

THE ISSUES.

The issues have been 1066 copies, between 1st March and 31st December, shewing an increase during the ten months of 40 copies over those of the preceding 24 months, making the total issues of this Auxiliary since its formation, 13,509 copies. The following analysis shews that—

Grants have been made to the Marine and Emigrant	
Hospital, - - - - -	24 copies.
For the use of Shipwrecked Mariners, - - - - -	7 "
Through Colporteurs, &c., - - - - -	129 "
	160
Distribution effected among the Immigrants by	
Mr. Blyth, - - - - -	38
Do. in the city, - - - - -	107
Cash sales at the Depository, - - - - -	337
Supplies to Branch Societies, - - - - -	424
	1066
Total, - - - - -	1066

Grants for the use of hotels and lodging-houses appeared so desirable to your Committee, that a circular was addressed to some of the leading hotel-keepers to ascertain their views. Replies in two instances were received, intimating their willingness to accept the proposed grants. It will be for the next Committee to carry out the intentions of their predecessors.

FUNDS.

The funds of the Society, owing to the collections having been made with more regularity than usual, manifest a trifling improvement; and now that the Society (invited by recent encouragement in the rural districts as well as in the city) is about to enter a wider field, and to employ a more costly but necessary Agency, the Committee present to the members of all the Protestant Churches in this community, a confident claim to larger measures of pecuniary support, than have been hitherto extended to the Society. The total receipts from ordinary sources have been £167 5s. 4d., or £70 15s. 3d. more than those of the period embraced within last report; the expenditure has amounted to £101 9s. 8d., while the engagements are £169 13s. 1d.

The cost of maintaining a society conducted on the benevolent principle, in order to supply all classes with the Bible as nearly as possible at cost price, must be met by donations and subscriptions. To meet efficiently the expenses of Agency and Colportage, in addition to the cost of the Depository, and to keep constantly on hand a well