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REPORT.

The Toronto Ladies' Bible Association, having now been in existence for nearly two years, we are able to speak still more decidedly of the benefits to be derived from such a Society, than in our former Report.

In commencing this, our Second Annual Report, we would state, that our first and principal object is the circulation of the Word of God: that Word which is addressed to a sinful and fallen world; the only record of a dying Saviour's love to man. We would also take leave to express our regret that any professing Christian should be found indifferent to its universal diffusion. The fact that there are such, is a fresh proof of the selfishness of the human heart, and a sign that we are apt to rest satisfied with having the treasure in our own hands, forgetting those who are destitute of it; or, if supplied, do not prize it.

It is a pleasing fact, however, that comparatively few in our City are found entirely destitute of the Scriptures; but still there are such cases to be met with. The visitors in one district state, that they have been the means of introducing the Bible into nearly twenty families, hitherto without a single copy. It is true, this is in a part of the town inhabited by the poorest class of people; and the visitors for some of the other districts may not see such direct proofs of their usefulness; but in all there are persons only supplied with Testaments, having no Bibles; and many aged people who have none of a sufficiently large print to be of any use to them.

It is encouraging to find, that our Association has been the means of procuring upwards of 300 subscribers for Bibles and Testaments since its formation; and we trust it will not discontinue its exertions, while there is one house unsupplied.

We are told that "there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth;" and surely we need not despise the day of small things. The Grace of God is not limited; one of these Bibles may, with his blessing, become the means of salvation to some poor wandering sinner. We are apt to expect not too much, but too little success from our labours. We look to ourselves, who are but the feeble instruments, instead of looking alone to Him "with whom all things are possible."

An interesting case is mentioned, in one of the Monthly Reports, of a family found without a Bible. "We received," say the visitors "2d. towards procuring one, on our first visit; but next day we called, and the mother of the family, an old woman, addressed us very rudely, demanding her Bible; we replied, that she should have it when paid for; and we were going to add, that meantime she should have one from the Loan Stock, when she broke out very violently." Perceiving that she was intoxicated, we judged it best to leave the house, and to call at a future time. When we returned, we found her sober, and talked with her quietly about her wicked and unreasonable conduct. She stated that since our last visit, she had received a present of two Bibles, and did not require one from us. Relieving this to be untrue, we turned to her daughter, a young girl, who stood by, and asked if she would like to continue the subscription. She said she would, most gladly, as she had never had the Scriptures in her possession. On our next visit she had