

summer at Northfield, to the Students' Volunteer Movement, and thousands of young men all over this continent from the colleges, placed their names upon the list, volunteering to go where the Lord or the Church would send them. Perhaps the addition of ten years or so has taken away a little of my optimism in this matter. But when I get down to the end there are at least twenty in the hundred who are holding this challenge in the church's face: Send us out and we will equip the Church for evangelization. Christendom and the Church have practically been sculking in the face of this challenge, incapable of accepting it. Is she unable to do it? Unable is the net test of financial policy. The financial policy of the Church in the Old Testament, and approved of by the New, is to recognize God as the giver, by giving back to him a tenth of your income. The tithing system was recognized as a necessity, in order to transmute this wealth into blessing, otherwise it would be a curse to the Church. There are about three millions of Protestants in Canada. The average income is fifty-five cents a day. That means five hundred millions of an income, or fifty millions for tithing. If you will take the from five to six thousand Protestant ministers and their churches it will take about, on the average, three thousand dollars a year to equip those churches vastly better than they are equipped to day. That will mean well under twenty millions to thoroughly equip the Christian Protestant work of Canada. You have the remaining thirty millions left on your hands for foreign mission work. I think we can say to-day that all Protestant churches put together are not exceeding a million in distinctly foreign missions. You can begin to see what could be done if we did our work. I don't want to turn back upon the fathers, and say they know but very little compared with the youngsters; but I want to say this, that we get our habits rather young. I am rather hopeless with regard to radically changing the giving habits of the larger proportion of the Church. Do you not see, then, that the key to the solution of the almost paralyzed condition of the Church in mission work to-day, is to train the children of the Sunday Schools in the giving habit, and to impart information on the missionary question.

The Sunday School Lesson Committee were requested long ago, or long ago decided it was well once a quarter to introduce a temperance lesson. Would it not be well to introduce a missionary lesson? Might we have that as a beginning? That would not be impossible. I think it would be worth while to give that consideration in our Conventions, and to send up some definite suggestion to the International Committee.

Go a little farther in our lesson helps. I suppose the more our children know about the present condition of missions, the better they will be equipped to sympathize with mission operations. Suppose we had upon our *Lesson Helps* questions dealing definitely with mission fields, taking one at a time.

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