

future ministers of the church must come. It belongs to congregations to make adequate provision for the comfortable maintenance of ministers. The congregations are the callers of the ministers. And it is the duty of congregations not only to cooperate with those who are already ministers, and to pray for their success; but also to pray for an increase in the number and efficiency of the labourers in the vineyard of the Lord.

It is your duty to give of your substance to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world, according as the Lord has prospered you; but, further than that, it is your duty to encourage your sons to devote themselves to the ministry of Jesus Christ. The best patrimony you can leave them, if you have the means, is the necessary training for this work, and an endowment besides, not rendering them wholly dependant upon the income they receive from the people amongst whom they labour. Instead of giving your sons a few thousands to begin business with, lay the same amount out in educating them for the christian pulpit and in purchasing an annuity for them in addition, and in no way can you contribute more largely to the comfort and happiness of your children. For, I need not say, perhaps, that after all, taking everything into account, no man's position is more favourable to virtue and happiness and ultimate glory, than that of a faithful and able minister of Jesus Christ. So that I hope the effect of all I have said to-day will be to induce some of the young hearing me to make up their minds to enter this very noble, attractive and influential calling.

Let us seek to elevate the piety, especially the domestic piety of congregations. Let our people be impressed more fully with the dignity and importance, and commercial value, if you choose, of the sacred office. But specially let us invoke the help of the great Head of the Church, who can remedy all evils and stimulate to all good. While we use the means to correct what is amiss, let us never forget that "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God alone giveth the increase;" and let us never cease to pray to "the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."