

23½; and Newfoundland \$1.64. We must not forget however that all the money is not given by the communicants of our church. It often happens that men who are not in the full fellowship of the church give as largely and as liberally as those who are. Taking this fact into consideration, the membership does not give at the rate of 28 cents per communicant.

These figures prove beyond doubt that a large majority of our people are doing almost nothing to save souls and to reclaim the world from heathenism. That many of our professional christians are thoroughly interested in this good work is well known. Some are doing nobly, are giving liberally and praying earnestly while others are anxious to go to the Foreign field to tell perishing men and women of the way of life. When our Foreign Mission Board advertised for a lady to go to Trinidad to teach the Coolies no fewer than eight ladies offered their services.

We have young men who are anxious to go in obedience to Christ's command to preach the gospel to the perishing multitudes in the dark parts of the world but for lack of means they are compelled to remain at home.

My brother, what then are you doing to remedy the existing state of matters and to remove the reproach from the church? The question is not—What is the church doing? or what is my neighbor doing? but it is—WHAT ARE YOU DOING? This is a personal matter and God will hold you personally responsible for the performance of duty.

Christ as King and Head of the church has given the commission and he will hold every member responsible for its fulfilment. Woe to that man who proves faithless; When the armies of Israel went up on one occasion to fight against the Lord's enemies, the inhabitants of Meroz refused to go up—refused to come up to the aid of Israel's hosts: they said we cannot afford the time and expence, and the men necessary. What was the consequence? The battle was fought and the victory won, and those who performed duty were blessed. What of those who neglected duty? The sentence went forth against them—"Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." And what will God do with those men and women who pretend to be christians and to be loyal soldiers of Christ, and yet neglect the standing order of the King—"Go preach the Gospel to every creature."

The battle will be fought. The Lord's work will be accomplished. Some may stand idly by while others are busily employed, but remember the consequences.

But I prefer looking at Christian work as a matter of privilege and of love. Privilege. 'Oh what an honor to be co-workers with the Lord, to be sharers in the great enterprise of soul-saving—a privilege which angels might well covet! This honor may be yours and mine. Then, love, love for the souls of men, love for the Lord Jesus should impel us to pray and work for the lost and perishing.

Let every member of the Church awaken to the call of duty, and then each soul will be blessed and the church will enjoy times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

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VISITATIONS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

EASTERN SECTIONS.

VISITATION AT GAYS RIVER.

The Presbytery of Halifax, held a series of visitations during the last week of January, in several rural congregations. The first meeting was at Gays River, on the 23rd. Present Rev'ds. Rosborough, McKinnon, Simpson, Henry, Dickie, Cairns; and Gunn. Rev. Adam Gunn, preached from Matthew 11th Chap. 30th verse.

The state of matters here was found to be encouraging. There are 80 families in this section, and the pastor visits them all every year. The elders visit the sick and take part in the prayer meetings, of which there are four, and are active in Sabbath School work. Fifty two copies of the Record are taken, forty two copies of the Maritime Presbyterian. Their contributions to the schemes of the Church, were as follows:—

Foreign Missions.	\$24 87
Supplementing Fund.	23 57
French Evangelization.	25 06
Sabbath School, for Missions.	9 31
Presbytery Fund	4 09
Day Spring.	25 91
Blind Asylum.	14 18
Endowment Fund.	42 50
	\$169 90

VISITATION AT SHUBENACADIE.

The Presbytery again met in the even-