

by the existing widespread unrest, congregations weary of their pastors, pastors dissatisfied with their charges, a too general readiness for change. The members of one Presbytery in the East have, with scarce an exception, been transferred and replaced within three years. Preachers are too ambitious, congregations are too critical and exacting. If the dignity and usefulness of an old and tried system are to be preserved, there is need, on the part of both ministers and people, of a general harking back to the true and pure conception of the congregational call as a divine call, and of the bond between pastor and people as a sacred bond.

THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

A circular has been issued by this Society to all the graduates of our College, asking their co-operation in its work. As set forth in the constitution, the object of the association is :—
“To further among the Alumni a spirit of loyal attachment to the college, to promote its welfare by such means as may be devised from time to time, and to perpetuate the bond of union among its members.” The prosperity of any college depends to a great extent, on its graduates, and it is therefore necessary that they should have some organization through which their views may be expressed, their plans carried into execution, and their unity with their Alma Mater symbolized and made a practical force in the church and country. Now we believe in the loyalty of our Alumni, and we know that they are striving for the college’s progress, but while the meetings of this society are poorly attended, and the annual fee irregularly paid, and but little energy and enterprise shewn in its work, their efforts cannot be united, and cannot command the respect nor produce the results that we might expect to see. In many of our sister colleges, the Alumni Association is a leading element in the life of the institution, and in the thought