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Editorial.

NOTICE TO CIRCLES AND BANDS of Ontario, to be read at the February meetings. The treasurers of Circles and Bands are reminded that they should close their books for the financial year on March 31st. Will the officers make an effort to have all money due paid in by that time, so that the treasurers may forward the money to Miss Elliot immediately after that date. It is exceedingly important that this be done that the treasurer may have the funds to meet the appropriation made last May.

The amount wanted by March 31st: From Bands, \$632.41; from Circles, \$1,993.63.

And this amount will only bring us where we were last year, when we ought to advance in order to take up some much needed new work, and to resume some other work which for lack of funds has been dropped.

What share will your Circle or Band have in giving this money for the Lord's work? Let your answer be sent through your treasurer to,

MISS VIOLET ELLIOT,
109 Pembroke St.,
Toronto.

THE quarterly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Board of Ontario (West), will be held in the Board Room, No. 9 Richmond St. West, Friday Feb. 16th, at 2 p.m.

A. MOYLE, Rec.-Sec.

TO OUR AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.—As was stated in a recent issue, our present income is scarcely equal to our necessary outlay since the increased cost of printing has gone into effect. If all our subscribers who are in arrears would pay up and renew their subscriptions for the coming year, and if each agent and each subscriber (where there is no agent) would make an earnest effort to add a few (or many) names to the list, we could run the paper without surrendering any of its pages to advertisers or diminishing its size. Will not our friends give this matter their *immediate attention* and remit the proceeds of their efforts as promptly as possible?

MR. IMRIE'S APPOINTMENT.—The appointment of Mr. Andrew Imrie, a graduate in Arts and Theology from

McMaster University, gives much satisfaction to the friends of missions. For years he has had it in his heart to labor in India; but Providence has seemed to hinder. That he can now carry out his purposes is a joy to him and to all who know him. It is also a matter for rejoicing that he is to be supported by a generous individual friend of missions.

EDUCATION IN JAPAN.—The determination of the Japanese government to abolish religious instruction in State-supported schools has been severely criticised by Christian missionaries, whose schools had been partially supported by the government. Baptists would find little fault with this regulation; but considerable difficulty is involved in the regulation that prohibits private schools in which religion is taught from receiving children between the ages of six and thirteen, when they are required to attend secular schools. But it is thought that even this regulation may be evaded and the missionary schools continue to have government recognition by conducting the religious instruction outside of the regular school hours and in a separate building. The interest in education in Japan at present is quite equal to that in any American or European country, and while the tendency of educational work is not decidedly toward Christianity, the general enlightenment of the people and their deliverance from pagan superstitions can hardly fail to prepare the way for a general acceptance of the Gospel. But patient and abundant missionary effort will be requisite for many years to come.

DWIGHT L. MOODY.—The death of the noted evangelist removes from our midst one of the greatest religious forces of the century and one who gave a mighty impulse to the world-wide proclamation of the gospel. The death of no Christian worker since that of Spurgeon has aroused so general an interest. Newspaper and magazine sketches are appearing on every hand and several biographies are already advertised. The one edited by his son, in accordance with Mr. Moody's wishes, will probably be the most valuable and should have the preference with purchasers.

THE ECUMENICAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.—Final arrangements are being made for the great missionary