

generally, it is still well for us to ask the question how our beneficence compares with the scriptural standard. Allowing that only one-third of our members receive incomes, it appears that our members in receipt of incomes have given on an average \$29.33 each for the Lord's work during the year. This would be one-tenth of an income of \$293.30. Is not the average income of our income-receiving members double this amount? Unless we are not required under the Gospel with its supreme motives, which centre in the cross, to give as much as those who had not yet received this highest revelation of God's love, there is still large room for advance.

It is also noticeable that nearly three-fourths of the contributions of our people are for local church expenses, and less than one-fourth for all mission and general objects. The average contribution to these denominational objects is \$2.05 per member. We do not give too much toward the Lord's work in our several communities; but do we give enough to advance the great world-wide interests of Christ's Kingdom? While we may well rejoice in the rapid advance our people are making in progress toward the scriptural ideal of giving, let us not forget that we have not yet approached very near the ideal.

In the hope that their work may be of use, your Committee submit their report to your prayerful consideration.

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Chairman.

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