

Things have not come to this pass in Canada yet, and we sincerely hope they never will.

It is an indisputable fact, however, that a very large proportion of our young men are not in that close touch with the Church that they should be. The number of young men who are outside the Church at any given service, is generally larger than the number inside. It is considered a matter of unusual occurrence when the attendance at the weekly prayer meeting is made up of men chiefly. There are far more female Sunday-school teachers in Canada than there are male. Only one Young People's Society within the bounds of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa reports a larger membership of men than of women. In some of the more flourishing societies the figures stand, 20 men, 41 women; 12 men, 28 women; 18 men, 73 women; 5 men, 18 women; 8 men, 47 women.

In considering the subject of the minister in relation to young men let us examine two questions. *FIRST*, what can the minister do for young men who are already church members, or at least church goers? *SECONDLY*, what can the minister do to reach non-church-going young men?

In answer to the first question, viz:—What can the minister do for young men who are already church-goers? we would say:

(1) He should win their personal friendship. Some young men will keep on going to church whether they are personally acquainted with the minister or not. The personal friendship of his young men is beyond price to any minister who is really anxious to be a soul winner. Too often the minister is on friendly terms with the boys and senior members of his flock whilst the middle class is neglected, because considered unapproachable. Consequently he has greater influence over the boys and older men than he has over the young men. Let the minister know his young men by name as well as by sight. You get a long way into a man's heart when you can name him when you chance to meet him on the street. He says to himself, "The minister knows me. He has an interest in me." The minister should