

God!" "Necessity is laid upon me, yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." Those whom God calls He qualifies; and those whom He qualifies He calls. Place yourself therefore in His hands, and cheerfully respond to His call. As Baxter says, "Hearken to conscience if you will have peace of conscience." As Bernard says: "He who is called to instruct souls is called of God, and not by his own ambition; and what is this call but an inward incentive of love soliciting us to be zealous for the salvation of man?" Quesnel says to the same effect: "One of the most certain marks of the divine call is where it is the purpose of a man's heart that he will live to labour, and to possess nothing but for Jesus Christ and His church."

To find that the church recognizes your fitness for the ministerial office, that your labours are owned and blessed of God,—these circumstances will strengthen your conviction of the reality of the inward call, and will, so to speak, seal it. Be not afraid therefore, young man, to devote yourself to this great work, if God in His providence open the door before you. The ministry as a profession is most honorable and ennobling. We become fellow-workers with God in the highest sense in which it is possible for mortal man to be so. In the light of eternity, which, after all, is the ultimate test, it is infinitely higher than any earthly profession. Is it too much to expect, then, that we should be willing to encounter many difficulties and hardships, and if need be, *perpetual poverty*? But there is no such need. Our Father will provide our bread and our water shall be sure.

COLONIAL MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE.

Having nothing new or specially important to communicate from our missionaries in the February Record, we will occupy a page in noting signs of progress in the evangelistic operations of Presbyterian brethren in some other colonies, in whose movements our readers will, we think, be deeply interested.

First,—Allusion has been made in our columns repeatedly to the energetic mission-

ary operations of the Victorian church both at home and beyond their own great country. They have nobly contributed both to the support of the *Dayspring* and to the outfit of missionaries from Scotland. They applied for the transference of Dr. Geddie to them that they might commence a mission of their own in the New Hebrides, and as our readers know our Synod gave a partial consent to their application by placing Dr. Geddie at their disposal for a time.—They have now farther secured the services of Rev. Messrs. Paton and McCosh, and may be therefore said to have three missionaries already at work in the field of heathenism.

Secondly,—The church of New South Wales has recently shewn a determination, not merely to aid existing missions, but to break ground for herself and to be represented also in the New Hebrides. Her General Assembly contemplates, and may be said to have resolved, on missionary enterprise in three directions.

1. To the aborigines of Australia, and all that hinders is the want of such an agent as Nova Scotia has in the person of Mr. Rand, who has laboured so perseveringly and with so much faith to save the souls and to elevate the status of the native Micmacs.

2. To the Chinese in New South Wales, and here also the want of suitable agents is the grand hindrance; and so it is now found nearly everywhere that it is the want of labourers which is hindering the progress of the cause of Christ.

3. Their third project is a mission on some one or more of the islands of the New Hebrides.

The action taken by this sister church on the New Hebridean Missions will be best understood by giving in part the report of their committee on missions to the heathen, adopted by the Synod, at the time of Dr. Geddie's visit to Sydney on his return to Aneiteum.

"With reference to the New Hebrides mission, your committee at its first sitting came to the conclusion that, in fulfilment of the duty devolved upon them by the General Assembly, they resolved to look out for a missionary to be engaged in the service