

A MESSAGE FROM THE OPEN BOARD MEETING

There was a great feeling of thankfulness at the Foreign Mission Open Board meeting held in Walmer Road church, March the thirteenth, when our Treasurer, Mrs. Piersol, announced that with still very incomplete returns, almost all the Jubilee five thousand has come in. When all the Circles who have not yet been heard from make their returns, we feel sure that our objective will be reached. Every Circle will be happy and thankful for this blessing.

Yet there is another side which we must face. Our Treasurer pointed out that while our Jubilee fund is almost all in, the Circles have fallen behind in their gifts to our regular work about one thousand dollars. Does this mean that some of us have given to the Jubilee but have neglected our regular month by month giving? The Jubilee money is to go for some special building which will bless our mission for years to come. Our regular obligations must be met besides. This situation, with heavier estimates than last year, gave rise to the question, "How can we increase our giving as Circles?"

Several speakers told of how their circles are trying to bring in larger gifts. The points brought out were these:

1. By first, last, and all the time cultivating the prayer spirit in all our meetings remembering that "My God shall fill full every need of yours, according to His riches in glory."
 2. By always seeking new members, never ceasing from the effort to interest more givers until every woman in your church has been won to an interest in missions.
 3. Be sure to have Thankoffering meetings. Many circles have two each year, one for Home at one time and one for Foreign at the other, for instance, one in May and one in October.
 4. Continually hold before the Circle the ideal of regular and proportionate giving, using the envelope for members' dues. Always take a collection at the meeting; a good deal is gathered in in this way which would otherwise be lost.
5. Some Circles have resolved to add ten per cent, some twenty-five to help out in the matter of exchange.
 6. One told of making beautiful quilts for sale and the sale of calendars in addition to regular gifts.

Mrs. Inrig, in stirring words, pointed out that God requires us to bring all the tithes into His storehouse and until we do this, He cannot bless us. Besides praying, we must do this act of bringing our gifts, realizing that money is lent to us that we may preach with it His Gospel.

The message of this meeting to each of us is that we must be constantly awake to the urgent need of renewed effort to see that this missionary responsibility reaches more lives in order that the support our growing work needs may be freely given.

Another great opportunity with which our Board is faced is the readiness of a consecrated and gifted young woman, thoroughly equipped in every way, to go to Bolivia. She should go this year. The only way in which it may be possible to send her is that an increase in regular giving of our Circles will assure her passage and her support in the years to come. Is there not a challenge here?

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LINK REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

- 276 Lists sent to Agents.
- 402 Sample copies sent.
- 483 Agents heard from (22 Y.W.)
- 70 Individuals have sent in subscriptions.
- 17 Clubs have been heard from.
- 2959 Renewals have been received.
- 233 Paid arrears (1 yr.)
- 47 Paid arrears (2 yrs.)
- 152 Reinstated.
- 478 New subscriptions.
- 4 New complimentary.
- 354 discontinued.

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