

The number of Tracts distributed during the year is rather less than during the year preceding, being 18,414 English Tracts, 2,865 French do.; total 21,279.

The deficiency in this respect can we think be accounted for by the fact, that many persons who united themselves with this Association, and had districts appointed to them, have (after laboring faithfully for a time,) become weary in well doing, and gave up the work; while from their not tendering their resignation, and there not being—according to a late plan—any supervision of districts, it was very difficult to ascertain who were laboring, or what parts of the city were unsupplied with Tracts. Individuals were thus often considered working members long after they had given up the distribution; and many districts that were supposed to be regularly attended to, have proved on enquiry to have been entirely neglected.

The necessity for an alteration in the plan of distribution was discussed at several meetings of the Association, and at the meeting in December, it was resolved, "That a return to the superintendant system be at once effected." This was done, and the City and Suburbs are now divided into seven large districts; the Military, Seamen, and Emigrants, the various Hospitals, and the Jail, each also forming a district or division; in all eleven districts. A Superintendant has been appointed for each district, whose business is to supply his assistant distributors regularly with Tracts, to exercise a proper oversight in his district, in order that no part may be neglected; and to hand in a monthly report of the number of Tracts distributed, and any matter of interest connected with the