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The Committee of the Halifax Ladies' Bible Association feel again called upon, at the beginning of another year, to lay a Report of their proceedings and the results of their endeavours, before their friends and the public of this community. While conscious of the many and increasing calls upon your liberality, and while truly thankful both to the bestower of all good, and to the friends who have always kindly supported the Society, they cannot but express regret that there has been a considerable diminution in their funds during the last year. There is very little to record within the sphere of operations of this humble Associa-

tion. It claims to be nothing more than a plant of very lowly growth; though, assuredly, its roots are on Mount Zion, and it has been watered by the streams which flow from the city of our God. Yet it has high claims in being an Auxiliary of that noble Society, which, we believe, has done, and will yet do, more towards evangelizing the world than any other of those great instruments which God has placed in the hands of men, for the purpose of advancing his kingdom upon earth.

The Committee rejoice that the means of the British and Foreign Bible Society are increasing each year, and, consequently its ability for extending its operations. These operations have met, it is true, with a check in some quarters, but with what abundant encouragement in others! What cheering news from beautiful but benighted Italy! We may have good hope that ere long that spiritual desert shall blossom as the rose. What blessed intelligence is brought to us year by year from Ireland, of

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Popery's losing its hold over its hitherto deluded victims.

As women we are called upon to rejoice in the faithfulness even to prison, and to death, if need be, of one of our own sex, who has resisted all the arts and all the tyranny of the apostate church to persuade or to oblige her to give up the Book, which we are glad to aid in distributing. We will rejoice also in that unparalelled intervention in the cause of humanity and the Bible, shown by so many Protestant countries in the case of Rosa Madiai and her husband.

But do we prize that Book for which these devoted Christians endured so much? Do we feel any thing of the spirit which actuated her who counted all things but loss that she might possess it? If so, we will lift our hearts with thankfulness to our heavenly Father, that we may read without any daring to make us afraid; and we will redouble our efforts to extend the privilege to those sitting in darkness. Let us bestir ourselves to circulate it in the dark places of

our own country, that so those who read and learn to value it may come up to the help of the Lord in this good cause, and that auxiliaries to the Bible Society may spring up from time to time, to do that work of which, as individuals, or as an association, we can accomplish so little.

Halifax, 14th February, 1853.

M. A. FINNEY.

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