

THE TOTAL CIRCULATION

during the year amounts to \$29,000. This includes 9,634 Bibles, 8,861 Testaments, 1,420 Pilgrim's Progress, 1,050 Sinner's Friend, 6,050 Come to Jesus, 1,050 Dr. Newton's Sermons to Children (Safe Compass, King's Highway, &c.), 1,078 Annals of the Poor, 700 Baxter's Saint's Rest, 600 Baxter's Call, 500 Doddridge's Rise and Progress, 500 Boardman's Personal Religion, 650 God's Way of Peace, 600 James' Anxious Inquirer, Hodge's Way of Life, 670 Individualized Religion, &c., &c. The total number of Publications circulated is upwards of 600,000.

PERIODICALS.

The circulation of Sabbath School and other cheap Periodicals from the Depository is annually increasing.

The Society is largely indebted to Clergymen, S. S. Superintendents, and many other friends who have kindly aided in this department. They have given freely much valuable time and effort in procuring lists of subscribers, and to the monthly distribution of the papers. The Committee tender their thanks to all such.

The importance of a wider circulation of good and attractive Periodicals of a religious character may be more fully realized, if we look abroad and see the vast quantities of debasing and soul-destroying publications that are scattered broadcast among the people by a corrupt Press. The facts brought to light recently in New York should stimulate every friend of humanity to encourage all right efforts to supply the masses with what is pure and elevating in this class of literature. An extensive and undisguised traffic in licentious books, papers and pictures existed in that and other cities. They were distributed widely among the youth in public schools and elsewhere, so that the hearts and minds of multitudes were corrupted before their parents were aware.

An earnest Christian young man, Mr. Anthony Comstock, a little over a year ago, took measures to put a stop to this plague. He procured the arrest of leading publishers and others engaged in the business. Thirty-nine were, through his efforts, brought to trial, a number of whom were sentenced to the Penitentiary for a term of years. More than 12 tons of the vilest class of publications and stereotype plates used in their production, were seized and destroyed.

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