

liberality. There must be a great power of religious conviction, as well as of deep emotion, at the back of these lists of subscriptions. That year by year these sums should be raised for work done principally beyond the giver's eye, indicates that faith in Jesus Christ as the Divine Man and the world's Saviour is neither dead nor dying. The breakers of unbelief seem to be about the most harmless that cast themselves in self-dissipating spray upon the rock of eternal truth. He who sat over against the treasury in ancient times still notes the prayerful self-denial which has prompted so much of the givings as are here recorded. Still we are far from supposing that there is room for boasting. We are sometimes led to speak of ourselves as the largest Protestant denomination in the Dominion. But if so, then corresponding obligations rest upon us. Is it then altogether creditable to us as a people that our total income for the past year should not be quite \$220,000? More than this, deducting the \$8,875 from the Government for the schools of the Indian department, it would appear that the total contributions, including juvenile offerings, legacies, and miscellaneous, amount to but \$210,605, and that of this forty per cent. is actually repaid to ourselves in the form of grants to Domestic Missions. The membership of our Church is probably from 210,000 to 220,000, and we have perhaps been felicitating ourselves upon an average income of a dollar a member. But that does not mean that the majority of our members give even that small sum. If we simply subtract the amount paid in subscriptions of \$25 and upwards, we shall find that some six hundred persons contribute \$47,000, which would bring the average down to seventy-five cents per member. But if we further take into account the large number who give subscriptions ranging from \$5 to \$20, we must inevitably conclude that a very large number of our people either give nothing at all, or extremely little, to this department of the work of Christ. And, if little to this, it may be feared little to anything. We have sometimes heard it said that there is too much preaching nowadays. Perhaps, of a certain kind, there is, but there would seem to be a wide field of Scriptural truth greatly neglected. Of old, there was a people who sought the Lord daily and took delight in knowing