

comforts and emoluments to be obtained in the ministerial office, one may foster that worldly and self-indulgent spirit which lies at the foundation of our present difficulties? The less we emphasize the material advantages which the church offers her ministers the better. What we want is, that those whose duty it is should magnify the office of the spiritual teacher, and earnestly seek both in public and private to urge its claims upon all suitable young men who are brought under their influence. This should not be left to professors in Theology. It is not their work to drum up students. Neither should it be left entirely to the ministers, though it is in a special sense their duty. This is a matter in which every follower of Christ, every loyal son and daughter of the church, should have a strong personal interest. The prosperity of the church, for which we are required to pray, is to a large extent dependent upon the efficiency of ministerial work; and at present there is a great lack of pastors and teachers. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Should not this fact be specially brought before all our congregations, and should not earnest, united prayer be made, that God would send forth into his work laborers that will not need to be ashamed?

When this is done; when the pulse of our spiritual life is quickened by the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit; when the duty and privilege of being ambassadors for Christ is more constantly and earnestly urged upon the attention of the talented youth of our church; above all, when the worldly spirit which has crept into so many Christian homes has been driven out, and when the teachings and life of those homes bring more vividly before the minds of the young the truth that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth: then, and not till then, will our present difficulties vanish. Our vacancies will then be filled with men of the proper spirit, and we will be able not only to supply our own needs, but also to send forth many who shall proclaim in distant lands the unsearchable riches of Christ.