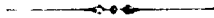


THE
Twenty-seventh Report
OF
THE GUELPH BRANCH
OF
THE UPPER CANADA
BIBLE SOCIETY ;

IN CONNEXION WITH THE
British and Foreign Bible Society,

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JAN. 31st, 1863.



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1863,

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF

The Guelph Branch Bible Society.

1. That a Society be formed in connection 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.

2. That this Society be denominated “The Guelph Branch Bible Society.”

3. That any person shall be a member of this Society upon the payment of 2s 6d. currency annually, or £1 5s upon his entrance.

4. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee—three of the Committee to form a quorum.

5. That every Minister of the Gospel in the Society shall be a member of the Committee.

6. 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 Toronto Bible Society, to supply this neighborhood; which copies of the Scriptures the Committee are to sell at cost price—to members at the reduced price, one fourth less—and to furnish gratis to those whom they know cannot purchase; and the overplus to be remitted half yearly to the Toronto Bible Society, for the purpose of translating the Word of God into the Indian languages and supplying other nations with the Word of God.

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

8. That the quarterly meetings shall be held on the first Thursdays of February, May, August, and November.

9. That the year of the Society's operations hereafter terminate with the month of January in each year, and that all accounts and statements be made up to the 31st of January.

N. B.—This rule has been found necessary to secure uniformity and system in the mode of doing business, and it is hoped will meet with general approbation.

The Guelph Branch Bible Society

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, the 13th January.

T. Sandilands, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The meeting was opened by singing, prayer, and reading the Scriptures.

James Hough, Esq., Secretary, read the annual report of the Society,

The report was adopted, and the following resolutions were subsequently passed, being severally introduced and supported in appropriate addresses.

Moved by Rev. J. Hogg, seconded by Mr. David Allan,

That the report now read be adopted and printed under the direction of the Committee, and that the following persons be appointed office bearers for the present year:—

PRESIDENT,..... T. SANDILANDS,

VICE PRESIDENTS:

REV. R. TORRANCE,	REV. J. HOGG,	W. NEEVF,
" J. BROCK,	" W. S. BALL,	D. ALLAN,
" J. CLARKE,	T. McCRAE,	G. ELLIOTT,
" W. F. CLARKE,	Judge MACDONALD,	C. MICKLE,
" T. NATTRASS,	Hon. A. J. FER. BLAIR,	F. W. GALBRAITH,
TREASURER.....		E. NEWTON,
DEPOSITARY.....		D. SAVAGE,
SECRETARY.....		J. HOUGH.

COMMITTEE.

J. ARMSTRONG,	ALEX. BRUCE,	A. ROBERTSON,
R. THOMPSON,	G. SMITH,	STEPHEN BOULT,
J. RYAN,	J. KELLER,	J. ORME,
T. McBRIDE,	A. B. STEWART,	THOS. MAIR.

COLLECTORS.

Mrs. R. ARMSTRONG,	Mrs. G. P. TATHAM,	Miss H. PREST,
" E. NEWTON,	" KELLY,	Mrs. BOYD,
" J. ARMSTRONG,	Miss HOUGH,	Miss MICKLE.
" T. McCRAE,		

Moved by Rev. S. B. Johnston, Agent of the Society, seconded by Rev. R. Torrance, and

Resolved, That this meeting rejoices in the continued prosperity of both the British and Foreign and Upper Canada Bible Societies, and would recognise therein continued tokens of the Divine approbation and answers to the prayers of the united Church, and pledges itself to renewed exertions on their behalf.

Moved by Rev. R. Torrance, seconded by Mr. T. Mair, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the lady collectors for their zeal in collecting monies in aid of the funds of the Society.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Your Committee, in presenting this the twenty-seventh annual Report of the Guelph Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society, would not fail to render thanks to God for the success vouchsafed by Him towards the great work of Bible circulation during the past year. Though your Committee cannot point to any land where the Bible has been introduced for the first time—though there has been no bursting of the light of the Word in a single day over lands which have been in darkness—as when the treaty of Peking opened China and the sword of Garibaldi opened Italy—yet the resources of the Parent Society have been unimpaired, and its objects are as deeply rooted in the affections of the people of God throughout the entire extent of the British Empire as ever. Though no new fields have been opened up to the operations of the Society, those already opened have been cultivated with untiring energy and increased success. This is especially the case in Madagascar, where the natives are now permitted and encouraged to read the Bible and attend to religious teaching, from which they were debarred by the cruel persecutions of the late queen. In China also, a new and interesting field has been opened, and the Society, ever alive to the great objects for which it was called into existence and kept in operation, has increased its efforts in disseminating the Scriptures among the immense population of that empire. In India, too, under the blessing of God, the work has prospered, and abundant evidence has been given that the labors of the Society have been blessed. A most cheering record of progress comes from Italy. No sooner had the sword cut the bonds which fettered its people, than the light of the Gospel broke over this interesting land. Provinces, cities and towns were thrown open for the reception of the truth. The circulation of the Bible continues daily to increase, and good tokens have already been given that its blessed influence has been felt among the people. While these facts afford the friends of the Bible abundant cause for rejoicing, they have still to regret that some portions of Europe have as yet refused to allow the Bible to be introduced: in contrast to the cheering facts already given, are the persecutions that have taken place in Spain, where men are now expiating at the galleys what the priesthood declares the crime of reading the Word of God.

The Home and Colonial fields of the Society's operations have been diligently cultivated during the year. The Female Bible Society, with all its collateral agencies and influences, has become a permanent institution, and is now actively at work in many districts as well as in the large towns of the empire. The efficiency and usefulness of reaching the sunken masses by means of this Society are now universally acknowledged, and the same mode of spreading the Bible has been tried with encouraging success in several missionary fields. Your Committee's prayer is that these efforts may not be slackened, but that being guided by heavenly wisdom, these agencies throughout the world may reap a glorious harvest in the freer and larger distribution of the sacred volume amongst its inhabitants, till it is known from one end of the earth to the other.

In reference to the Upper Canada Bible Society, your Committee have pleasure in noting its continued prosperity. During the past year its receipts were \$20,372, being \$590 in advance of those of the previous year. The Society circulated 27,207 copies of the Scriptures, being 2,118 less than the number distributed the last year. Numerous Branch Societies have been established in new settlements, and increased vigor has been infused into many which are now, and have been for years in operation. The great work of the Society is kept steadily in view, and both among Protestants dwelling in the outlying and sparsely populated parts of the country, and our French Canadian Catholic brethren, the agents and colporteurs have been earnestly engaged in spreading the Word of God, which alone maketh wise unto salvation.

Of our own Branch Society, your Committee have to congratulate its friends on its continued prosperity. While some of its earliest and best friends are dropping off, others are taking their places, and carrying on the good work by their contributions and countenance. The receipts for the year, as shown by the Treasurer's report, amount to \$124 17, the disbursements \$359 38, leaving a balance in hand for next year of \$66 79. The number of copies of the Scriptures sold at the depository up to January 13th are: Bibles 94, New Testaments 93, together 187, amounting to \$70 45. Your Committee have to record the loss of John Inglis, Esq., for many years one of the Vice Presidents of the Society and an active and zealous laborer in the cause. He was one of the first and foremost friends of the Branch Bible Society, and never ceased

till the day of his death to take an active interest in its prosperity.

In conclusion, your Committee would invite the prayerful, liberal, and cordial co-operation of all who love the Lord in this good work. In view of the increased responsibilities resting on us by the opening up of new fields, it becomes the friends of the Society to make greater exertions in the future, that as a Branch we may help to spread the knowledge of the Lord at home and abroad, and through the influence and work of the Spirit, assist in bringing our fellow men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to the living God.

JAMES HOUGH, Secretary,

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1862.

<i>Collected by Mrs. McCrae and Mrs. J. Armstrong.</i>		\$	c
		F. Evatt	0 50
	\$ c	John Inglis	0 75
Thomas McCrae	10 00	Peter Hunter	0 25
Mrs. McCrac	5 00	Mrs. William Steen	0 50
David McCrae	1 00	James Smith	0 50
Margaret McCrae	1 00	Mrs. Balkwell	0 25
William McCrae	1 00	John Gray	0 25
Jane McCrae	1 00	Alexander Booth	0 25
Elizabeth McFarlane	1 00	Peter Cope	0 50
John McCrae	1 00	Daniel Hunter	0 25
Thomas C. Read	0 50	Thomas Worswick	0 25
Robert Horn	0 50	George McKinlay	0 25
Robert Rannon	0 50	Mrs. Kirk	0 25
Donald Warren	0 50	Mrs. Hynds	0 25
Annie Doyle	0 50	Mrs. Riddle	0 25
Mrs. Robert McCrae	0 50	Mrs. Moir	0 20
Robert McCrae	0 50	Mrs. Watson	0 25
Edward McCrae	0 50	Mrs. Cleland	0 25
Mary McCrae	0 50	Mary Akin	0 25
David McCrae	0 25	Mrs. McKee	0 25
William Campbell	0 50	Mrs. Orr	0 25
Mrs. Campbell	1 00	Mrs. Monorgan	0 25
Miss E. Campbell	1 00	C. Adsett	1 00
Robert Campbell	0 50	A Friend	0 12½
William Leith	1 00	J. W. B. Kelly	0 50
James Leith	1 00	Brock G. Kelly	0 25
Alexander Sinclair	0 50	A. W. Gay	0 50
Robert Porter	1 00	John Whitlaw	0 50
James Baxter	0 25	D. Kribs	0 50
Charles Fief	0 50	Mrs. Swindlehurst	0 25
Thomas Doyle	0 50	Cash	0 05
William McPhail	0 25	J. Arkell	0 25
Rev. W. S. Ball	1 00	C. E. Smith	0 25
Marianne Ball	1 00	Mrs. Galbraith	0 25
Mrs. Mitchell	6 00	E. Webster	0 12½
A. Robertson	2 00	Mrs. Donnelly	0 25
Richard Mitchell	1 00	Mrs. McCay	0 25
Mrs. R. Mitchell	1 00	Mrs. Parker	0 25
Adam Robertson, junior	0 50	Mrs. Sutherland	1 00
Thomas Mair	0 75	Mrs. Hogg	1 00
John Oliver	0 25	Mr. Cairns	1 00
James Boyd	0 25	Alexander Duncan	0 25

	\$	c		\$	c
W. J. Brown.....	1	00	H. Hatch.....	0	45
Andrew Milne.....	0	25	Mr. Montgon.....	0	25
John Risk.....	0	25	M ^r . Boles.....	0	25
John McCrone.....	0	25	Thorp.....	0	12½
Edward Nixon.....	0	25	Mary McKenrie.....	0	25
Frank Smith.....	0	50	Mrs. Gowdy.....	0	50
C. Grundy.....	0	25	James Webster.....	1	00
J. Mulholland.....	0	50	Mrs. John McCrea.....	1	00
H. Metcalf.....	0	50	Mrs. Mark Tovell.....	0	35
A. Friend.....	0	25	Miss Higinbotham.....	0	50
Mr. Jones.....	0	25	Mrs. Bruce.....	0	25
William F. Wilkinson.....	0	25	Mr. Dryden.....	2	00
John Galbraith.....	0	25	Mrs. McCullogh.....	0	15
Mrs. Naismith.....	0	20	David Armstrong.....	0	25
Robert Rutherford.....	0	50	William Armstrong.....	0	25
A. Buchan.....	0	25	James Armstrong, jun..	0	50
John C. Ross.....	0	25	Mrs. James Armstrong..	0	50
William Lowrie.....	0	25	James Armstrong.....	1	00
W. C. Baine.....	0	25	Mrs. J. Armstrong.....	1	00
A. B. Taggart.....	0	25	J. Ellis.....	1	00
F. M. Crowe.....	0	25	Miss L. Mickle.....	2	00
Murdoch Craig.....	0	25	Miss Mickle.....	2	00
J. J. Kingsmill.....	0	50	C. Mickle.....	5	00
D. Kennedy.....	0	25			
Donald Guthrie.....	0	50	Total.....	\$100	77½
T. Brock.....	0	25			
James Cormack.....	0	50	<i>Collected by Mrs. G.P. Tatham</i>		
H. Walker.....	0	50	<i>and Miss Hough.</i>		
Friend.....	0	25		\$	c
A. Friend.....	0	25	James Hough & family..	8	00
Thomas Brown.....	1	00	Mrs. Holiday.....	0	50
A. Thomson.....	0	50	A. Friend.....	0	50
S. Shaw.....	0	25	Mr. A. Worsley.....	1	00
P. Kish.....	0	50	Edwin H. Hatton.....	0	50
A. McFarlane.....	0	25	Mrs. W. Day.....	1	00
Mrs. Anderson.....	0	25	Mr. John Emslie.....	0	50
J. A. Wood.....	0	25	Mrs. Cooper.....	0	25
Cash.....	0	25	A. Friend.....	0	10
Cash.....	0	25	Mrs. R. Baker.....	0	50
A. Armstrong.....	1	00	" Cuneman.....	0	25
Miss Armstrong.....	0	25	" Patterson.....	0	25
Miss Smith.....	0	50	" Orme.....	0	50
G. Smith.....	0	25	" Stevens.....	0	25
W. Wilson.....	0	50	" Coy.....	0	25
A. M. Jackson.....	0	25	A. Friend.....	0	7½
Mrs. Tovell.....	0	25	Mrs. Wilcox.....	0	25
J. Mitchell.....	0	25	" J. Crowe.....	0	25
Mrs. Clare.....	0	25	" G. Beavis.....	0	25

	\$	c		\$	c
Mr. P. Evans	0	25	Mrs. Wilkinson	1	00
Mrs. A. Emslie	1	00	“ Pirie	1	00
Mr. Palmer, (Mayor) ..	1	00	Mr. & Mrs. D. Allan ...	4	00
Mr. E. Maddock	0	25	Mrs. Wm. Allan, sen ...	1	00
Mrs. Brightmore	0	25	“ C. Davidson	0	50
Miss Horsnell	0	12½	Mr. Shewan	0	25
Walter Maddock	0	5	J. McPherson	0	25
H. and E. Maddock	0	10	Mis. Anderson	1	00
Robert Pike	0	12½	Mr. Watson	0	50
Eliza Pike	0	12½	D. McFarlane	0	50
Mrs. J. Neeve	0	50	Mrs. Lahis	0	12½
“ Barclay	0	25	“ E. McDonald	1	00
“ Leslie	0	50	“ McDonald	1	00
“ Feasant	0	25	“ McLagan	0	50
“ B. Crowe	0	12½	“ Present	0	50
Mr. P. Fisher	0	50	“ Harley	0	25
“ G. Kerr	0	50	“ Keppel	0	50
“ W. S. Burnes	0	50	“ W. Crowe	0	50
Mrs. Jones	0	25	“ Dowry	0	25
“ Hamilton	0	5	A Friend	0	50
Miss Lamprey	0	50	M. A. K.	0	25
Miss A. Lamprey	0	50	Mrs. Higginbotham	1	00
Mr. J. Huat	0	25			
Mrs. Barber	0	25	Total	\$26	50
Mrs. Meadows	0	12½			
George Wilkinson	0	25	<i>Collected by Mrs. R. Armstrong and Mrs. Newton.</i>		
William Haslam	0	25			
Mrs. Mellor	0	12½		\$	c
Mr. Thomas Ainley	0	25	E. Newton	1	00
Miss Stevenson	0	25	Mrs. Newton	1	00
Mrs. Cross	0	10	Mr. Sully	0	25
Mr. Welsh	0	50	George Elliott	10	00
Mrs. Goodeve	0	25	Howard & Jones	1	00
Mr. R. Thompson	1	00	Mr. Shepherd	0	25
William Hoskin	0	25	Stephen Boulton	1	00
James Ferguson	0	25	Mr. Russell	0	25
Mrs. Furness	0	50	Mrs. Davidson	0	50
Mrs. W. Dyson	0	25	T. Trotter	0	50
Dr. Parker	1	00	J. Holden	0	50
Mrs. John Jackson	1	00	G. Warren	0	50
“ W. Sallows	0	25	George Hadden	1	00
“ P. Gow	0	50	A Friend	0	50
Total	\$30	45	A. Hadden	0	50
			W. Whitelaw	1	00
<i>Collected by Mrs. Kelly and</i>			Wm. McLaren	1	00
<i>Miss Prest.</i>			James Gow	0	50
T. Sandilands	10	00	Mrs. Corbet	0	50
Mrs. Ferguson	0	12½	J. Webster	0	25

	\$	c		\$	c
Thomas Breadon	0	25	Mrs. Innes	0	25
Mrs. Cormie	0	25	" Marshall	0	50
Allan Simpson	0	25	Mrs. Battersby	1	00
Mrs. Smith	1	00	A. Lemon	1	00
" Reynolds	0	50	H. W. Peterson	1	00
Rev. J. Clarke	1	00	Mrs. Ainlay	1	00
Mrs. Galbraith	2	00	Mr. Ainlay	1	00
Mr. Kirkland	0	50	John McNeil	0	25
L. Millington	0	50	Mrs. Henry Bates	1	00
N. Tovell	0	25	Mrs. Thomson	1	00
Mrs. Wright	0	25	Miss Hewat	0	50
Rev. Mr. Brock	1	00	Richard Greet	1	00
H. Hatch	0	50	Mrs. Nichols	0	25
John Sleeman	0	25	Mr. Wilson	0	25
Mrs. Croft	0	25	T. Hodgskin	1	00
W. Underhill	0	50	S. Hodgskin	1	00
John Millar	0	25	Mary Helen Unsworth	1	00
N. Croft	0	50	Caroline Unsworth	1	00
Mrs. Todd	0	50	Mrs. Savage	1	00
" Workman	0	50	Mr. Savage	1	00
Mr. Moore	4	00	Rev. W. F. Clarke	2	00
Mr. White	0	50	William Neeve	2	00
R. Hilliard	1	00	Thos. McBride	1	00
Mrs. Brown	1	00	Jessie Holman	0	50
Mrs. Ellis	0	50	E. R. Martin	1	00
W. H. Mills	1	00	W. H. Jacomb	0	50
Mr. Brodie	0	50	Robert Melvin	1	00
W. Heather	0	50	Robert Scott	1	00
Mrs. Heather	0	50	Mrs. F. Marriott	0	50
Mrs. Hockin	1	00	" W. Stewart	0	75
A. A. Baker	1	00	" Hogg	1	00
Hiram Black	0	50	" Armstrong	1	00
J. K. Johnson	1	00	Richard Hampson	1	00
C. Walker	0	50	A. J. Fergusson Blair	2	00
Mrs. Rosevear	1	00	Mrs. Ford	0	50
" Sutherland	1	00	" Elliott	0	50
" Horsman	1	00	Joseph Hobson	1	00
" A. Bruce	0	25			
Mrs. J. Massie	1	00			
Mr. J. Massie	1	00			
			Total	\$85	00

E. NEWTON, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GUELPH BIBLE SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JANUARY 14, 1863.

DR.		CR.	
To balance from 1862.....	\$100 05½	By printing 400 Reports, <i>Herald</i>	\$ 13 00
SUBSCRIPTIONS.		“ <i>Mercury</i>	2 50
East Ward, Mrs Kelly and Miss Prest	26 50	“ Bibles and Psalms.....	67 46
South “ Mrs Tatham and “ Hough	30 45	“ “	76 30
West “ “ R. Armstrong and Mrs		“ Donation Montreal B. S.....	25 00
Newton.....	85 00	“ Upper C. “	75 00
North Ward, Mrs. J. Armstrong and		“ British & Foreign do....	100 00
Mrs. McCrae.....	100 77½	“ Postages	12
Depository	70 45	“ Balance.....	66 79
Annual Meeting.....	12 94		
	\$426 17		\$426 17

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E. NEWTON, Treasurer.

Guelph, April 9th, 1863.