

Assembly, and the statements made by the conveners of committees and others, show that in the department of "wanted" our exigencies are both varied and urgent. A livelier interest in all the schemes of our church on the part of our members and adherents generally is wanted. Godly young men for the ministry are wanted. Laymen of earnest hearts and ready utterance to help in preaching the word in sparsely-populated districts are wanted. Teachers for the multiplication and extension of our Sabbath-schools are wanted. More generous contributions for the various mission funds of the church are wanted. And may we not add that there is wanted also, and, indeed, primarily and more than all, a broader distinction among us between the church and the world; more of the living power of our holy Christianity in the hearts and lives of our people; an increase in the spirit of brotherly love, brotherly unity, and brotherly co-operation; more self-sacrifice; a higher appreciation of the importance and power of individual effort; a deeper conviction of the readiness of the Divine Spirit to descend in his converting and saving power in answer to a simple-hearted faith and an all-believing prayer; and a more general activity of service on the part of all the members and adherents of our denomination.

Let each one, then, gird himself for work during the new Assembly year on which we have entered. The Master's voice is calling to us. There is a post waiting for each to occupy. Great is the responsibility that rests upon us. Interests of mightiest moment are committed to our keeping. A cloud of witnesses is watching our movements. The field is white to the harvest. All needed strength is promised. Opportunities are narrowing. A bright reward awaits the faithful.

"Go work to-day in my vineyard."  
"Occupy till I come." "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." "The night of death is coming in which no man can work."

### EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

The special prayers which have ushered on the year, have not been offered in vain. The breath of God prevades the church. An unwonted earnestness displays itself, and special efforts are made for the revival of the Lord's work. We give below the circular of the Committee of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church on the state of religion:—

TO THE SESSION OF

Dear Brethren:—At the General Assem-

bly in June, instructions were given to the Committee on the State of Religion to mature, and set in operation as soon as possible, a scheme for special evangelistic services."

It is, however, within the knowledge of the committee that much has already been done in this direction by the Committee on the State of Religion in several of the Synods. In some of the Synods questions for the eliciting of necessary information and directions for the holding of evangelistic services have been forwarded to the session within their bounds. In some congregations evangelistic services, or continuous meetings for prayer, praise, preaching of the Word, and conference with those seeking guidance or instruction, have been held, and a rich blessing has accompanied efforts thus put forth in dependence on Divine grace. While we rejoice in the work of thousands in Britain, let us not forget to give thanks to God for hundreds in our own land who have, as a result of such services, been brought under the power of the truth as it is in Jesus. In some localities there have not yet been so signally blessed, spirit of inquiry is awakened, an interest in spiritual things unknown before is manifested, and the prayer is going up from many hearts, "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in Thee."

To the sessions of congregations in which such work is in progress, we would say, "The Lord bless and prosper you in this work." Wait not for instruction, or for any action on the part of the committee, but go on prayerfully and hopefully in the work to which the Lord is calling you. We would suggest, in this connexion, that this work should be carried on under careful and continual supervision of session and, as far as may be, without any marked or undue deviation from the modes of government in ordinary use in the Church.

To sessions that are desirous of securing help for the commencement or prosecution of such work, we would say that on application to the Convener of the Committee on the State of Religion in their own Synod they will be told of brethren willing to do their aid for such time as may be deemed desirable.

In thus expressing our gratitude for the account of the blessed results of evangelistic services in various localities, we would be understood as exalting these above stated ministrations of the gospel, which we believe to be the means ordinarily blessed of God for the awakening and conversion of sinners, as well as for the edification of saints; but as declaring our conviction that, with them, evangelistic services may be advantageously combined in the best manner that, as God has blessed them, He may be made to do so, and even more abundantly.