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# THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

KINGSTON AUXILIARY

TO THE

London Religious Tract Society

For 1861-62.

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KINGSTON:  
PRINTED AT THE DAILY NEWS OFFICE.  
1863.

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COL. BURROWS,  
THOMAS MCKEE,

And all Ministers of the Gospel who qualify, with power to add to their number.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

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The annual meeting of the Kingston Auxiliary to the London Religious Tract Society was held in Wesley Hall, on Wednesday evening, January 21st—Rev. R. V. Rogers, A.M., President, in the chair.

Moved by the Rev. A. Wilson, seconded by the Rev. J. Edwards, and supported by Col. Burrows, R.A.—

That the Report, of which an abstract has now been read, be adopted, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee, and that the following gentlemen, with Ministers of the Gospel who qualify, constitute the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number :—

PRESIDENT—Rev. R. V. Rogers, A.M. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Rev. K. M. Fenwick. RECORDING SECRETARY—Dr. Mair. TREASURER—Wm. Ferguson, Esq. COMMITTEE—Ministers of the Gospel who qualify, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Edwin Chown, Thomas Masson, Wm. Massie, Robert Rattenbury, Henry Dougan, Wm. Minnes, Neil McLeod, John Paton, George Hardy, Samuel Gaw, Robert McCammon, J. A. Clark, W. J. Shaw, George Robertson, Col. Burrows, Thomas McKee.

Moved by the Rev. Professor Murray, seconded by the Rev. F. W. Dobbs—

That the Parent Society richly merits from this Auxiliary, and all friends of sound Christian literature, their steady support, indefatigable exertions, and fervent prayers, that she with all her offspring may yet prosper more and more, and continue to send forth from her prolific stores thousands of books and tracts, in many languages, for controverting and counteracting error, and enlightening the world with "the truth as it is in Jesus."

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
AUXILIARY RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY  
OF KINGSTON.

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I.—The object, Constitution, and proceedings of the Religious Tract Society of London, continuing to have the cordial approbation of the Society in Kingston, it shall bear its former name, "The Auxiliary Religious Tract Society of Kingston."

II.—Its object shall be the promotion of the circulation of Religious Tracts and the aiding of the funds of the Religious Tract Society in London.

III.—The Tracts to be circulated by it to be those published by the Religious Tract Society in London.

IV.—One-fourth of the funds shall be annually transmitted to the Parent Institution.

V.—Each Subscriber shall be entitled to receive, *gratis*, Tracts to the amount of one-half his annual or other subscriptions or donations.

VI.—Each Annual Subscriber of *Five Shillings* and upwards shall be a Member.

VII.—Each Subscriber of *Five Pounds* at one time shall be a member for life.

VIII.—The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of *Fifteen Members*, or upwards, together with a Treasurer and Secretary or Secretaries, who shall be chosen at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and that *Five Members* of the Committee constitute a quorum.

IX.—That all the Protestant Ministers of the city, who are Members of this Society, shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

X.—The Committee shall appoint a Depositary and Collectors, who shall pay the amount of receipts to the Treasurer when required.

XI.—The Committee shall meet once every three months, or oftener, if required.

XII.—A General Meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday of January, in each year, when the proceedings of the past year shall be stated, a new Committee appointed, and a Report agreed upon, to be printed under the direction of the Committee.

XIII.—All meetings of this Society shall be opened and concluded with prayer.



## REPORT FOR 1862.

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To those who only anticipate beneficent results from agencies imposing in their structure and immediate in their visible success, the Tract Society will present few attractions. But such should remember that the mightiest forces are not always open to the eye of sense, and that their grand issues do not follow in close and visible sequence. When nature lies seemingly dead in the frozen embrace of winter, beneath the ice and snow a vital process of singular yet hidden energy is actively at work, the existence of which becomes apparent when it culminates in the leaf and flower and fruit of spring, of summer, and of autumn. There were Reformers long before the Reformation, who toiled and suffered, but whose labors and sacrifice were evidently preparatory to that glorious era of religious liberty and spiritual life.

It will not, therefore, in view of such facts, be a serious objection to the work of this Society should we have to acknowledge that from the very nature of its mission there is little to attract the eye or arrest attention; but that in quiet and unostentatious labor it seeks to "prepare the way of the Lord" and spread through its silent pages "the truth as it is in Jesus."

One of the chief attractions of our Society is that it affords a sphere of labor to the disciples of our common Lord of every name—a sphere at once catholic in its basis, and to every willing laborer peculiarly simple in its method.

At the close of another year we have nothing very remarkable to report. A goodly number of volumes, written by devout men, presenting divine truth in simple yet earnest phrase, have been sold; many tracts, each containing the way of life, and

clearly pointing to “the Lamb of God,” have been circulated; and several Sabbath Schools, through the liberality of the Parent Society, have been furnished with libraries at reduced prices; but as to actual spiritual fruit, we have to fall back on the faithfulness of our covenant God, and in humble confidence believe that in His own time and in His own way He will render His truth effectual, even although to us it may remain unknown.

During the year your Committee has been able to do little more than maintain the machinery in working order which was received in trust on entering upon office. Indeed, with the present limited income, it would not be safe to attempt more. Our indebtedness to the Parent Society is greater than it ought to be, yet it is a gratification to be able to state that the assets far exceed the liabilities, and that the Society is consequently in a perfectly sound condition. The Depository has been efficiently wrought; the gratuitous circulation of Tracts in the city has been attended to with more or less regularity by distributors from the several Churches; and in connection with the Bible Society a Colporteur has been employed for the sale and distribution of religious books and tracts in the surrounding Counties. We now call attention to

## I. THE DEPOSITORY.

It is still in charge of Mr EDWARD STACEY, to whom great praise is due for efficient and faithful service. He reports:—Tracts issued from the Depository—Gratis, 253,675 pages; sold, 48,170; hand-bills, 2,115; total, 303,960 pages—being an increase over last year of 49,739 pages. Books issued from the Depository—Bound books, 1,886; stiff covers, 1,546; books for the young, 3,131; total, 6,563; besides Scriptures with Metrical Psalms, 769; total, 7,332—being, however, a decrease of 1,773 on the issue of books as compared with last year.

The present stock in the Depository is remarkably good, both as to extent and quality, and may be strongly commended

to the attention of the public. The Bibles and Testaments with Metrical Psalms are especially worthy of notice.

## II. THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

As his Report is printed in full at the close of the Report, we have only here to notice that moneys received from all sources amount to \$1,187 02; that, including balance due Treasurer on last account of \$15 21, the disbursements for the year, for all purposes, amount to \$960 27—leaving a balance on hand of \$226 75. On this balance, however, \$120 may be called for immediately, as this amount is now due for rent.

## III. TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

Under this head we have to record the direct work of the Society, and although with a larger number of faithful laborers greater results might have been secured, it is gratifying to be able to report that the market, the jail, the Penitentiary, the military, the suburbs, and the several wards of the city, have been with considerable regularity supplied with Tracts by voluntary effort, while the Colporteur has carried the silent messengers of truth to the more remote Townships and settlements.

About 253,600 pages of tracts have thus been scattered through our section of the land. Thirty distributors, mostly female, have been engaged in the several city wards in this work of faith and labor of love.

## IV. COLPORTAGE.

As already stated, a Colporteur has been employed during the year in visiting the surrounding Counties. His expenses have been met partly by our own Society and partly by the Bible Society. This union of effort between institutions so accordant in spirit and aim has wrought advantageously to both. Colporteur DUNOON has, however, been only ten months actually engaged in his work, but during that period, besides the distribution of 33,000 Tracts, he has sold 610 religious

books, and 480 copies of the Scriptures with Metrical Psalms. We regard this department of labor as not the least important, for besides the circulation of these publications among a class to whom they are peculiarly appropriate, and who in many instances are without the regular means of grace, the Colporteur has had through his Tracts and books the opportunity of speaking a word in season to many who would not otherwise have listened to his testimony.

## V. THE PARENT SOCIETY.

The following extract from the annual Report of the Parent Society for 1862 will not, we are persuaded, be uninteresting to the supporters of our Auxiliary:—"At the commencement of the Society, in 1799, the sphere of its labors was much circumscribed by the smallness of its funds and the unsettled and warlike state of most of the nations of the earth; but, through the general intercourse with foreign countries, from the long continuance of peace, and the increased support which the public has given to the Society, its operations have been extended to almost every part of the world. Assisted by the disinterested labors of many esteemed friends, and the devoted missionaries of different Christian denominations, the Society has printed important books and tracts in about *one hundred and sixteen* languages and dialects; its annual circulation from the Depository in London and from various foreign Societies is above *forty-seven millions*, and its total distribution to March, 1862, has been about *nine hundred and fifty-nine millions* of copies of its publications."

The income from all sources for 1862 amounted to £99,363 0s. 11d. stg., the total expenditure to £97,179 17s. 4d., leaving a balance on hand of £2,183 3s. 7d.

The Kingston Auxiliary, both this and last year, received very generous grants of Tracts from the Parent Society, and for the use of Sunday Schools a number of Libraries at reduced prices. These tokens of affectionate sympathy are all the more fitted to excite our gratitude, from the fact that we have not

only been unable to remit any free contribution to the general funds of the Society, but that our stock account has not always been as promptly paid as it should have been.

### IN CONCLUSION

We desire to acknowledge the goodness of Him whom we seek to serve. He has given us peace and concord in our deliberations, and grace to do what has been accomplished. With a larger income, more might have been done; with stronger faith and more importunate prayer, the spiritual results would doubtless have been greater; but our term of stewardship has now closed, and our work, such as it is, we commend to His grace.

NOTE.—As the Report for 1861 was not published, the documents for that year, as well as for 1862, are printed in this Report, by order of the Committee.

## DEPOSITARY'S REPORT

OF RELIGIOUS BOOKS AND TRACTS ISSUED FROM THE DEPOSITORY  
OF THE KINGSTON AUXILIARY RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY FROM  
THE 4TH JANUARY, 1861, TO THE 7TH JANUARY, 1862.

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Issued gratis for Ward distribution, the Suburbs, Market, Jail, Penitentiary, Railway Cars, and remote Townships and Settlements ...	...189,890	pages of Tracts.
Issued by Colporteur gratis ...	... 20,000	“ “
Issued to Branches ...	... 7,125	“ “
Sold at Depository ...	... 30,981	“ “
Total issue of pages of Tracts ...	...247,996	

Tracts for the Young from the Depository, gratis	... 5,300	
“ “ “ sold	... 925	

Total issues of Tracts for the Young ... 6,225

Religious Books sold at the Depository ...	... 2,550	Bound.
“ “ “ “ ...	... 1,800	Stiff Covers.
“ “ issued to Colporteur ...	... 340	Bound.
“ “ “ “ ...	... 20	Stiff Covers.
“ “ issued to Branch at Picton ...	... 171	Bound.
“ “ “ “ “ ...	... 67	Stiff Covers.

Total Religious Books issued... 4,948

Books for the Young sold at the Depository ...	... 3,504	
“ “ issued to Colporteur ...	... 206	
“ “ “ Branch ...	... 64	

Total Books for the Young ... 3,774

### BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS WITH THE METRICAL VERSION OF THE PSALMS.

Sold at the Depository ...	... 113	Bibles and	101	Testaments.
Issued to Colporteur ...	... 101	“	62	“
“ Branch ...	... 6	“		

Total copies issued ... 220 “ 163 “

1 Sunday School Library issued to Picton Branch.  
10 sold at Depository.

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11 Sunday School Libraries issued.



## DEPOSITARY'S REPORT

OF RELIGIOUS BOOKS AND TRACTS ISSUED FROM THE DEPOSITORY  
OF THE KINGSTON AUXILIARY RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY FROM  
THE 7TH JANUARY, 1862, TO THE 7TH JANUARY, 1863.

Issued gratis for Ward distribution, the Military, the Suburbs, Market, Jail, Penitentiary, Hos- pital, the Shipping, and remote Townships and Settlements ... ..				213,025	pages of Tracts.
Issued by Colporteur gratis ... ..				33,000	“ “
“ to Branches gratis ... ..				5,000	“ “
Sold at Depository ... ..				47,070	“ “
Total issues of pages of Tracts ... ..				298,095	
Tracts for the Young from the Depository, gratis ... ..				2,650	
“ “ “ sold ... ..				1,100	
Total issue of Tracts for the Young... ..				3,750	
Hand-Bills issued from the Depository ... ..				2,115	
Religious Books sold at the Depository ... ..				1,537	Bound.
“ “ “ “ ... ..				1,417	Stiff Covers.
“ “ issued to Colporteur ... ..				207	Bound.
“ “ “ “ ... ..				129	Stiff Covers.
“ “ “ Branch at Picton ... ..				142	Bound.
Total Religious Books issued... ..				3,432	
Books for the Young sold at the Depository ... ..				2,557	
“ “ issued to Branch at Picton ... ..				300	
“ “ “ Colporteur ... ..				274	
Total Books for the Young issued ... ..				3,131	
Sunday School Libraries sold at Depository ... ..				8½	
“ “ “ issued to Picton Branch... ..				1	
Total issued ... ..				9½	
BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS WITH THE METRICAL VERSION OF THE PSALMS.					
Sold at the Depository ... ..				154	Bibles, 124 Testaments.
Issued to Colporteur ... ..				281	“ 199 “
“ Wolfe Island Branch ... ..				5	“ 6 “
Total issued ... ..				440	“ 329 “
				440	
Total copies of the Scriptures issued ... ..				769	





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G. Phillips ... ..	50	Mrs Brash ... ..	25
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