

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

Annual Report of the Ladies' Tract Society of Allegheny.

The Ladies' Tract Society, in presenting their annual report, desire with thankfulness to bless the Lord for his many continued mercies and loving-kindnesses unto them; acknowledging Him as the author and giver of every good word and work, and relying upon him alone for any good results from their efforts. His hand has been over the Society for good; through the heat of summer and frosts of winter, the lives of its members have been precious in His sight.

At the last anniversary, the constitution was altered, in order to increase the number of managers, and widen the size of the district. As each manager's duty is to distribute, distributors can be produced smaller ones as distributors can be provided for; thus equalizing the labor, and allowing time to be spent by a less number of families, which is very desirable, and cannot fail to be productive of good. This subdivision has been made of good, and subdivision has been made of the Society conducted in the most systematic manner; and in a manner to realize the greatest good, and limit the number of districts and limited means.

The monthly meetings have been regularly held, and encouragingly attended by the members; and they have generally had the presence of a minister of the Gospel, and the colporteur or agent of the Parsonage Society, to animate them by their example, and support them in their labors together, a little band gathered from the various Christian organizations (forgetting any difference but Christian) to divide means of doing good to the souls around them, and to mingle their prayers for the blessings of God, through Jesus Christ, upon their unworthy efforts among men.

There are forty-eight managers and distributed connected with the Society, two districts having been formed. During eleven months, 761 tractets in English and German, have been distributed, making 110,860 pages; about one-fifth being German; 6,501 copies of the American Messenger, and many tracts and papers which have been circulated, besides sent out of the country. Many friends have been added to those who watch for the coming of the distributor; for they are often welcomed with pleasant words and smiling countenances, and rarely meet with an unfriendly reception.

The object of the Society is to throw evangelical religious reading into circulation in such a form as will be induced to read it, and to communicate with every soul and work where a family is found without the Bible; it is supplied through the Bible Society; efforts are made to gather children into the public and Sunday schools, and their parents urged to send them. When clothing is needed for such children, or the suffering and destitute discovered, they are applied and relieved through the Parsonage Society; the distributor having an opportunity, and making it a duty to inquire into these things.

There are hundreds in our midst who never open a Bible, never hear a gospel sermon, and are never seen in church or prayer. There is a large portion also that do not know the pleasure of reading the Bible, who are often permitted to receive the tract, yet many of them are glad to read them, and families who before refused, now willingly receive them. Perhaps the little tract may awaken attention to some conscience; the Bible may lead the Church entered, and the soul to salvation; to see the value of soul. Such results have been known, and none may limit the intention or power of God, even in this instrumentality.

The members of this Society go forth obeying the command, "In the measure we sow dry seed, and in the measure we reap not thy hand;" and in the spirit of Christ, may constrain them to help in their work. They ask the Christian community to support them in their liberality, and above all, their untiring prayer for the blessing of God upon their efforts, that the seed sown may spring up and bring much fruit to the honor and glory of His name.

M. J. H., Secy.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. S. Dale, in account with the Allegheny Ladies' Tract Society.

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1851, April 2, Balance in the Treasury \$18.21

1852, Feb. 19, To amount of sub-

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123.97

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