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OURSELVES AND OUR CIRCULATION.

We never like to speak of ourselves, but yet we cannot avoid the topic sometimes. We direct the attention of our readers to the Annual Report of the Lay Association, which discloses an unpleasant aspect of affairs. Last year the paper did not pay its own expenses as it had done the two previous years. On the contrary there is a large deficit, which, added to our old debt, is sufficiently embarrassing. This state of things cannot continue. It is true times have been hard and money has been scarce, but yet the religious paper should not on that account be defrauded of its due. A religious paper is a necessity to families as well as to a denomination. This paper has done the Church some service, as its conductors believe, but it should receive countenance and aid in order to secure its continued publication. It cannot be published at an annual loss.

We thank many kind contributors for notices of interest to the Church, and we would invite a continuance of such favors. We also thank some friends for an extension of our circulation. One clerical friend sent us 65 subscribers from Orangeville, and many could do likewise, if they tried. We think we are fairly entitled to ask our friends to extend our circulation, and our

readers to pay what they owe. It is a due and ought not to be withheld.

THE JUVENILE PRESBYTERIAN.

We would direct the attention of our readers to this little Journal, which has entered upon its 4th volume, commencing with the New Year.

It should find an entrance into every family and Sabbath School.

The organ of the Juvenile Mission, containing much to interest and please the young as well as to benefit them, it deserves and should receive a cordial support. Published at a low rate, 1s 3d. per annum for single copies, or 1s. when 25 copies are taken to one address, its circulation should widely extend. We cordially recommend it to the notice of our readers.

THINGS TO BE ATTENDED TO.

Another meeting of Synod is drawing on apace, and we therefore call attention to some duties which fall to be discharged ere its meeting.

Presbytery Clerks should make up Rolls of their Presbyteries in the manner appointed in last year's Synod Minutes, and submit the same to the Presbyteries for revision.

Presbyteries should see that all Congregations, vacant or otherwise, have collected for the Widows' Fund.

They are instructed to see that a collection is taken in all the Congregations in the Bounds for the Jewish Mission.

Presbyteries were also enjoined to transmit to Dr. Mathieson without delay a full and particular account of all vacancies and localities where new congregations may be formed, in order to submit a general statement to the Colonial Committee. This is a matter of importance, and, we believe, has been wholly neglected. We trust that it will be attended to without delay.

The Committee on Statistics are at work. We trust they will receive full replies to their enquiries. In two other bodies in Canada this plan is in successful operation, and is found very useful. It would prove so with us, if faithfully wrought.

The Replies to the Queries of the Sabbath School Committee should also be forwarded without delay to the Convener. We would remind our readers that decisions are of little avail, unless carried into practical effect. Let then these duties be discharged, and so the good and efficiency of the Church will be promoted.

THE JEWISH MISSION—SUGGESTED STATIONS.

The time is approaching when the Synod will be called to decide upon the locality to be occupied as its first Station