

excepted, 5,888; Tracts, Handbills, and Sermons, 71,137. Total 77,025, for the particulars of which see Appendix.

The value of these issues amounts to £262 3s. 4½d. currency. Of this amount £68 8s. 2d. have been appropriated to the gratuitous distribution of Tracts and Children's Books. See Appendix.

PARENT SOCIETY.

From the Forty-fourth Report of this noble and extensively useful Institution, it appears to prosper in its benevolent career. Its issues were for last year 16,067,176; and the number of new Publications in the same period was 213.

The items of the Society's income for the year ending 31st March last are the following, viz: Donations, Collections, &c. £5160 15s. 10d.; Special Subscriptions for China, £1747 4s. 4d.; Legacies, £819 19s.; Sales of Publications, £43,064 14s. 9d.; and from other sources, with the previous year's balance, £1812 13s. 10d., making the total income for the year £52,605 7s. 9d. Its expenditure for the same period was £51,629 15s. 11d. Of this sum its free grants amounted to £6649 7s. 1d., being £1488 11s. 3d. beyond the benevolent contributions received from the public; besides paying its own expenses in every department.

The providential opening into the Chinese Empire, has not been overlooked by the Directors of the Tract Society. A special effort is made to provide for the spiritual destitution of this intelligent although yet idolatrous people. The success of this effort is increasing every month; and, it is hoped the amount will enable the Society to pour a flood of truth into "the land of Sinim, so that the ransomed of Jehovah may return."