

means subject to the control of the Church of God, with the amount of good in which we are enabled from time to time to rejoice, the conclusion could not be resisted, that God's people are far from realizing their obligations to the unconverted. Before the Church arrives at a well-directed and efficient system of Christian benevolence, individual Christians must look upon this subject with the eye of faith, and lose sight of the grovelling interests of limited time in the great idea of eternal reality. Our obligation to the unconverted is as vast as our obligation to God. To labour for the salvation of souls is the proper business of all who aspire to the heavenly crown.

Our last remark in reference to the means for reviving our Churches, must relate to the Ministry.

It seems evident that every well organized Church should have a pastor—without this essential portion of the Church, the great end for which it holds its existence cannot be reached. If, then, we would draw forth the means for prosperity and advancement, the burden of our prayer should be, that the Lord of the harvest would send more labourers, to work in his vineyard—men prepared to teach all things whatsoever God has ordained.

In connexion with the duty of praying for an increase of the Ministry, one other duty stands inseparably allied with it, that is to say: the Church's obligation to make suitable provision for their education and support.

The spirit of this age demands that the Christian Ministry should press into its service, and consecrate, if possible, to the high intention of disseminating and illustrating the Gospel, all the triumphs of science. The glory of God, the state of the world, and the relation of the Church to the world, demand that the "Priest's lips should keep knowledge."

The adequate support of the Ministry is important to our Churches, and intimately connected with their spiritual welfare, and may therefore be presented as a subject for serious meditation, in its relation with Christian progress. We might enlarge, but enough has been said to awaken a train of useful and important reflections.

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