

Why should not some plan be adopted for raising funds for denominational enterprises by which our people shall be encouraged to give largely by giving in littles and often every week?

On the question of the proportion of church members who are regular contributors to church and denominational objects, we find that one-half are regular contributors in one-quarter of the churches; three-quarters are regular contributors in more than half of the churches; all wage-earners are regular contributors in more than one-sixth of the churches. In all, about 73% of our members contribute regularly. This is a fair showing.

Knowing how important to the unity and cohesion of our body, as well as to the best interests of our families is a denominational paper, your Committee asked the pastors the number of copies taken in their churches. Their replies inform us that in churches reporting about 10,000 members about 1,000 copies of the "Baptist" are taken. Vankleek Hill is the banner church of the 80 reporting, 32 copies being taken in a membership of 75. Ten other churches take a copy to each five or less of the members. On the other hand, three churches of 124, 151 and 120 members take respectively 2, 5 and 8 copies. The churches in which the paper has the largest circulation are not of the wealthier class. Over one-quarter of the pastors to whom enquiries were addressed were unable to furnish information. Our denominational paper is the chief medium through which our people can become informed of the work and welfare of their sister churches and of the body generally. It is the chief bond of interest and sympathy and unity among our people. It is of great importance that it be kept furnished and conditioned to serve this and its other purposes. It is not too much to hope that one quarter as many copies as there are members be circulated. This would not be a copy to each family. This means that the "Baptist" should have two times and a-half as many subscribers as are now upon its lists. It will pay our pastors and earnest workers to give attention to this matter.

Various means are adopted to assure and maintain interest in missions. We are glad to see that the most of our pastors present their claims from their pulpits. The visits of the General Agents are very helpful. The churches are well supplied with societies for children, the young, and the ladies. It is to be regretted, however, that a larger proportion do not maintain

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