

told that but five per cent. of the young men throughout the land are members of the Church; that only fifteen per cent. attend the Church with any degree of regularity; and that seventy-five per cent. never attend any church at all. This is not simply a guess of mine; but the careful, sober, and alarming conclusion of that great National Committee. To this very discouraging fact there is another, that of the young men who are in communion with the Church, not more than half of them can be relied upon for active service in evangelical work. Here, then, we have seventy-five out of every hundred who do not attend any church; ninety-five out of every hundred who do not belong to any church; and, at least, ninety-seven out of every hundred who are carrying no cross, and bearing no burden for the salvation of men and the glory of God. There is no doubt but that we could furnish a much better showing in the matter of church membership and church attendance in the Protestant community of Canada, though we have nothing to boast of here; and the most optimistic will admit that there is plenty of room for improvement. But this state of things, which we have described, in a professedly Christian country is simply astounding, and, for the moment, will stagger the most hopeful worker for Christ. If the outlook be sad on the one hand, it is suggestive on the other. Do not these appalling facts *emphasize the supreme*