

night of prayer. The glorious events of Pentecost were preceded by the continued supplications of the hundred and twenty in the upper room. Paul and Barnabas were separated for the mission to which the Holy Ghost called them, by prayer. Now, in these days in which the influence of miracle is wanting, the demand for that of all prevailing prayer is the more emphatic. Success in spreading vital godliness throughout the land, is sure when the hand of the Lord works with his servants. Where, however, does that power, crowned with success in saving souls, begin? It has its inception in the preparation by God's grace of the chosen vessel destined to bear his name to them that sit in darkness. The shape, adaptation, and temper of an instrument must depend on the preparation it has undergone; and so the workman that needeth not to be ashamed, that can rightly divide the word, must be prepared—thoroughly furnished unto all good works. That preparation embraces not only the studies and acquirements which are usually deemed proper in the ministerial work, but the preparation of the heart, which cometh from the Lord. A deep, and continued interest in the prayers of God's people is therefore of vast moment to those having in view the consecration of a whole life to the work of the ministry. Luther said—"Prayer, meditation, and temptation, made a minister;" if this is correct, how large the demand on the fervent supplications of the churches on behalf of the Student. It is at our peril that we stand by with folded hands and silent lips, refusing to cry to heaven for that grace which alone is sufficient for them. These brethren are peculiarly placed—the tear and wear of study, the toil needed to acquire knowledge hereafter to be applied in their special work, demand the sympathy and prayers of the churches.

We have heard much in these days, of departure from the faith in other quarters, and this should lead us to look to ourselves and take heed to our doctrine. Error is always pernicious and often soul destroying. That God has blessed the churches in Canada with faithful men is a cause of abundant thanksgiving. Any root of bitterness springing up among us would spread havoc and death. We thank God, that the theology of our school of the prophets is sound and evangelical, that there exists no tendencies to wander from the footsteps of the flock. We, however, do right in pleading with God for the maintenance of the love of the truth in the hearts of the ministry—whether engaged in or preparing for the work. Truth is the instrument to wield in attacking the strongholds of Satan, the old truth of Christ crucified,—mere literary excellencies or philosophic novelties will avail nothing to secure the life of God in the soul of man. The time honoured doctrines of grace have won many victories, nor have they lost their energy, nor has the age outgrown them. We want faithful men to carry these words of life to the people, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into the harvest. We hold that the whole of a right course of training is properly a part of the sending. Made strong to labour, they go forth in due time at the call of the Master, individually feeling that "faith is the master-spring of a Minister—Hell is before me, and thousands of souls are shut up there in everlasting agonies—Jesus Christ stands forth to save men from rushing into this bottomless abyss—He sends me to proclaim his ability and his love—I want no fourth idea! Every fourth idea is contemptible—Every fourth idea is a grand impertinence." Filled with a yearning solicitude for the souls of men, they will cherish no inclination to trifle or speculate with the cure of souls, but Christ and his cross shall prove their