

honoured in sending out to prepare for the work of the ministry. Throughout the church collections also might be occasionally made and forwarded to the Board to whom all applications for aid might be addressed. While bursaries obtainable by competitive examination are good inasmuch as they exert a healthful stimulus, help should be within the reach of every student who is earnestly addressing himself to work. For, many young men, whose educational advantages have not been so great as those of others, and who consequently might not succeed in competition, are yet quite as deserving of aid, and should receive it as readily, as those who have had better opportunities of study. All the requisites necessary to entitle a young man to aid should be an expressed desire to study for the ministry, and some evidence that he was likely to succeed.

It would be well for those who are willing to contribute to the object we are advocating to look specially at the claims of the Gaelic speaking portion of the church. In Cape Breton there are hundreds of families, whole congregations indeed, who would greatly prefer to hear the gospel in the tongue in which they were born. To the aged especially it is as water to a thirsty soul to hear about the love of Jesus in a language which they can thoroughly understand, and the very accents of which as heard from the preacher's lips are connected with the most hallowed associations. No doubt many of the people would be far more accessible to a Gaelic man than an English minister. Yet the church has never been able to give to this class anything like an adequate supply of preaching. What a boon it would be to the Island were five or six earnest young Gaelic speaking ministers to spend a year or so before settlement in visiting its waste places! How it would strengthen the hands of the brethren already in the field, and tend to make our church in that promising part of the Province rejoice and blossom as the rose! We have heard of several Gaelic speaking young men within the bounds of our congregation who would immediately enter upon the study for the ministry if only they had the

means. Will not some generous individual at once establish bursaries in aid of such a work? Even small sums forwarded to the Board might at once be made available.

The matter discussed in this article is one to which churches in other lands have devoted much attention. In the United States many of the churches offer, in the shape of pecuniary aid, the highest inducements to young men to devote themselves to the work of the ministry. Connected with many of the Halls, through the liberality of large-hearted christians, there are almost as many bursaries as students. In the hands of Presbyteries and Boards are funds to answer any deserving application. The Canada Presbyterian Church is doing much in this way to attract students to her Halls. While our sister church in these Lower Provinces has her Young Men's Scheme for the purpose of aiding those who are studying for her ministry—a scheme which is wrought with very commendable energy.

We have great faith in the liberality of our people. Only let them see that a cause is worthy of support and their sympathies are at once enlisted. We feel sure that individual and congregational responses will be made to this call which in due time will enable the Board to say to every young man, who through lack of funds cannot enter upon a course of study for the ministry, or who having commenced study is hampered and well-nigh discouraged: Go forward, do what you can to help yourself, and we will supply what is lacking.

Praiseworthy.

The Baptists of the Maritime Provinces are engaged not only in sending out seven missionaries to the heathen in Southern Asia, but in raising a fund of one hundred thousand dollars for the endowment of the Theological Chairs in the College at Wolfville. This is an example of enterprise and liberality that should stir up other christians to deeds of self-sacrifice and devotedness to the cause of God. Brethren, what are we giving for ministerial education and for Foreign Missions?