

cated cannot look up, feeling their teachers no better than themselves. Is the age of knowledge and of progress to be the age when the ministers of the Gospel are to be denied the advantages of knowledge? Is the age of fanciful speculation and of testing as with fire the articles of faith, when assailed by the fallacies of the rationalist or the objections of so called philosophers, to be the age in which the clergy are the last people who are able to grapple with the evil, and leave to the layman, if perchance under such circumstances one be found, the task of "contending for the faith once delivered to the saints," (Jude 3.)

Is the young man who has neither ability nor diligence to work his way in this stirring country, to be the one who is chosen as a teacher? Is the elder man who has found other trades fail, from shiftlessness or misconduct, to look to the ministry as that in which he can spend the end of his days, as if *there* were wanted no energy, no discretion?

Have we no ambition to retain for ourselves what has for ages been the safeguard and glory of our father-land, an educated and superior order of clergy; able by precept and example to teach those committed to their charge, the *duties*, and the deportment of a christian?

Now I do not say that the only way to meet this danger is to add to the sustenance of the clergy, but I do say that it is a most important and absolutely necessary means. Found scholarships if you will, they will aid the deserving youth of limited means, they will do a good work in keeping up the intellectual status of your spiritual teachers. Train up your sons for clergymen, and do all you can to help them, if they have any desire for so holy a calling. Tell them of the reward to the faithful steward, and encourage them to seek it. Do all you can to support the other funds which are so vitally necessary to the poor Missionary, the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the Mission Fund. But above all, as that which will meet the difficulty in the face, and do most to overcome it, support the Sustentation Fund; increase it and keep it up,