

DEPOSITORY.

The Depository, as regards the supply of books, is in a more efficient state than at any former period, and notwithstanding the difficulty generally felt in regard to money matters, the sales effected at the depository have amounted to £155 0s. 3d. being a considerable increase upon last year, and making a total with the branch Societies of £172 16s. 2d.

The value of the books now on hand in the depository is £251 5s. 8d. ; so that when the balance still due to the Parent Society of £111 9s. 10d. is taken into the account, the Auxiliary is found to be in a better pecuniary condition than at the close of any former year.

The committee deeply regret that a second time they have to report that the subscriptions in the Lower Town district of the city have not been collected. The gentlemen who had been appointed and who had agreed to collect them have unfortunately not been able to find the time requisite for the work. The Society can ill afford to lose in its still weak condition so considerable a portion of its customary support, and that for two successive years. It is to be hoped however that gentlemen aware that their names are on the list of subscribers, if they remember that they have not been called on, will kindly forward their subscriptions to the treasurer. The event however which the committee most deeply regret is the retirement from office, on account of protracted indisposition, of their highly esteemed treasurer, C. Wurtele, Esquire, to whose zeal and unremitting attention the resuscitation of the Society in 1854, and its subsequent progress is, under the blessing of God, chiefly attributable. That his health may be permanently restored, and his life long spared and made increasingly useful, is the sincere desire and prayer of the committee.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF PARENT SOCIETY.

The estimate of the Society's tracts formed by the public at large is evinced by their vast distribution by all branches of the Christian Church at home and abroad ; a distribution which, during the past year, has reached thirteen millions eighteen thousand four hundred and eighty-four, exclusive of 5,053,750 handbills. During the past year, your committee have issued Two Hundred and Sixty-one new publications. These consist of tracts of the different series, and books, among which are particularly noticed the 5th part of "The Annotated Paragraph Bible," containing the Gospels. "The Atonement:" this