

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary (Rev. John Gemley) read the eleventh annual report of the Auxiliary—a long and interesting document, from which we append a few extracts.

LONDON AUXILIARY.

This is the only Auxiliary of the Upper Canada Bible Society: It includes five counties, viz., Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, and Elgin. Taking London as a centre, it extends northward to Tilbury West branch. Its most southern branch is Colchester. To the east we have the Vienna branch, and westward its furthest point is the branch at Sandwich. The year has been one of advancement, a small addition being made to the number of branches. Our income has been equally satisfactory, as is testified by the treasurer's statement.

FINANCIAL.

The treasurer's returns show that the income for the year ending 31st August \$3,400. The aggregate receipts from 1st March, 1873, to 31st Aug., 1875, (two years and six months) were \$7,630.63. The increase in last year's receipts may therefore be given at about \$250. We are hopeful that future efforts will be even more greatly blessed. The following is a summary of

THE DEPOSITORY'S STATEMENT:—

	Bibles.	Testaments.	Total.
Issues during year.....	2,485	1,936	4,421
Stock in hand.....	1,287	1,013	2,300

AGENCY WORK.

This important service of the Auxiliary continues to be performed in accordance with the provisional system. Five ministers of different churches have attended to the duties of this office during the past year, and have been faithful and diligent in carrying out the great trust committed to them. This system has been in operation six years, having succeeded a permanent agency, in which two, and sometimes three, agents were wholly employed in branch visitations. The provisional agents, who thus far have been ministers of different churches, give a limited portion of their time to this service—averaging 12 days each during the year. The economy in time, and consequently saving in salaries, has induced the Board in Toronto to continue this plan. But it is not free from disadvantages; and therefore the Board has during the past year made a partial return to the old system, by engaging one permanent agent, Rev. W. W. Ross—a gentleman of superior ability, and of great zeal in the work assigned him. The agents which visit the Auxiliary field are appointed by the Board in Toronto, and paid by them.

THE COLPORTAGE FIELD.

While your committee do not find that there is much necessity for colportage labour within the limits of your Auxiliary, yet there is some call for this description of service. Last year two colporteurs were employed—Messrs. Lowry and Crombie—the former for a portion only of the time. This year, the latter has been the only colporteur employed. His labours have extended to remote townships. He was engaged for time equal to eight months. His labours presented the following results:—Miles travelled, 1,400; visits made, 3,900; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 310. He found about 20 families destitute of the Scriptures. In addition, he has distributed several copies of the Scriptures with the metrical version of the Psalms attached.

The new premises in the second story of Edge's Block, Richmond street, which are occupied conjointly by the Bible and Tract Societies, are a very great improvement upon those previously held.

CONCLUSION.

“The present may be regarded as a befitting occasion to review the way in which our God has brought us, and to recount the mercies of which we, as a