

in consequence of the former one having been found faulty in many respects. By that arrangement there were in all but seven large districts, each with a superintendant and several assistants; the superintendant *only* reporting. It was found that the assistant distributors did not take the interest in the proceedings and object of the Association that was desirable, and the work in consequence proceeded but languidly; since, however, the alteration was effected,—a decided improvement has been the result. Our meetings are now well attended, and the distribution has proceeded with greatly increased zeal and vigour.

The Association is under a deep debt of gratitude to the Religious Tract Society, for a continued gratuitous supply of nearly all the Tracts required for distribution. This Society has very strong claims on public support, because the cost of Tracts, and other excellent publications issued gratuitously from its Depository in this City, is more than the sums received by way of contributions.

Number of Tracts distributed during the year, is, English, 35,214; French, 3421: Total, 38,365.

Throughout the City and Suburbs, the Tracts have generally been thankfully received, and read attentively.

The labour of the distributor does not, as may be supposed, conclude with the delivery of the Tract. It is expected that he will embrace every opportunity to draw attention to the momentous subjects contained in these "messages of mercy," and advance, to the extent of his abilities, the interests of religion and morality.

This most important part of the distributor's duty has not, we are happy to state, been entirely neglected; still, owing to the small number of distributors, and the extensive sphere of our operations, but little time can be employed otherwise than in distribution; and, consequently, only a very scanty amount of information can be procured respecting any good the Tracts, with the Divine blessing, may have been the means of accomplishing.

The petty persecutions and strong opposition manifested by some individuals, in various parts of the Suburbs, are no slight source of disquiet to the distributor. Some will take Tracts with much apparent thankfulness, and—as it has afterwards appeared—destroy them; others—more openly depraved—will, immediately on receiving the Tract, tear it in pieces, and throw it in the distributor's face with some bitter expression of malice and indignation. Still, even amongst the class referred to, there are those who read the Tracts with attention; and the probability that good may eventually be the result, should encourage us to persevere,