

2.—*Circulating Libraries.*

About 33,313 Libraries have been granted, since 1832, at reduced prices, exclusive of those sent to foreign lands, the reduced prices gratuitously voted being £137,145, namely:

For Sunday and Day Schools	18,047
For Destitute Districts and Parochial Objects	10,625
Ministers, Students, National, British and other Teachers ..	1,598
For Union Poor-houses	586
Lunatic Asylums, Hospitals and Prisons	524
Miscellaneous	1,933
Total	33,313

3.—*Funds.*

Total receipts for the year, including the balance of last year	£193,580	10	2
Total grants for the year, for Great Britain and Ireland, the British Colonies, and Heathen and unenlightened lands	46,625	15	2
Excess of grants over available receipts	13,252	14	3
Total expenditure in trade and grant departments ..	189,042	14	4

The grants exceed those of last year by the sum of £6,562.16.9. The excess of grants over the charitable income, has been supplied from the trade funds, which have also borne the entire cost of management, both of the business and Missionary departments.

REV. C. H. SPURGEON'S "COLPORTAGE ASSOCIATION."

In his history of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Spurgeon says:—"Although in order of time Colportage was our third work, we are very far from considering it to be of third-rate importance; on the contrary, we believe it to be one of the most efficient and economical agencies in existence, and, as education increases, it will be more and more so. The sale of vicious literature can only be met by the distribution of good books: these can only be scattered in rural districts by carrying the good books to the doors. Scotland has long had a grand staff of colporteurs."

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