

and these in consequence have to go into next year's account.

We still require \$1,400 to meet our appropriations for this year, and so far we have only three life members, whereas last year we had six.

Occasionally a remittance goes astray, but can, as a rule, be traced and recovered.

It is, therefore, important that not more than a week should elapse between the time of sending the money and receiving a receipt for it.

Let the Treasurer know if, after a week at most, you have not received a receipt, as it is much easier to trace the money if action is taken promptly.

Finally, let us, dear Circle and Band members, put our whole heart into this mission work, regarding the smile of God as our highest reward, till at last we all shall hear the welcome greeting fall like sweetest music upon our attentive ears, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

### ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

**Niagara and Hamilton.**—A good representation of Circle and Band delegates met on June 3rd at Stanley Avenue Church, Hamilton, where a warm welcome was extended by Mrs. Brown, Vice-President of the Circle, to which Mrs. Grant, of Dundas, sweetly and suitably responded.

The Director's report was very complete and encouraging. Twenty women's circles and six young ladies' auxiliaries reported, and two Circles that have disbanded, still collect and send some money to our Treasurers. Sixteen Bands reported, three having been organized during the year, and one disbanded, being reorganized as a Junior B. Y. P. U. The Circles have raised about \$100 over last year, with a promise of greater increase by closing of Convention year. The Bands increased by some \$39.

Mrs. Blandford, of Hamilton, gave an interesting report on the Circle meetings, and led a discussion on the success or failure of the different points given. Special urgency was made to "Every member some work to do," "Topic cards for year's work," "Systematic study," and "Earnest continual prayer in meetings."

Mrs. Wismer, of St. Catharines, our assistant director, reported in detail the work of the Bands. The George Street Band, of St. Catharines, of which Mrs. Wismer is leader, raised \$100; Queen Street, St. Catharines, and Stanley Avenue, Hamilton, stood close second and third. Mrs. Wismer urged the necessity of Bands, and the proper training of the children in missionary interests.

In a season of devotion, led by Miss Copp, of Hamilton, we returned thanks for our prosperity, and asked for God's presence with our Circles and Bands, our Boards, our missionaries and mission fields.

Mrs. J. J. Ross, of Hamilton, gave a Bible reading on the story of the box of ointment as given by Mark. The woman's gift was prompted by a lavish and all-absorbing love. Love is never calculating, but gives its best, so she won from Christ the wonderful commendation, "She hath done what she could."

Mrs. W. H. Cline, of Hamilton, gave a most helpful talk on the "study book" in the Circle. God is carrying out a great purpose in the world. He has planned to do that work through us. We need the world-wide outlook, and in this the Mission Study book is a help, but it must be properly used to gain good results. By a model lesson, Mrs. Cline clearly pointed out a method that would ensure interest and profit.

The Rev. H. E. Stillwell, of India, in a fresh and interesting way, showed that women must carry the gospel to India's women. Their need is great, they are strictly guarded, they often