

of 16,356,000, the increase over 1886 being 1,247,000 as compared with an increase of 1,309,000 in 1886 over 1885. There was a decrease of 150,000 in the number of free letters sent.

335. The next table gives the number of newspapers, books, periodicals and parcels sent during the same period :—

Number
of news-
papers,
&c., 1867-
1887.

NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, BOOKS, CIRCULARS, PARCELS, &c.,
1868 TO 1887.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Newspapers and Periodicals posted otherwise than from Office of Pub- lication.	Newspapers and Periodicals posted from Office of Pub- lication.	Books, Circulars, Samples and Patterns, &c.	Parcels.	Total.	Number per Head.
1868.....	18,860,000	.....	.....	24,800	18,884,800	5·60
1869.....	18,700,000	.....	.....	38,720	18,738,720	5·49
1870.....	20,150,000	.....	.....	51,844	20,201,844	5·85
1871.....	22,250,000	.....	.....	64,160	22,314,160	6·34
1872.....	24,400,000	.....	.....	95,200	24,495,200	6·78
1873.....	25,480,000	.....	.....	112,300	25,592,300	6·98
1874.....	29,000,000	.....	.....	102,800	29,102,800	7·61
1875.....	31,300,000	.....	.....	131,352	31,431,352	8·08
1876.....	38,549,000	.....	4,539,912	70,724	43,159,636	10·09
1877.....	39,000,000	.....	4,638,000	90,000	43,728,000	10·09
1878.....	6,252,740	33,483,672	5,090,000	107,800	44,934,212	11·02
1879.....	5,610,000	36,769,086	5,054,000	206,600	47,637,686	11·49
1880.....	5,870,000	39,250,062	5,224,000	217,000	50,561,062	11·99
1881.....	5,980,000	42,709,068	6,000,000	331,500	55,020,568	12·66
1882.....	7,150,000	43,695,000	7,186,000	394,000	58,425,000	13·19
1883.....	7,402,000	45,737,266	8,724,000	463,200	62,326,266	13·80
1884.....	8,210,000	47,779,532	10,160,000	541,000	66,690,532	14·48
1885.....	8,760,000	49,821,798	10,500,000	600,000	69,681,798	14·84
1886.....	9,200,000	51,864,064	15,140,000	640,000	76,844,064	16·03
1887.....	10,340,000	53,906,326	20,000,000	820,000	85,066,326	17·45