

year are 77,394. The particulars of this department are given in a Table in the Appendix.

COLPORTAGE.

It has been the desire of your Committee for some time past to enter upon this very important department of labour. The success which has attended this description of effort in the neighbouring Union, was an additional incitement to make some attempt to commence this good work. The want of suitable persons for the work has, until lately, prevented our engaging in it. A considerable time ago a Sub-Committee was appointed for the purpose of procuring a Colporteur; but it was only in October last they obtained the services of Mr. Wm. C. Munday. Then your Committee resolved to make an experiment for a term of six months, and engaged his services for that period, beginning 1st November. The work was begun in the city.

The two months which have elapsed since this effort was entered upon, is a period too short to form a judgment of what will be the ultimate success of the experiment. The number of books sold is yet very small. The Colporteur finds great difficulty in getting access to the families, in consequence of the obstructions thrown in his way by servants.

The Protestant families of the city have been pretty generally visited. After another attempt has been made to offer the Society's publications to them, it was the intention of your Committee to send the Colporteur to some of the more populous rural districts; and by this means introduce

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