

other lips, to be thence repeated to as many congregations, is a multiplied responsibility. It is unspeakably important, when the plastic mind of the student comes under professorial manipulation, that every impression be as Christ should have it, that the right methods of searching the Scriptures, the right views of truth, the right way of presenting it, and the right spirit for the ministerial life, be imparted at the beginning, so that his "path may be as the shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day."

Let the students, too, have their full share of intercession. Theirs is a position of many dangers and temptations. From many gross offences prevailing in the outer world, their character and pursuits do much to protect them; but all who have entered the cloisters know too well that subtler forms of evil throng thick around them, innumerable enticements, in a word, to please *self*, instead of Christ. The piety and wisdom of the sons of the prophets should be chief objects of the Churches' prayers.

On the appointed Sabbath, therefore, let those "who lift up their hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord," in the name of the congregations, bear these requests upon their hearts. It is most desirable that there be also some special service of prayer in which the members of the Church may take part, say, just before or after one of the regular services. And all round the year, in Sabbath worship, in the prayer-meeting, at the family altar, and in the closet, let these objects be remembered more frequently than they are. Are we wrong in the impression, that there is but little praying for them?

Secondly, it is suggested that Sermons be preached on the subject of the ministry. This is a theme on which probably few pastors ordinarily preach, but of which the Bible says much, and on which the people need instruction. Let us suggest a few themes:—the divine warrant for the office, the indications of a "call" thereto, the qualifications required, the preparation needful, the duties to be performed, the trials to be encountered, the claims of the ministry on the Church, its encouragements and rewards, &c. True, these subjects require sometimes delicate handling, but they are part of the truth of God and should be preached.

Thirdly, the second Sabbath of October is also the day for making a contribution for the College. We say "a contribution," advisedly, not "a collection." In some Churches, where the matter is taken up intelligently and liberally, it is sufficient to use the plates, but alas! these are the exceptions. Where there is an inveterate habit of giving dimes to a collection, but dollars to a subscription, let a list be circulated by some active hands just before or after the 5th of the month. But better far a collection than nothing.

It is gratifying to know, that our Churches throughout British North America, are becoming less and less dependent on the visits of an agent for their remembrance of this object. Still, several do nothing for it, year after year; others are irregular; and some do but little. "These things ought not so to be."