

In considering this matter I call you earnestly to ponder over the statistics that are given to us. It cannot be considered fair that a few churches should be looked to, virtually to sustain in the Foreign and Home fields all missionary work, and the majority of the churches allowed to go almost free from these quasi assessments. It must ever be borne in mind that thus the congregations, continually omitted in the opportunity of giving for the Lord's work, are educated to be selfish and self-seeking and are deprived of that great blessing that is promised and given to the generous and self-sacrificing donor.

A NON-MISSIONARY CHURCH—A DEAD CHURCH

Now let us see what we can learn from these carefully compiled tables given to us no doubt that we may take stock, and see what our Church is doing, where-in it is faulty, and then strive to improve. I believe we shall learn this lesson from a study of the figures found at the pages above indicated, so far as the City of Toronto is concerned, and the same lesson as to the Country parts, from the following pages. This lesson is that where the parish is led to make donations for outside objects, there you will as a general rule find a growing parish and matters in a healthy condition. And where you find the parish seeking for as large a measure as it can obtain of church funds, and not looking beyond its own little narrow limit, there is to be found small work and stunted growth. Let me make some comparisons:—

A LESSON FROM THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE

The Church of St. Anne has:

A church population of 6,000;

An average morning attendance of 1200;

An average evening attendance of 1,400;

An average Sunday School attendance of 1025;

Its gifts for work outside the parish for last year were \$6,469 76.

In order to endeavour to make a reasonable comparison, take the seven Parishes which surround St. Anne's, which have been in existence from 20 to 40 years and which give the following results:—

	POPULATION	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		OUTSIDE	
		A. M.	S. S.		
St. Jude's	650	225	275	\$ 41 70	1.
St. Matthias'	1225	161	160	411 35	2.
St. Barnabas'	1327	220	147	241 37	3.
St. Martins'	2000	130	140	105 50	4.
St. Mark's	1300	161	129	1679 01	5.
St. Mary Magdalene's . . .	2000	200	118	551 00	6.
St. Cyprian's	2400	222	300	396 00	7.
	10,902	1319	1269	\$3425 93	