

Cannot Reduce the Staff

It was not possible to ask missionaries who had just arrived in Canada on furlough, weary and ill, to undertake home pastorates and thus relieve the Board, although, during the war when the Board was hard pressed, a number of missionaries at the end of their year of furlough were asked to take pastorates for a year or more until the Board's finances were such as permitted returning them to the fields where they were so much needed. However, at its meeting in November, the Board unanimously was unfavourable to any such action at the present time. Further, it would cost as much or more to pay the passages home of families in India as it would to maintain them on the field. So the Board, even if the inadequate field staffs had permitted, cannot act as business firms or home-boards may do and reduce expenses by reducing its working staff.

There is only one way to help the Board in an emergency brought about by world-causes which do not operate in the case of any purely home-boards. If every church, every Sunday School, every B.Y.P.U. and every individual will remit to the Board's Treasurer one-eighth more than last year, it will go far to meet the need. But, as all may not do this, some will need to increase their contribution by one-fourth or more to make up the balance. The Board's Treasurer is Mr. R. D. Warren, 223 Church St., Toronto. —Sel.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT PARCELS TO INDIA

Will Circle Presidents and Band Leaders and all who wish to send parcels to India please take notice!

This year all these parcels must be sent to Mrs. C. W. Dengate, 508 Markham St., Toronto 4, **before the end of June.**

Full instructions for sending parcels were given last year in the following Links:

February, 1925, pages 206, 207.

March, 1925, pages 224, 225, 236, 237.

April, 1925, page 269.

May, 1925, page 291.

The boxes will be packed and shipped at the end of June.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STEWARDSHIP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

By "Christian Life" we mean, or should mean, not merely a life that *imitates* Christ, having our great Example at a distance from us, but the life that is Christ—such a life as Paul meant when he wrote, "To me to live is Christ," and "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"; and that our Master described in the words, "Abide in Me and I in you." How did the Lord Jesus live His earthly life? In the power of the Holy Spirit, and the usefulness, the joy and the peace of every disciple will be in proportion to his being led and controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Acceptance of the terms "steward" and "stewardship" recognizes the fact that we are not independent agents, but that there is one for whom we act, and to whom we shall have to report our doings, not with our own possessions, but with his goods which have been entrusted to us to "occupy" with. What are some of the features that enter into this life of acting for another?

1. *Carefulness to know the mind of this other, in order to carry out his wishes.* So we have our guide-book, filled with instructions and with illustrations. When Moses received from God, in the mount, instructions for the making of the Tabernacle, how careful he was to carry them out exactly. He was a steward. So, if we would be good stewards, we must study our guide-book, and beware of the temptation to think that we can improve upon its directions.

But a knowledge of our instructions will not do us much good unless we are able to carry them out, so the second thing we need is

2. *The authority of our Principal or Owner.* He says "Tarry . . . and then go." There will be nothing but disaster if we attempt to reverse this order, or if we become so busy with the "going" that we omit the "tarrying." "Christ Jesus is made unto us wisdom," but this wisdom is given only to those who "ask of God." How varied, how difficult sometimes, how delicate at others, are the missions on which He would send the