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HOW THE CHURCHES MAY GET GOOD MINISTERS.

The duties of prayer and contribution for our College, upon the 8th inst., were described and enforced in our last issue; but prayer, were it never so effectual and fervent, and giving, though to the utmost pitch of willingness and liberality, are very far from exhausting the obligations of the Churches in this direction. We now propose to mention some further methods by which they can secure a succession of able ministers of the New Testament. The most influential part of the training of such takes place outside the College walls.

In fact, the education of the minister begins at the same point as that of the man—in his mother's arms. Paul's warmest gratitude and surest confidence in respect to Timothy were called forth when he remembered, that "the unfeigned faith" which was in him "dwelt first in his grand-mother Lois and in his mother Eunice." And he counted it the best safeguard against Timothy's corruption by false doctrine that he could say, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures." The vow of one like Hannah, "As long as he liveth I have lent him to the Lord," is the deepest, divinest, most indelible ordination to the work of the Gospel; and through her prayers without ceasing the unction from the Holy One comes down day by day upon him that has been "sauctified from the womb." From her lips he first hears the word of God; in her life he sees what it is to be a Christian; at her knees he is taught how to pray. Many a leader in the Church has fervently acknowledged that he owed more to his mother than to all authors, pastors, or teachers.

The Church in which the future minister is brought up exercises a mighty influence upon him. He will look up, with trustful reverence, to his parents' Pastor, as the example of what an ambassador for Christ ought to be. A beautiful thing is this generous loyalty of a boy to one whom he regards as his appointed leader. A minister who forfeits this by unworthiness or neglect "offends one of these little ones." But he that loves the children, notices them, preaches to them, prays for them and with them, and forbids