

during the last year, been discharged for the small sum of £126 13s. 4d.

In consequence of the peculiar circumstances under which the

ISSUES FROM THE DEPOSITORY

were augmented in 1851, it is only right, in surveying this portion of your Society's operations, that the Committee should, on this occasion, institute a comparison of the issues for the last three years :

In 1850 there were issued from the depository 2988 Bibles, and 4496 Testaments, making a total of 7484 copies of the Word of God.

In 1851, it was thought desirable to survey the entire field which your Society is called to cultivate, and with a view of supplying the more destitute portions of the country, many of the Branch Societies at the united suggestion of the Committee and Travelling Agent, laid in an additional stock of Scriptures. This increased the issues of 1851 to 6367 Bibles, and 4814 Testaments, showing the large addition upon the issues for the year, of 3679 copies.

During the last year, the issues amounted to 4651 Bibles, and 6367 Testaments. Total 11,018 ; showing a decrease of 163 copies on the extraordinary year 1851, but an increase on 1850 of 3534 copies of the Word of God. This shows the total issues for the last three years to have been 29,168 copies of the Word of God, or an average of 9,722 copies a year ; a view of the subject, which so far from disheartening the Committee, leads them to thank God and take courage.

In the early part of the year, a Sub-Committee was appointed to superintend the

DISTRIBUTION TO IMMIGRANTS

of the Holy Scriptures. The short time for which these strangers remain in Montreal, prevents the Committee from ascertaining with accuracy their state of destitution in reference to the Scriptures ; yet have they had the grateful satisfaction of placing in the hands of this interesting class of persons 47 copies of that word which is able to make them "wise unto

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