

There appears to be a spirit of hopefulness among our pastors, which is also of good omen, as we believe it is not an indication that they have low ideals, but that they have the courage which comes from faith in God and in the power of His truth. The Home Mission work, as you have heard, is also full of encouragement. The aggressiveness of the Mission churches and pastors is both an object lesson as well as an inspiration to the larger churches to gird themselves for more earnest work.

While there are many churches which do not give largely, and perhaps there are none that have reached the standard demanded by the claims of Christ and of the perishing, the growth in beneficence has been a very marked and hopeful feature of our progress as a body. We hope the following statement may be interesting and instructive:—

	Total Contribns.	Home Expenses.	Other Objects.	Av'ge. per Memb'r.
Amherstburg				
Brant	\$ 19,714	\$ 13,708	\$ 6,006	\$ 8.94
Canada Central	15,440	12,341	3,099	8.18
Eastern	35,716	31,099	4,617	20.45
Elgin	14,608	12,482	2,126	7.20
Grande Ligne				
Guelph	21,094	17,997	3,187	9.65
Hamilton	13,852	12,661	1,191	11.90
Middlesex & Lambton	20,839	17,996	2,843	7.46
Niagara	13,894	11,908	1,986	8.45
Norfolk	17,498	15,514	1,984	6.42
Northern	11,275	10,277	997	10.44
North Western				
Ottawa	25,405	18,839	6,566	9.58
Owen Sound	8,315	6,919	1,396	6.31
Peterboro	12,978	10,896	2,082	8.90
Toronto	63,595	45,681	17,914	13.32
Walkerton	9,616	8,731	885	7.37
Western	14,359	11,999	2,360	7.41
Whitby & Lindsay	12,237	9,265	2,972	9.64
Woodstock	20,319	16,605	3,624	9.94
	<u>\$350,754</u>	<u>\$285,008</u>	<u>\$65,835</u>	<u>\$ 9.52</u>

We need to add to this say \$10,000 from individual contributors for denominational objects.

From this statement it appears that the 36,911 members with which our churches began the year have given \$360,750. Allowing the contributions from adherents to offset the loss through non-resident members, and we find that the giving for all purposes has been at the rate of \$9.74 per member. While \$360,750 is a large sum, and compares well with the contributions of Christian bodies