

missions \$93,000, or an average of about one seventh of a cent a day per communicant. Indeed the real average must be very much less than this, as many give to the cause of missions who are not members of the Church. If each member of our church in Canada were to set aside one cent a day for this object, it would give annually \$640,000, sufficient to support 600 missionaries in the foreign field.

What we are doing is little indeed in comparison with what we could and should do for the spread of the gospel. Were every Christian to feel with Paul that he is "debtor to the barbarians," and take his part, we have little conception how quickly the gospel could be proclaimed in all lands. We may form some idea from the following, given by Dr. Pierson. In 1835 in Hamburg, seven men, in a shoemakers shop, resolved to attempt in person to spread the good news. Within 20 years they had organized 50 churches, gathered 10,000 converts, scattered half a million bibles and 8 million tracts, and preached the gospel to fifty millions of people. At that rate 250 disciples could reach the whole population of the globe in 30 years. If to-day there were but 500 disciples on earth, and each of them and of their converts should bring to Christ one convert each year, the whole race would be included in twelve years: or if there were but one disciple and he should be the means of converting one soul each year and every new convert do the same, 30 years would multiply the number to more than there are people in the world.

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