

TREASURER'S CORNER

Life Memberships:

Circles: Mrs. Jos. R. Mann, Gilmour Memorial; Mrs. Charles Drinkwater, Brampton; Mrs. Ellis Laramie, Colchester; Mrs. Claribel McGolrick, Port Arthur; Mrs. John Hutton, and Mrs. Walter Gleason, East Nissouri.

Bands: Miss Ida Clarke, Kitchener, King; Mr. Charles Hume Wilkins, Hespeler.

How Our Treasury Stands:

We are behind where we were this time last year, about eight per cent. Just why, I can't understand. At Convention everybody seemed so enthusiastic about undertaking the increased estimates, and it seemed to me that everybody went home determined to put the needs before the Circles and Bands. From October fifteenth to January first the Circles have sent only \$2848.99 as against \$3635.22 last year. The Young Women's Circles have in this period, sent just half as much as they did last year. The Bands however are only \$37.07 behind last year total. The giving from other sources is a bit ahead, owing to a generous cheque of three hundred dollars from one lady. Last month, in our "Corner" I remarked that we had never been in debt. We have never during my term of office been so near the end of our resources as we are at this very minute. We started the year with our working balance much less than was safe, and with the decreased rate of giving, that balance has dwindled to just about nothing at all. I feel that I should share the acute anxiety I feel, not only with the Board but with every Circle member. Let us pray about this matter. But don't let us simply pray that the Lord will fill our Treasury. That seems to me the handing back to God the job he has given us to do. But let us pray that He will give us the ability to plan out how we are going to do this thing: that He will give us steadfastness of purpose to enable us to carry out these plans to the end: that He will give us grace to make all sacrifices necessary: and that through it all He will keep us true and sweet and sane.

This statement of our financial condition, serious though it is, should not discourage us. God has given the Circles and Bands this

special work to do for Him. It is the right of every Circle to know every need; and the privilege of each Circle to share in meeting these needs. So far a full and frank explanation of the financial situation has brought always an adequate response. I believe it will do so again at this critical time. Remember: Our Board has never been in debt to the Bank; to the General Board; to any missionary. We have been able to pay our bills on the day they were due; and no missionary has ever had to wait a single day for her salary.

Re Letters:

It is an amazing thing that with thousands of letters coming addressed to me annually, few go astray. Even those (and there are even yet a goodly number) addressed to "Mrs. Campbell" reach me promptly. In September six in one morning's mail were delayed and reached me two months late. Where they were for those two months the Postal authorities cannot find out. In the interim the Post Office Dept. at Ottawa cheerfully and promptly made good all the money orders that were in this delayed mail. One letter in October, containing cash, unregistered, went astray and has not been recovered to date. That letter, I think, is the only one that has ever failed to reach me. The moral is very plain. Do not send cash in unregistered letters and the other moral is that should a letter go astray, probably money in the form of Post Office Money Order is the easiest to recover.

M. B. Piersol.

LINK REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Our objective 10,000 subscribers
Our mailing list, Dec. 31, '25 7851 subscribers
Required for Jubilee 2149 More Subscribers
Who Helped:

A list was sent to an Agent on Nov. 20, 1925, with four marked in arrears. On Dec. 8, 1925, the debt was paid off. These prompt replies are appreciated.

St. Catharines Agent returns her slip with a new subscription.

By Dec. 15, 1925, Mrs. Galt, of Oshawa, had secured 15 new subscriptions along with