

to ten every spring. The church needs as many as this. There is no fear of want of room and work, for the "field is the world." Ministers would do well to encourage pious and talented young men in their congregations to devote themselves to the work of the ministry. Gaelic students especially are greatly needed. The need of able and faithful ministers was never greater in these provinces than now. For such ministers we must look to God alone; but it is ours to pray and to use the means. Our College is here ready; our Professors are here; the Lord is everywhere to hear and answer the prayers and bless the efforts of the Church; but where are our young men? Some have come bravely forward and are preparing to fill the gap; but we need more—more—more.

Our Home Missions, our Foreign Missions, all our operations as a Church depend for their prosperity, under God, on our Educational efforts. Let the College languish, let our students decrease in number or deteriorate in quality and the effect on the church cannot fail to be disastrous.

The world is to be converted through "the scolishness of preaching." This is God's plan, and we must accommodate ourselves to it in order to have the honor of being fellow-workers with Him. Preachers of the right stamp are sent forth by God.—The true training comes from Him, and He will give it in answer to the prayer of the church. In the words of a contemporary,—“Considerable discussion has taken place on the nature and extent of human instrumentality in supplying ministers for the Church. Whatever difference of opinion may exist in regard to other means, all must admit the lawfulness and necessity of prayer. The injunction “Pray ye the Lord of the harvest,” &c., is one of the plainest and most positive in the scriptures. The late Dr. Alexander remarks:—“In some cases it cannot be certain that what we ask is agreeable to the will of God; but here all room for doubt is removed. It is not often that Christ in exhorting his disciples to the duty of prayer, informed them particularly what to pray for; but in this case He puts words, as it were, into their mouths.

It cannot be that he would omit to answer a prayer thus expressly dictated by himself.”

The Church needs to be reminded that prayer for the increase of the ministry ought to be *fervent*, for interests of the greatest magnitude are involved; *general*, or from all hearts, because the injunction is upon all and all have obligations; *persevering*, for the blessing depends upon pleading till the answer comes; *faithful*, or accompanied by appropriate action, for prayer shows its sincerity by its works; *everywhere*, in private, in the family, at the prayer meeting, in the church, for the object must be kept in view at all the places of prayer.”

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Statistics of the Church show plainly that we should have a large increase in the number of our Sabbath Schools and in the attendance upon them. A good Sabbath School is a great blessing in any congregation, in any district of the country. Those who have to act as teachers are led to study the Word of God with regularity and diligence. They learn to love the children committed to their care, and they often follow their pupils with friendly care and with prayer for years after they leave the school. Teachers also learn to love each other. Something of a family feeling springs up between all who are in regular attendance and who pray and sing and learn together. Few things are more delightful than the love of children for their teachers and of teachers for the children.

The Sabbath School should on no account be made a pretence for neglecting home instruction. The father and mother cannot without sin delegate their own work to any other person, be he minister or teacher. The Sabbath School teacher can never stand in the parent's place; and it is not intended that he should. We require the combined influence of parents, teachers, elders and ministers.

Almost any man or woman of ordinary education can become a good Sabbath School Teacher. Love the children; be patient with them; deal faithfully with them. Love your lesson. Study it dili-