

On other points referred to in this paragraph of the memorandum, difference of opinion may be harmlessly entertained. This Committee, however, seriously questions whether *permanent* advantages, financially or otherwise, would result from "Branches doing their work without the help of paid agents." We deem it highly probable that zeal and liberality would in many cases gradually decline under such a system, which it would be difficult for some time to reinspire. We are, therefore, glad that the Memorandum refers to it as an "experiment" still being tried. The Directors express the opinion "that some of the Branches in the London field would have liked to make the same experiment." We respectfully suggest that even if that were so, it will be well for them to await further results elsewhere.

In this connection the Memorandum states that the Directors have been careful not to interfere with the free action of the Auxiliary in this matter, although paying the Agents. On this we may be permitted to call attention to the fact that the free contributions of the Auxiliary to the General Fund, far exceed the amount paid to those agents, and that we are therefore in the same sense "paying the agents" in other sections of the great field.

IV.—Adverting to the fourth paragraph of the Memorandum, this Committee sees no such analogy between this Auxiliary and the one formerly existing in Kingston, as to warrant the inferences stated.

To the financial statistics of the paragraph, we have devoted much consideration; and we solicit equal attention from the Board of Directors to the Schedule hereto attached, which, in our judgment, shows that instead of the retrogression alleged, the London Auxiliary, in the main matters referred to, has fully kept pace with "the field under the immediate supervision of the Board in Toronto."

The continued existence of an Auxiliary in this western section of Ontario, if empowered to act efficiently, is, in the estimation of this Committee, essential to the success of the Branches. The only Branch in this field acting independently of the Auxiliary, is at St. Thomas; and it is so organized that although situated in a town of importance, the Branch has no Depository, and as a consequence the last Report of the Upper Canada Bible Society acknowledges only the small sum of five dollars received on purchase account. If the extensive circulation of the Society's publications be the great desideratum, such organizations cannot be too strongly recommended.

Lastly. The Committee finds from the last general paragraph of the Memorandum, that the Board of Directors are under much misapprehension of matters of management and finance connected with our work, upon which they appear to base the conclusion thus expressed, "that the best interests of the cause will be most effectually promoted by the London Auxiliary returning to the relationship of a Branch." The Schedule referred to will serve in part we trust to correct such misapprehension, and therefore to modify the conclusion (we hope not irrevocable), at which, under its influence, the Directors have arrived.

Should it result otherwise, and the Directors take the course indicated, we are fully persuaded that, so far from promoting the cause which we in common have at heart, such a step will alienate many of its warmest friends and contributors from that co-operation with the Upper Canada Bible Society which