

SAINT MATTHEW'S LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of the St. Matthew's Church Ladies' Bible Association, on account of the very limited ground they occupy in the field of benevolent effort, deem it sufficient to give a printed report of their proceedings, only every second or third year. It is now two years since they gave their last, and they are happy to submit to their friends the following:— which will shew the present condition and prospects of the Association, the state of its funds, and the distribution of Bibles and Testaments made up to the present time.

The Committee have pleasure in stating that the Association has not decreased, notwithstanding similar institutions, within this period, have been formed in the City. The Ladies' hitherto assisting, have kindly consented to continue to act as Collectors, and several of the younger members of the Congregation have come forward to aid in the good cause.

The sum received in subscriptions and from the sale of Bibles and Testaments, has been £37 4s. 5½d. The sum expended at the Depository has been £5 8s. 8d. There has been given to the Halifax Auxiliary Bible Society to aid in the support of a Travelling Agent in the Province £24, with £7 to the Jubilee Fund. Paid for printing 8s. 9d. Balance in the hands of the Treasurer 7s. 0½d. Bibles distributed 48, Testaments 7, leaving on hand, Bibles 37, and Testaments 10.

In conclusion the Committee trust that in this the Year of the Society's Jubilee, when there is good reason to expect a large accession to its means of usefulness, by the contributions to the Jubilee Fund, it will be found, in the greater amount of Subscriptions raised and copies of the Scriptures circulated, a fresh impulse has been communicated to the efforts of the "Saint Matthew's" Ladies Association, according to their measure and degree, in their humble sphere of labour.

July 28th, 1853.

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