

poor district where His people are few in number, and where they struggle bravely against the foe. It may be that He needs you to aid a Tract Society, a Bible Society, a Prayer Meeting, or a Sabbath School.

As connected with the Presbyterian Church the Lord hath need of you. What can you do for Him? You can strengthen your own congregation in many ways.—This is of primary importance. This is a duty from which you cannot under any pretence be excused. You can strengthen it pecuniarily, morally, spiritually. The way lies straight before you; all that is needed is willingness to walk in it. Then the Lord calls for your help beyond the limits of your own congregation. There are Home Missions, and Foreign Missions; there is a Fund to aid weak charges; there is an Education Fund. These—all these have claims on you. The Lord calls you to bear your part manfully in this work.

Dr. Geddie heard the Lord's call and he went far off to labour among the degraded heathen. George N. Gordon heard the call and he responded, and his blood has stained the soil of Brromanga. Matheson, and Johnston, and Morrison heard the call and obeyed it unto death, and they now wear the crowns of victory and life. These men gave themselves to the most arduous department of the Church's work. What will you give? A few weeks ago the Rev. K. J. Grant heard the Master saying, "I have need of thee," and straightway he accepted the call, and he will soon be one of our foreign missionaries. Thus day by day one after another is consecrating himself to the Lord's work and obeying His call to arduous spheres of labour at home or abroad.—It is good and noble to place ourselves wholly, unreservedly, at the Lord's disposal. This is just what he requires.

Father—mother, the Lord needs your boy in the work of the ministry. Give him up, not grudgingly, for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Young man, the Lord needs your services in the gospel. Do you not hear the loud call—do you not feel it in your heart of hearts? O put it not away from you. Again, the Lord needs your money to sustain the Educational and the Mission-

ary operations of the Church. Is it not a small matter to give freely and liberally to Him who owns all? That money which you spend on frivolities, or luxuries, or on injurious indulgences, take heed—the Lord hath need of it. Do not rob Him that you may smoke your pipe or drink your wine, or wear gay apparel. Let it not be said concerning the Lord's portion, "Ye consume it on your lusts."

The day will soon come when the Lord will not need us on earth—when He will show plainly that He can do without us. He calls away good and great men in the prime of life, for this end perhaps, among others, that we may see that though He desires the aid of all and uses all, He can do without them. Therefore, whatever our hands find to do let us do it with all our might, for the night cometh when no man can work.

#### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTS.

The Students of the United Presbyterian Theological Hall have a Missionary Society which accomplishes a large amount of work. More than £1,000 were raised last year to aid in evangelizing American Freedmen. To secure this sum the students held 284 meetings. For the coming year the students devote their energies to Spanish evangelization. Of this noble enterprise they say:—

The land of the Inquisition; the citadel, nay, rather the prison house of Popery, is open to the Christian labourer. A bloodless revolution has swept from its throne the last remnant of an effete dynasty; and now, in the words of the great military leader in the provisional Government, the Christian teacher may take his Bible under his arm, and traverse the length and breadth of the peninsula, proclaiming its soul-saving truths.

Long has Spain sighed in darkness and oppression. Long have the nations wondered, Can these dry bones live? The opportunity has come; and it will be contrary to all past experience if the gospel prove not there, as everywhere, the power of God, and the wisdom of God unto salvation—mighty through His power to the pulling down of strongholds.

The Inquisition had been established in the twelfth century, for the purpose of suppressing the Church of the Albigenese, and extending the power of the Papal See, at