

Annual gathering, and on our funds,—in fact, tell disastrously everywhere.

Another most important duty is to develop the liberality of our members.

Giving is largely a matter of education. Those who have been trained from their youth to give, usually give liberally. Those who have not been so trained find it difficult to learn late in life. It is not so much their fault as their misfortune that they do not understand what our Lord meant when He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Part of our duty as members of this Society, is to educate people in the matter of giving, whose education may have been neglected. Perhaps we could all stand a little more education on this point.

Last year, according to the report in the Blue Book, the total amount received from Auxiliaries was \$33,806; say in round numbers, \$34,000. The total membership of our Auxiliaries was 12,517. Divide \$34,000 by 12.517, and we find that each member gave an average of about \$2.72 for the main purposes of our Society. Now \$2.70 would be considerable, if we handed it over at one time, but it should be remembered that we spread the amount over a whole year. Those who have a liking for fine calculations may figure out the problem, and ascertain how much we give on an average each day for the purposes of our Missions.

Of course it goes unsaid that we all give our share for other purposes. The work of this Society is not by any means the only work in which most of us are engaged. Still, it may be well for us to ask, whether, without lessening our contributions to other good purposes, we might not increase the average of our giving to our own Society. No doubt the sum already mentioned represents self-denial and self-sacrifice on the part of many of our members, but there is just as little doubt that it does not represent liberal giving on the part of others.