early age, be content to expend money on an
education fitting them for a profession which
holds out in return for a life of toil and hardship,
hardly even a security against absolute want.
Many a young man as I know, who would gladly
"spend and be spent," (2 Cor. xii. 15,) himself
in Christ's service, shrinks from the risk of ex-
posing those near and dear to him to the trials
and privations which may not unlikely be their
portion. Many a young man would be induced,
by a certainty however small, to devote his best
energies to Christ's service, while with the view
before his eyes of the limited, and, what is worse,
uncertain support, which the offerings of a country
congregation afford, he shrinks from a labour
which may have no hire.

True, there is an alternative which might per-
haps enlist more recruits in the paths of the
clergy, an alternative from which we cannot but
shrink with horror. You will remember that
it was said that the withholding of the hire, would
either lessen the number, or deteriorate the quality
of the labourers.

Owing to the wise care of our venerable Bishop,
and the strictness with which he has insisted on
a proper course of previous training, we as yet
regret rather the former than the latter of the
evils above alluded to; and can point with con-
fidence to the band of young men who have pro-
ceeded from our Church University, as not con-
trasting unfavourably with those reared under
the wing of older and noted institutions, and as
being quite as high in character and attainments
as could in any reason be expected. But will it
be always thus? Shall we not have to open the
door wider yet? Will a force be put upon us to
make us admit into the ranks of our teachers a
lower grade yet? Is it to be with us a taunt as
of Israel of old, that of the lowest of the people
we make priests to our God; that we elect into
the office of teachers, those who have yet to be
taught themselves, on whose teaching the educated
portion of the community will look with something
approaching contempt, and to whom the unedu-