, and especially desires, by means of colporteurs, to place the Bible within the reach of every family and individual in the District.

It was moved by the Rev. D. Leith, Principal of Queen's College, seconded by the Rev. J. A. Muloch, and—

Resolved—That the Kingston Auxiliary regards with admiration the rapidly extending operations of the Parent Society, and rejoice to hear of new and important fields opened up by Divine Providence for the dissemination of the word of God.

The above resolutions having been carried the Doxology was sung by the assembly, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. A. Stewart.

REPORT.

THE Committee beg to submit the following statement of the operations of this Auxiliary Society during the past year, together with brief extracts from the Reports of Sister Societies engaged in the same great work.

The Kingston Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society occupies a contracted field, Gananoque on the East and Trenton to the West, having for some time past formed the limits of its operations. In this District there are but few towns large enough to support Branches, and therefore the employment of a salaried agent, devoting his entire time and attention to the work of the Society, has been found impossible. The Committee, on many accounts, have had cause deeply to regret this want, it being difficult to maintain intimate relations with Branches, and to afford them that constant aid which such organizations require, without such agency. The chief work of a travelling agent is to move constantly from place to place, holding public meetings, stimulating to increased activity the office-bearers and committees of Branches, and collecting subscriptions in aid of the work. In this way the claims of the Society are brought prominently before the inhabitants of towns and villages, and constant interest is maintained in the work of Bible circulation throughout the world.

While giving due weight to the advantages reaped from a system such as the above, the committee during the past year have been more deeply impressed than ever with the belief that in Canada, and especially in the District assigned to them, the work of colportage has the highest claims upon the care and attention of a Bible Society. Public meetings are very important, but these are attended as a general rule by the religious public, who are abundantly supplied with copies of the Word of God, and who have its claims upon their attention better enforced in their respective churches than is possible by an annual platform address, however eloquent. To supply destitute localities with the Bible, to place a copy in every family who will receive it, to bring under the influence of the Word of God the ignorant and the irreligious, such have been the chief aims of the Committee during the past year, and in carrying out these they trust they have not been unfaithful so far as their means and ability would permit.

The Midland District of Canada, the sphere of the Society's operations, for many years, was only understood to embrace two or at most three ranges of townships along the St. Lawrence and Bay of Quinte, and also the flourishing county of Prince Edward. In rear of the former lay a vast extent of country, unknown save to the Indian or the hunter for long after other portions of the Province had become thickly settled. Slowly but steadily the tide of emigration has been rolling backwards aided by the opening up of Government roads, and by free grants of land to actual settlers, until a large but scattered population has spread through remote townships, the existence of which is scarcely known to many who reside in the older Districts. Fully alive to the religious destitution existing in these remote settlements, where no churches exist, and where the public worship of God is but seldom enjoyed by the vast majority of the settlers, the Committee have been steadily pursuing the work of Bible circulation by means of their devoted colporteur, Mr. George Dunoon.

Such is a brief and imperfect statement of our chief field for colportage. During the summer months and in mid-winter, our Colporteur is constantly employed in the remote townships, visiting regularly every house and shanty, and never leaving a family unsupplied where an entrance for the Book can be found. In many cases no money to purchase a Bible, is given as the reason for its want, and often with expressions of the deepest regret. To all such, copies are given gratuitously, and it would touch the hearts of our readers were we able in this report to describe the joyful reception often given to the long forgotten treasure thus bestowed. Quietly and unostentatiously is the work performed; every year new townships are thoroughly explored and as far as practicable supplied, and at the great day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed may we not trust that the seed thus sown will be shown to have borne an abundant harvest.

During those portions of the year when the remoter townships are inaccessible, the Colporteur is employed in the older Districts, and in these his labors are not in vain. It is only by house to house visitation that the religious wants of the country can be known. Often in the midst of our most flourishing townships, and in villages where churches have long been enjoyed, are families found without a copy of the Scriptures. On every side is work for this Society to do, both through the agency of its Colporteur and also of its members. The harvest truly is great; alas! that the laborers are so few.

DEPOSITORY.

Mr. Edward Stacey continues to discharge his responsible duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, and they have much pleasure in again being able to record their sense of his services. The stock is kept in excellent order, and the accounts of the Society are carefully made out.

The results of the past year's operations may be stated as follows :

	Bibles.	Testaments.	Total
Sales at Depository.	525	979	1504
Issued to Colporteur	520	433	983
Issued to Branches and Depots	216	514	730
Grants through the Colporteur.	22	10	32
Ladies' Bible Association.	30	11	41
	<u>1313</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>3290</u>
Do. per last Report			2925
Increase over last year			<u>365</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT.

This important document presents a satisfactory result. Favored with an abundant harvest, Canada is slowly recovering from the monetary difficulties which have marked the last three years, and our Society has benefitted by the improvement. We have this year gratefully to acknowledge a gift of £100 stg., from our munificent Parent Society in aid of the Colportage and Depository expenses. The collections during the past year amount to £46, most of which was collected in the city by Mr. Dunoon. The debt to the Parent Society has been reduced to £112 sterling.

LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

It again affords the Committee very great pleasure to learn the continued success of this most useful Auxiliary Association. During the past year the number of collectors and visitors has been increased, the whole city has been regularly visited through the self-denying labors of the Ladies, and the monthly meetings have been sustained with great interest to the large numbers who attend them. The Annual Report of this organization having been extensively circulated we only quote from it the following interesting particulars :

"Copies of the Scriptures circulated during the year by
the Colporteur and the visitors, 438 volumes."

Making a total of 14,098 copies of the Word of God since the organization of the Auxiliary. The sum of \$303 38 cts. was collected during the year, chiefly in small monthly and quarterly subscriptions. The attention of the Ladies having been drawn to the openings for the diffusion of Divine Truth in Italy, the sum of £10 stg. was remitted to the Parent Society towards this object. A further sum has also been applied to the formation of a loan stock of Bibles, from which copies of the Scriptures are loaned to poor families by the visitors.

BRANCHES.

The annual meeting of the Picton Branch was held on the 11th October, 1860, and attended by the Rev. R. V. Rogers and Mr. Paton, as a Deputation from the Society. The Annual Report, (see appendix) read by the able and zealous Secretary, Mr. Gray, gave an encouraging statement of the operations during the past year. 291 copies of the Scriptures have been sold during the year, and the Colporteur of the Society, Mr. Dunoon, engaged during some weeks in visiting the various townships of Prince Edward, under the direction of the Picton Committee.

BELLEVILLE.

We are without any statement of the operations of this important Branch during the past year, but have had great pleasure in learning that the work has been carried on with great activity.

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150 copies of the Scriptures have been sent to this Branch.

Our other Branches cannot at present be termed active. We trust, however, to hear of improvement in the Spring, as it is then hoped that a system of visitation will be carried out.

CONVENTION.

Your Committee, impressed with the desirableness of having a Conference with the several kindred Societies in Canada, on points affecting their common interest, proposed that a convention for that purpose should be held, to be composed of two Delegates from each Society. The proposal was cheerfully and practically responded to by the Upper Canada, Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa Auxiliaries, and a Convention was consequently held in Kingston on the 12th and 13th Dec., 1860.

The meeting was pleasant and profitable. The principal features of Bible distribution were discussed, and several resolutions were drawn up and adopted. Although these resolutions appear in the Appendix, we call special attention to the following one:

“Whereas the Kingston Society has expressed its willingness to employ an efficient agent to superintend its Branches, provided an adequate field be secured; and whereas evidence has been furnished that at present it does not possess such a field. Resolved, that in the opinion of this convention it is desirable that the Montreal and Upper Canada Societies should consider whether it is not possible for them to lay out a field sufficiently extensive for the employment of an agent by the Auxiliaries of Kingston and Ottawa cities jointly.”

The proposed general convention of all the Bible Societies and Associations of the Province is a movement of great importance, and will, we trust, ultimate in great good to the Bible cause in Canada.

COLPORTAGE.

This important work has been already referred to, and we have therefore only to record our entire satisfaction with the faithful and laborious services rendered by Mr. Dunoon during the past year. The sultry heat of summer, and the piercing cold of winter have been in turn encountered by the colporteur, who often writes of his gratitude to God for constant preservation from sickness and accident during his long and toilsome journeys through the distant settlements.

The following brief extracts from Mr. Dunoon's Reports will show the nature of his duties, and the results of his visits.

"Went into Oso. The Roads not passable for a waggon. In coming down a steep rocky place I was thrown out, and two of my ribs broken. When able to travel I left the horse and wagon and travelled on foot with Bibles and Testaments. The people received me very kindly but had no money, as they had been unable to send their potash to market. One or two who had a few dollars lent money to the others to buy Bibles. They have a Sabbath school there, and I never saw people more attentive or anxious to hear the word of God. They were very kind and came every night to see me, as they heard I had got hurt in travelling to Oso. I sold there all the Bibles and Testaments I had left.

"In Leeds I am sorry to state that many have no Bibles, and remain careless and unconcerned. A young widow to whom I gave a Testament and some tracts eighteen months ago, came and said she blessed God that I had come her way, for before she lived without God, but by reading the Testament and tracts she had been brought to a knowledge of the truth. She bought a large type Bible, desiring now to have the whole truth, and saying, with tears of thankfulness, that she desired to leave it as a legacy to her children. A man calling himself a Reformed Israelite has been doing much harm here, circulating profane tracts, some of which I saw."

"In Kaladar the people are very poor. Met there a protestant married to a Catholic wife. The man wept when he told me he had no Bible. I gave him one and his wife was as glad as the man himself to receive it."

"Travelled through Prince Edward, and sold between three and four hundred Bibles and Testaments, and supplied upwards of fifty families who were without a copy. There seems to be a thirst for the Bible more than for books. Met with a poor old widow full of the love of her blessed Saviour. I asked her if she had a Bible, and she showed me portions of it half burnt which she had saved from her

"house when this last was destroyed by fire. Having no money I gave her a Testament in large type, which she received with tears of joy, saying that God had answered her prayers."

"In Portland got the people to recommence a Sabbath School which had fallen away. Only one of the scholars had a Bible. Twelve boys came early next morning with eggs, asking me to give them Bibles and Testaments in exchange for them. I was informed that most of them had no Bibles in their houses."

"In the back townships the poor people often have no shelter for their cattle. They are very kind to me, and sometimes my horse is taken into the log-house and accommodated in the same room with the family and myself at night."

THE PARENT SOCIETY.

The last annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society is a wonderful record of Christian effort and of the power of Divine truth. No thoughtful reader can peruse the document without feeling that a mighty agency is here at work to advance the truth and to combat error. Humble indeed was the commencement of this great Society, but rapid has been its progress, and it is indeed cause of thankfulness to know that in every land is the word of God now circulated by its agents. No sooner was Italy opened to the Bible than the demand was met by an abundant supply, and now Depositories for the sale of the Scriptures are maintained wherever these can be sold, and Colporteurs are scattering the blessed seed throughout the length and breadth of this long-benighted land. China has engrossed the earnest attention of the committee, and plans are being matured and carried out for following up the success of our armies there, by spreading the tidings of salvation among the millions of this great empire. Nor are older fields forgotten. In London and in the chief cities of Great Britain the noble efforts to reach the long neglected masses, by means of the Bible women are fostered and aided. The success of this wonderful movement is well known to our Readers.

From the fifty-sixth annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, we learn that the issues for the year ending March, 1860, were 1,917,897; making the total since the year 1805—37,527,828 copies of the Scriptures in 158 different languages and dialects. The income of this great Society for general purposes during the past year was £80,526 17s. 6d. sterling, and the net receipts, including sales, amounted to £164,136 sterling.

THE UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

This sister society maintains its noble position as the largest auxiliary of the Parent Society, and its voluminous report affords pleasing

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evidence of vigor and extended usefulness. The Rev. L. Taylor and the Rev. W. S. Ball have been actively employed during the year as agents, and maintain an active system of visitation among the numerous Branches. During the year the income of the Society has been £4814 2s. 9d. currency, and its issues 27,037 copies of the Scriptures.

THE MONTREAL BIBLE SOCIETY.

Second only to the sister Society at Toronto, is the efficient auxiliary at Montreal. The Rev. James Green continues to fill the office of traveling agent with success and energy. It is pleasing to note the attention now given by this Society to the circulation of the Scriptures among the French Catholic population. The receipts of the Society for the year have been £2257 10s., and the issues 11,516 copies of the Scriptures.

The Bible Societies of Quebec and Ottawa continue to prosecute the work with increasing success.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the Committee beg to resign the trust committed to them during the past year, with a respectful and earnest appeal to their fellow citizens, of all evangelical churches, to support the Bible cause. Active co-operation is needed, for how without such can our Auxiliary be efficient and prosperous. Money is needed. The command of old was—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts." Then follows the glorious promise—"If I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION.

Adopted by the Committee November 12, 1860.

It appears to us that the Convention of Delegates from the different Auxiliaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society (D.V.) to assemble at Kingston, on the 12th December next, should, in their endeavors to discover "whether any and what means can be devised and carried out for the more thorough supply of all the inhabitants of this Province with copies of the Holy Scriptures, or otherwise promote the knowledge of Divine Truth," attend to the following subjects of inquiry, with the view of arriving at sound conclusions :

1st, The comparative efficiency of the different Auxiliaries according to population and income in distributing the Word of Life in their respective localities for the last ten years.

2nd, The number and situation of localities not adequately supplied with copies of the Holy Scriptures.

3rd, What modes of Agency have been found most efficacious for the supply of the inhabitants with copies of the Holy Scriptures in different localities ?

4th, What assistance do the different Auxiliaries receive from the Parent Society.

5th, Should Female Colporteurs be employed in cities ?

6th, Has the system of Colportage been carried on in the best manner, or what could be done to improve it ?

7th, How far do the operations of Auxiliaries extend Eastward and Westward, and could they be advanced beyond their present boundaries in any direction ?

8th, Might not good result from periodical Sermons on the paramount importance of Bible instruction, and the duty of all Christians to attend to it, to the utmost of their ability, in their several spheres and relations ?

9th, Whether circulars embodying the foregoing and other queries which might be approved of by the Committee, should not be transmitted to the Secretaries of the respective Auxiliaries, requesting attention to them, and that they should prepare written answers to them, to be laid before the Convention and discussed there ?

10th, Whether any *subtraction* from or *addition* to any of the regions attended to by any of the Auxiliaries, should be recommended.

11th, That special prayer should be offered up by the office-bearers and friends of each Auxiliary for God's blessing upon the labors of the Convention, and that they may redound to His glory and the good of this Province.

R. V. ROGERS,
THOS. HENDERSON,
JOHN MAIR.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Kingston, Nov. 12, 1860. }

A Convention of Delegates from the several Bible Societies in Canada was held at the Depository, Kingston, on the 12th and 13th Dec., 1860. There were present from "The Upper Canada Bible Society," Rev. Dr. Richardson and Rev. Wm. Reed; from the Montreal Society, Rev. James Green; from the Ottawa Society, Rev. Thomas Wardrope and James Cox, Esq.; from the Quebec Society, Rev. David Marsh; from the Kingston Society, Rev. R. V. Rogers and Rev. K. M. Fenwick.

The Rev. Dr. Richardson was called to the chair, and Rev. K. M. Fenwick appointed Secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*.—That in the absence of correct information as to population in the several localities, and the want of full returns of actual issues from the Branches, this Convention is not prepared to make any statement as to the comparative efficiency of the several Auxiliaries: but from the information furnished by the several Delegates, pleasing evidence has been supplied of the vigor and successful operation of all the Canadian Societies.

2. *Resolved*.—That in consideration of the varied circumstances of the different fields occupied by Societies here represented, with their attendant difficulties, originating not only in the creeds and habits of the population to be supplied with the Scriptures, but also in the misapprehension, or indifference of some who might be fellow-laborers, this Convention would express its desire for, and disposition to cultivate a spirit of Christian union and sympathy among the Bible Societies of this Province.

3. *Resolved*.—That in the opinion of this Convention, Travelling Agents are, to a great extent, indispensable to success; but to secure perfect accord among all the sections of the Church, it is desirable that said agents, supported as they are by Catholic Funds, should avoid all appearance of strictly denominational service.

4. *Resolved*,—That in view of the success which has attended efforts in connection with Female Colportage in England and elsewhere, this Convention would strongly commend to the attention of our several Societies the propriety of employing such an agency, and would suggest that as far as possible it should be conducted under the direction of ladies' associations.

5. *Resolved*,—That this Convention very heartily approves of the employment of Male Colportage as an agency, but would express the opinion that, so varied are the respective spheres of operation to be occupied, that each Society can only judge in each case of how the work should be conducted.

6. Whereas the Kingston Society has expressed its willingness to employ an efficient agent to superintend its branches, provided an adequate field be secured; and whereas evidence has been furnished that at present it does not possess such a field—*Resolved*, that in the opinion of this Convention it is desirable that the Montreal and Upper Canada Societies should consider whether it is not possible for them to lay out a field sufficiently extensive for the employment of an agent by the auxiliaries at Kingston and Ottawa cities jointly.

7. *Resolved*,—That this Convention respectfully recommends that at an early day a public convention of the several Bible Societies and Associations of this Province be held at some convenient place, for the purpose of considering the peculiar conditions of the world and of the church, with special reference to the Bible cause, and to enquire what are our duties flowing therefrom.

8. *Resolved*,—That the Revs. R. V. Rogers and K. M. Fenwick, with Dr. Mair, be a Committee to correspond with the several Societies on the subject of the proposed Public Convention, and otherwise to secure its accomplishment.

KENNETH M. FENWICK, *Sec. of the Convention.*

PICTON BRANCH.

Annual Report adopted 11th Oct., 1860.

The Committee in presenting their Annual Report, rejoice that it is still in their power to record favorably the success which has attended this Branch. During last year, there is not anything in its proceedings which requires particular notice. Silently has the work been going on. Quietly has it been pursuing its way. Our statement is fully borne out by a reference to the sales. We trust that God may bless our labors here, and give us a deep spiritual insight of what so nearly concerns our immortal welfare. May our minds be led to value His own heavenly blessings, and while thankful for temporal mercies which he has so abundantly bestowed upon us, may we cheerfully give of what is His own to forward His own cause—ever remembering that it is more “blessed to give than receive.”

The Colporteur, Mr. Dunnon, reports that there are many houses near us in which there are no Bibles. May these be led to value the Bible, and may its revivifying influences be felt among us.

Our collections are much smaller than usual; but we hope that with the returning prosperity of our County, they may again show an increased interest in our Society.

From this cause we have been unable to transmit to the Kingston Branch, their annual donation, which, from the expenses they incur, is much required.

During last year two of the earliest Members of the parent Society, have been removed from this earthly scene, viz—Dr. Steinkoff, and the Rev. J. Angel James. The former (Dr. Steinkoff,) was for twenty-two years, Secretary of the parent Society; and one of the first of that little band of 300, who on the 7th of March, 1804, laid the foundation of the Parent Society. Originally from Wurtemberg, his appeals and his representations of the spiritual wants of his countrymen to the compassion and munificence of British Christians, did much in favor of the Institution.

The Rev. J. Angel James, was one of the founders of the first Branch Association at Birmingham, and for 53 years he held the office of the Secretary. His name will ever live in remembrance from his connection with the scheme for providing a million copies for China.

Seeing that our Fathers are fast passing away, may we be up and doing. May we endeavor to forward God's own cause by distributing His Book; may we take it as the man of our Council. We are reminded by the death of these eminent servants how God prospers His own work. Let us reflect, that when these began their labors on the Bible Society, only a few, very few were engaged on the work—now there are thousands upon thousands, and Bibles are found in almost every part of the known world.

JAMES GRAY, *Sec. & Treas.*

BRANCH SOCIETIES AND DEPOTS

CONNECTED WITH THE AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY OF KINGSTON.

NAMES.	PRESIDENTS.	TREASURERS.	SECRETARIES.
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Bloomfield Branch - - -			
Clark's Mills Depot - - -			
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Date.	Depository.	Colporteur.			Branches.			L. B. A.			Grants.			Sales. at Depos'y			Total Issues.			Tot. Value.		
		Bibles.	Tests	Total	Bibles.	Tests	Total	B.	T	TI	B.	T	TI	Bib's.	Tests	Total	Bib's.	Tests	Total	£	s.	d.
From the 7th Jan. 1860, to the 1st Jan. 1861.	E. Stacey.	520	463	983	216	514	730	30	11	41	22	10	32	557	990	1547	1345	1988	3333	212	13	4

Stock in the Depository on the 1st January, 1861.

Date.	Bibles.	Tests.	Total.	Total Value.
Jan'y 1st, 1861	2200	1077	3277	£281 2 4
27 Sets of History of Bible Society			Value	13 10 0
			Total value.	£294 12 4

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	<i>Bibles.</i>	<i>Tests.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Income.</i>
From Feb. 26, 1830 to 4th Jan. 1831	348	583	931	
“ Jan. 4, 1831 “ 1st June 1832	283	354	637	
“ June 1, 1832 “ “ 1833	120	243	363	
“ “ 1833 “ “ 1834	64	120	184	
“ “ 1834 “ “ 1835	81	197	278	
“ “ 1835 “ “ 1836	105	235	340	
“ “ 1836 “ “ 1837	128	267	395	
“ “ 1837 “ “ 1838	112	62	174	
“ “ 1838 “ “ 1839	161	97	258	
“ “ 1839 “ “ 1840	88	93	181	
“ “ 1840 “ 5th, Dec. 1841	157	136	293	
“ Dec. 5, 1841 “ 5th, Jan. 1842	317	538	855	
“ Jan. 5, 1842 “ May 1849	681	200	881	
“ May 1849 “ May 1850	506	629	1135	£165 2 1
“ May 1850 “ May 1851	570	553	1123	160 13 7½
“ Jan. 1851 “ Jan. 1852	1666	1919	3585	283 10 3½
“ “ 1852 “ “ 1853	3774	4270	8044	553 9 4
“ “ 1853 “ “ 1854	2607	3746	6353	576 0 5
“ “ 1854 “ “ 1855	1470	1939	3409	470 8 6
“ “ 1855 “ “ 1856	1641	2409	4050	298 13 8
“ “ 1856 “ “ 1857	1796	2036	3832	445 15 5
“ “ 1857 “ “ 1858	2540	2717	5257	359 19 3
“ “ 1858 “ “ 1859	1998	2370	4368	249 5 10
“ “ 1859 “ “ 1860	1272	1653	2925	350 4 3½
“ “ 1860 “ “ 1861	1345	1888	3333	212 13 4
Total	23,930	92,354	53,284	

POPULATION IN JURISDICTION—

County Frontenac.....	19,150	} Since altered by recent census.
“ Lennox	7,155	
“ Addington.....	15,165	
“ Hastings	31,977	
“ Prince Edward,	18,887	
City of Kingston	11,585	
	104,719	

Grants from Parent Society.....	1853.....	£30	Sterling.
“ “ “ “	1854.....	30	“
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Total Amount.....		£370	