

show what can be done elsewhere if the *ministers* will only do *their* duty. I say here deliberately that the responsibility for the small amount of money raised for the society rests primarily with the ministers, and secondarily with their people. As a denomination we are retrograding in the matter of giving. In proof of this I adduce the following statistics. I have taken the church subscriptions for the C.C.M.S. for the past ten years, from 1885 to 1894, and find that in the first seven years the average subscriptions were \$4,355, while in the last three years they fell down to an average of \$2,375.

Now this retrograde movement is an indication of a selfish spirit among the churches, instead of a self-sacrificing one, and as it is the duty of the watchman on the tower to call danger when to him it is apparent, so equally is it the duty of the minister to tell his people plainly what is required of them as followers of Him who gave Himself for them, and to make it his business to see that they are awakened to a proper sense of their responsibility in the matter of giving to the cause of Christ, outside their own church or town. Rest assured the people will think all the more of their ministers if they in all faithfulness and kindness tell them of their faults. Brethren, deliver the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or whether they will forbear! so, and so only, will you clear your own skirts from complicity in the withholding of the tithes and offerings.

And now as to the results of last year, in view of the afore-said resolution adopted at last annual meeting:—

CHURCH SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1894-95 COMPARED WITH 1893-94.

	1894-5.	1893-4.	
Ontario, Western District..	\$559 82	\$560 58	—Unchanged.
“ Central “ ..	131 64	230 84	—43 p.c. decrease.
“ Eastern “ ..	268 55	430 12	—37½ p.c. decrease.
	\$960 01	\$1,221 54	—21½ p.c. decrease for Ont.
Quebec.....	\$1,249 24	\$700 95	—78½ p.c. increase.
N. Scotia and N. Brunswick.	425 88	273 90	—56 p.c. increase.

The result shows that the Province of Quebec and the district of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick acted on the spirit of the resolution, while Ontario did not. Had the Province of Ontario given the same increase as Quebec, the society would have had \$1,220 more in its coffers at this date, which would have nearly wiped out the debt of last year. From this you will be able yourselves to draw the logical sequence.

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