

Sound is Bandless for want of a Leader. Here is a wonderful opportunity. Will not some one come to the rescue? Hanover, Leith and Meaford, all on the honor list of giving, are in this Association.

Peterboro has twelve Bands, Brighton is a new Band and already it is bringing its gifts. There are two gaps, but I fancy when the Director has carried through the programmes of visiting indicated on her report, great things may be heard from Peterboro.

Collingwood sends eleven Bands, all supporting both Home and Foreign Missions and every Band with a Leader. Orillia has the highest membership and Gravenhurst the highest rate of giving. Stayner is a new Band just organized in the summer and it is already helping to support our Missions.

Western. Miss Iva Oxley is the new Band Director and her report is a real joy. We welcome four new Bands, Wilkesport, Bothwell, and in Ford City two—one for boys and one for girls. Leamington has an average of \$4.76, Walkerville \$4.72. Colchester, \$3.13, Ridgeway, \$2.40 and Wheatley is not far behind. Well done, Westerners!

Northern has 6 Bands. Our Director writes us that this is the least number for some years. The little Bands not now in existence are those of our small struggling Mission Stations. The Leadership of the Band usually falls on the pastor's wife. When her health is poor or there is a change of pastors, the little Band suffers. Miss Copp organized at Kirkland Lake and Dilly, but the former has not been able to carry on since her enforced absence. Our baby Band, Dilly, has five members with an average giving of .80c. If bad roads do not interfere they hope to be able to carry on during the winter. We owe our Northern Associates, particularly, our sympathetic understanding and our prayers.

Elgin presents to us seven very active Bands. The little one at Sheddon with 14 members is particularly so. Centre St. and Broderick Mission at St. Thomas are both Junior B.Y.P.U.'s. They are also Mission Bands for they both study and give to Missions. Centre St. has 177 members and last

year contributed \$75 each to Home and Foreign Missions.

Oxford-Brant has 23 Bands. Three of these are new ones—Beachville, Jerseyville and East Oxford. Two Bands failed to report but the rest of the report is ever so good. The Band at the Polish Mission, Brantford, deserves special mention. Theirs is the highest rate of giving in their Association, \$1.60 per member.

Toronto Association joins us with 23 Bands. There are no new ones to greet us and four are discontinued. This would be most discouraging did we not know that there are several very active B.Y.P.U.'s all carrying Missions on their programmes. Some however, are not yet contributing to our own Missions, but we are hoping they may soon co-operate.

Walmer Road has the highest membership, 103. Indian Road has the highest rate of giving, \$2.70, although it is a tiny Band, just 10 in number.

Norfolk presents ten Bands. The Director was unable to secure the reports of four others: Education in Missions is being stressed and the giving follows naturally. Villa Nova has given \$2.73 per member and Townsend Centre \$2.50. Bloomsbury has not sent a report in time, but I am told the Band is wonderfully helped by the Mission Circle.

Such is our report. We cannot add one jot to our last year's work, but only leave it all in the Master's hands and trust that the results may be far-reaching.

Two outstanding points I wish to leave with you. First, from all I can gather, our Band Leaders are seeking more and more to train their members in Christian Stewardship and Service. Second, from all directions comes the cry, "What shall we do without a Band Leader?" Our greatest need is Leadership. Where should we look for the realization of this need but to our mother, the Mission Circle.

Have you a Mission Band in your church? If so, as a member of the Circle, are you doing your part in encouraging your Leader and are you lending a hand to help her through the difficulties she is bound to meet? Let her know the Circle is with her with a good