

year, your committee have no right to go on ignoring this fact, but if the funds come in, the committee will be only too glad to increase the grants next year. We ought still to aim at the average of giving suggested last year, viz., one dollar per member.

If each member of our churches would lay aside two cents every Sunday, we should have \$10,000 subscribed for Home Missions every year, and the Executive would be relieved of financial anxiety.

PYRAMID MITE BOXES.

In order to endeavor to secure this end, the Committee authorized me to procure 2,000 pyramid mite boxes, and they would like to have a mite box placed with every Congregational family in the land, and made use of. If this were faithfully tried for a year, I am sure you would be agreeably surprised at the result. We have not hitherto made enough use of the "littles," but they are very powerful when aggregated. I shall be pleased to send such number of the boxes to each church as will agree to use them, free, and I will take the orders at any time.

THE SHURTLEFF MISSION FUND.

The net proceeds from revenue account have been apportioned strictly in accordance with the donor's will, \$829.13 going to credit of Ayer's Flat and District, and \$754.13 going to the General Mission Fund Account. The Ayer's Flat and District account has now a small balance of \$10.47 to credit for next year. The capital is now \$39,185.92, and is all invested and bearing interest.

In the matter of the Taplin suit, which was decided against us in the Court of Appeal, and so reported last year; the Supreme Court, to which we had appealed, reversed this judgment, with costs against Taplin, and we are thus relieved from the payment of a heavy bill of costs.

There are some matters incident to this suit which we are endeavoring to have settled without further litigation.

In last year's report it was noted that the real estate in Iowa had been sold. This, however, was a mistake, as the sale was not concluded, but the matter is being attended to, and we hope it will be closed this year.

There is still a farm in the Townships unsold, the general depression and low prices for farm produce making it difficult