

## REPORT.

The Ladies' Missionary Association of St. Andrew's Church presents the following abstract of the work done by it, for the year 1877-8.

During the 12 months ending April, 1878, seven meetings have been held, with a respective attendance of members as follows:

May,.....	19 members.	December.....	11 members.
September...	10 "	January.....	10 "
October.....	11 "	February.....	14 "
March.....	13 members.		

Six monthly sales were held, realizing \$104.47, one-half of which sum was as usual given to Missions, the other half being this year paid over to Donald Fraser, Esq., the Treasurer of the Debt Fund.

A Special Sale, in aid of this Debt Fund, was held at Christmas and netted \$531.30, \$50 of which was considered a fair proportion for Missions, and the balance, \$481.30, proved a timely assistance, which, added to the funds in hand, enabled the Treasurer to cancel a bond for \$1000, and thus stop \$70 of annual interest. \$8.25 were received from membership fees, shewing a roll of 33 members.

The total receipts of the Association for the past year, apart from collections, have been \$694.02.

In addition to this the Collectors for the Schemes of the Church have paid into their Treasurer \$519.42, which, when not allocated by the contributors, is appropriated by the Session.

These Collectors are also expected to act as district visitors, and to call upon all families claiming connection with St. Andrew's Church.

A personal knowledge of the sick, the poor and the careless, is thus secured, and a systematic monthly visitation of all who require sympathy, aid, or supervision, aimed at.

From a consideration of this statement, it is evident that if a score of women, nearly all of whom are also Sabbath School Teachers have accomplished all the *work* required for raising the \$1213 reported; the hearty co-operation of the hundred or more women in the congregation who might just as easily engage in this work, would not only quadruple the sum raised by the Association, exclusive of collections, but would quicken and advance the entire christian life of the church; and it is very difficult to see why so much and such important work is left in the hands of so few. Surely next to our own families our own congregation