

## ARE WE FOUND WANTING?

ON more than one occasion recently contrasts have been drawn between the Church and the sects. It is well that it should be so, for we can certainly lose nothing by comparing ourselves and our ways and works as Church members with the members of other bodies, and we may frequently gain something. For instance, in the duty of supporting and extending the work of the Church in its various branches it is to be feared that in proportion to our numerical strength we are sadly behind hand, as compared with others. At a Missionary Meeting lately held in this city by the Wesleyan Methodists, figures were announced as the result of their year's work which ought to put us Churchmen to shame. Not far from this Parish a costly building is being erected for a Baptist Theological School at the expense of one man, and a large sum is being raised among the Baptists—and indeed, if we are rightly informed, by one sect only of that denomination—for its endowment. What might not the same generosity accomplish if Trinity College were its object? If Trinity College had the endowment which it ought to have what a power in the land it might be as a seat of learning and as a training school for ministers of the Gospel! To look nearer home, if we members of St. George's Church contributed to Parochial objects as we should do, what a power for good our Church would be! We speak advisedly, knowing what we do contribute, and how *paltry* an amount it is from week to week from most of us. If our members gave as members of other Churches do, or rather—a more honourable comparison—if we gave in the same spirit in which members of the primitive church used to give, we could maintain such a staff of preachers and missionaries as would enable the work of evangelization to be kept up uninterruptedly from Sunday morning to Saturday night in every part of the parish. *If all our members contributed to parochial objects as three or four families actually do, our income would be something like ten thousand dollars a year.*

## LOCAL GROWTH OF THE CHURCH.

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