

We have ten new Bands, in five Associations. Western sends us four, Oxford-Brant three, and Peterboro and Middlesex-Lambton each one. And the fine part of it is that with two exceptions, their names are already on our Treasurers' books.

I wish I could say that all old Bands had held fast. In almost every Association there are gaps, and in some there are several Bands who have sent no report. It is a bit hard to know what to think about these, but because of their good work in the past, we shall keep them in our family till we have some good reason to believe they have forgotten the family tie.

A certain proof that many Bands are doing splendid work is shown in their giving. Sixteen Bands have given \$2.00 or above per capita. These are Leamington, Walkerville, Hanover, Colchester, Leith, Dunnville, Villa Nova, Indian Road Toronto, Ontario St., Stratford, Ridgetown, Townsend Centre, Brock St. Sarnia, Walkerton, Stouffville, Meaford and Port Arthur. And some of these are quite tiny Bands.

One hundred and fifty Bands have given \$2,577.56 to Foreign Missions. This includes \$2 life Memberships. To Home Missions 144 Bands contributed \$2,190.15. There were 49 Life Memberships.

Many Bands too have been very busy working on practical gifts for our Missions and Missionaries. Next year when you send your parcels to India and Bolivia and our Home Missions, be sure to send the necessary particulars with your parcel so that your Band will receive the credit it deserves. Then when we meet at Convention next year we shall be able to give the grand total. Each Band pays the cost of sending its own parcels too. This means an additional giving that cannot be shown on our Treasurer's books.

Some churches have felt they could better serve their own particular need with a Junior B.Y.P.U. rather than with a Mission Band and some of these are doing a fine bit of service. A few have asked to be included in our ranks. Since Missionary study and giving are on their programmes, we are pleased to admit them. A good suggestion has been

made in the November Link that we call such Junior Union Mission Bands. In our Band Conference this afternoon we shall deal with this question more fully.

We shall hear from each Association separately and in the order the reports have been received.

Guelph has fourteen Bands and one of these has failed to report. Ontario St., Stratford, a very active Band with 44 members, has the highest rate of giving. Georgetown, Hespeler and East Nissouri are small bands who have made a high average in their giving.

Thunder Bay remains the same with five Bands. One sends no record of gifts in money but has sent a box to India. Port Arthur has given per capita \$2. Fort William has a membership of 55.

Niagara-Hamilton sends a report of steady consistent giving. There are 19 Bands but I wonder why Beamsville, Wentworth St. and James St. Hamilton have failed to report. This is discouraging to your Director. Font-hill has reorganized. Dunnville with \$2.73 has the highest rate of giving and Dundas has the large membership of 90. Two of the members of Port Colborne Band have earned special mention. In the recent Prize Essay Contest conducted by the Link, the first prize for Boys was awarded to Reggie Pringle and Helena Major received the second prize for Girls. Congratulations.

Whitby-Lindsay brings us just four Bands. Stouffville and Lindsay are very active in membership and giving. We miss Oshawa and Uxbridge. Surely these important centres demand special Missionary training for their young folk.

Walkerton. Five Bands here have a splendid record. Walkerton, with a membership of 15, gives \$2.25 per member. We are sorry to lose Tiverton.

Middlesex-Lambton greets us with 16 Bands. One is a New Junior Band at Adelaide St. London, already bringing its gifts and growing in numbers. We miss Arkona, Kensal Park and Wyoming, all disbanded because of lack of Leadership.

Owen Sound has five Bands, all busy in giving and in service. The City of Owen