

Besides being a stimulus to systematic giving the envelopes are intended to preserve the anonymity of the giver. There is reason to fear that in some instances this purpose is not carried out, owing to a misapprehension on the part of treasurers of the proper method of using the envelopes. The treasurer's book should contain, not the *names* of contributors, but the *numbers* of the envelopes which have been distributed. When the envelope is handed in the treasurer should credit in her book the amount contained in it to the *number* which it bears, not to the person who has given the money. At the next monthly meeting when she presents her statement she will read the *number of each envelope* with the sum contained. This will be a correct and sufficient acknowledgment. Each contributor will without difficulty recognize her own number.

Apropos of the duties of treasurers, we find an admirable little article on the subject in "Mission Studies," a valued exchange, published by the Woman's Board of the Interior, Chicago, which we gladly give to the readers of the LETTER LEAFLET.

A Simple Talk to Young Treasurers.

(Older Treasurers need not listen.)

1st. Don't trust to memory, or to a slate, or to a scrap of paper, or to a book small enough to go into your pocket and as easily to fall out of it or to get lost in a pile of letters. Have a book large enough not to get lost—and then don't lose it. This book should belong to the Society, and should be handed down from Treasurer to Treasurer. Years hence it will be interesting to look back and say, "Yes, she was our first Treasurer and now she is a missionary in India," or it may be said, in looking over your neat pages, "She was our first Treasurer; now she has rendered up her final account."