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Correction. The address of the Rev. ARTHUR KRAUSS, editor and publisher of the OCCASIONAL PAPER, is now *Pirbright Vicarage, Surrey*, instead of *Branksome, Bournemouth*.

We are sorry to be obliged again to call the **Occasional Paper.** attention of our readers to the subscription list, but the fact is that the small subscription of one shilling does not come in with the regularity we could wish. It would relieve the pressure upon the general funds of the Association if every one would send the form which accompanies this number with one shilling in payment of the subscription for the year which is just opening. Our last number, issued in November, cost barely less than three-pence for every copy sent out, and there were very nearly nine hundred copies. A glance at our "Acknowledgments" will show how very little money has been sent by our readers since the account was published in November. We were then £15 7s. 7d. in debt, of which £10 2s. 6d. was due to the printer, and £5 5s. 1d. to the publisher. Since then we have received £10 from the general funds, and other sums have reduced the debt to £2 15s. 4d. to the publisher, and a bill has just come in from the printer for £6 19s., making the total of debt to amount to £9 14s. 4d.

The Editor asks those who receive two copies—that is, one from the Secretary of a local branch of the Association and one from himself—to be so kind as to inform him of the fact. One of the Clerical Secretaries writes: "Only a very few of my associates send their shillings to me, though all on my list receive the paper; I think many of them send to you." In this case these associates who send their shillings to the Editor must receive two copies—one from the Editor and one from the Secretary. As each copy costs within a fraction of 3d., a considerable saving might be made if we can avoid sending duplicates. Again, one Secretary receives forty-five copies for distribution; his remittance in payment of this is *nil*. Another associate, receiving thirty copies and doing good work for the Association, has remitted nothing on account of the OCCASIONAL PAPER. We do not wish to limit the circulation of our paper, but we do wish most heartily to save the general fund, the expense of keeping up the present circulation, and the cost of the paper is so small that we are afraid that that is the reason why our friends so often forget to send the amount. We believe that interest in the Mission is maintained by our paper, and also that many small, and even large, gifts find their way to places where they are needed by means of our pages. The constant cry for more help, both of men and